

Foreign visitors are requested fingerprinting for entry into Japan



US and European countries are tightening security to prevent potential terrorists from slipping in through borders. Immigration Control and Refugee recognition act is partially amended for this purpose. Out line of amendment is as follows.

Summary

● Immigration law is amended to secure people against terrorism

Preventing potential terrorists from slipping in through borders in the first place

- 1) Foreign visitors are requested to submit personally identifiable information such as fingerprint, photograph and other information at the time of their entry into Japan.
- 2) After consultation with the other ministries concerned, Minister of Justice will be able to deport those recognized to be terrorists without their landing.
- 3) The captains of aircrafts or vessels entering into Japan are requested to present lists of crews and passengers in advance.
- 4) The revised law gives the authorities to deport those who are considered likely to commit such crimes as threatening public and are recognized by Minister of Justice or those prevented to enter into Japan by international agreement

● Amended regulations for smooth and efficient Immigration service

Immigration procedures for Japanese and specific legal foreign residents are simplified and speeded up. Regulation are revised to strengthen exposure of illegal residents and deport them smoothly and efficiently

- 1) To simplify procedures and shorten the time for landing examination, automatic inspection gate using personally identifiable information is introduced. Foreign nationals such as special permanent resident with designated condition can use this gate.
- 2) If any foreign resident gets an air ticket by his expense and leaves Japan without restriction by deporting order, he can return his own country or go to any other country he wants, if the country allows him to enter

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