



New Interpretation on Nationality Act Good news for nationality recognition of child!

Decision of Tokyo regional court in March got into the news that she made a new interpretation on nationality act.

Decision of group lawsuit of nine Philippine children to get Japanese nationality was made on 29th of March. They were children of unmarried Japanese father and Philippine mother and afterwards their fathers acknowledged as legitimate children.

Decision of the Tokyo regional court was an epoch-making one. It says the current Nationality Act in which children of unmarried parents cannot get Japanese nationality, even if their fathers are Japanese, is unconstitutional in provision of everyone having equal rights under law.

As to interpretation of Nationality Act being unconstitutional, there was another similar lawsuit last April. Decision of it was that a child of unmarried couple was able to get Japanese nationality, if they lived in the same family

These cases may be only the tips of ice berg. It might be tragedy not to get Japanese nationality for children destined to live here. If you know anyone who has such a problem, let's try to solve the problem. For poor children and for international friendship . . .

Why are the nationalities of sisters different although they are born in Japan?

The law is now being reconsidered to respond simple question of children.

As internationalization goes on, it is required to review international law. Do you know such a neighbor or friend who has a problem on nationality?

Nationality Act

Article 2 of this act, effective dated July first, 1950, stated nationality of child as follows:

- • • child who meets one of the following clause has Japanese national.

1. Child whose mother had Japanese national when said child was born.
2. Child whose father of Japanese national died before said child was born
3. Child born in Japan whose parents were missing or didn't have any national.

Article 3 stated that child of unmarried couple whose father recognized unborn child as legitimate can get Japanese nationality. But parents of child should get married to legitimate after said child was born.

INFORMATION

You can get application forms on Immigration control act on internet

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You can get application forms on internet. The followings are addresses of website

application forms	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/page.html
organization/structure and location of district immigration bureaus	http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/soshiki/index.html
list of status of residence(SOR)	http://www.moj.go.jp/NYUKAN/nyukan04.html
application for certificate of recognition of status of residence	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-1.html
application for re-entry permit	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-5.html
application for permanent residence	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-4.html
application for change of status of residence	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-2.html
application for extension of period of stay	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-3.html
application for permission to acquire status of stay	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-10.html
application for permission to engage in activity other than that permitted under the status of residence	http://www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/IMMIGRATION/16-8.html
confirmation procedure for status of residence permitted to work	http://www2.mhlw.go.jp/topics/seido/anteikyoku/gairou/980908gai02.html

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