

DV, Divorce

When losing living place in misfortunes

★★ A lot of helping hands from Japanese social security system

Severe life is the reality for people who lost job in bad economic condition or lost happy international marriage and house. If you cannot afford food, clothing and shelter anymore, the last help would be social security system. Shall we think about such a supportive system?

In 2008, Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center dealt with over 670 cases of life consultation. Foreign residents might find very stressful to live in Japan because they do not only confront common living issues, but particular issues occurring to foreigners. If any troubles, please come to the center for consultation.

Recently, we managed 2 cases in which mothers and children had to get out of house and slept in park instead. We were so surprised to hear the stories. In the first case, the mother was dismissed from work. She could not pay room rent anymore and was finally ejected with her child from a flat. Since they had residence visa, they were urgently sheltered. During 2 weeks of stay in the shelter, city hall staff had an interview and investigation on them. As a result, they were approved to receive social welfare so that they could stay back to the new flat which was close to the previous room. The child too was so delighted to return school.

Another case was that a woman had to leave house with a child because of a bad relationship with her husband. After they were found in a park and sent to a shelter, we were so grieved to see their vinyl sheet. They were acknowledged to be on welfare as DV victims. They live now peacefully in the new flat.

Various systems to help on living

To prevent such unfortunate life on street, let's closely look at some of helpful systems.

● Social Insurance

① **National Health Insurance** • • • reduces expenses at hospitals. Not provided to illegal aliens.

② **Health Insurance** • • • applied to workers including illegal aliens.

③ **Workmen's Accident Compensation Insurance** • • • provided for injury or sickness during work time. Illegal aliens can be admitted.

④ **Unemployment Insurance** • • • provided for living when you lose job. Illegal aliens are applicable.

⑤ **Nursing Care Insurance** • • • provided when you need nursing care for living, but not provided to illegal aliens.

● Social Security

Welfare • • • provided to those who cannot afford the daily expenses, but not provided to illegal aliens.

● Pension

National Pension • **Employee's pension** • • • paid to specified age of people and above after completing paying for a fixed period of time. Though illegal aliens cannot join the National Pension, the Employee's pension admits them.

● Social Benefits

① **Child Support** • **Child Support Allowance for Disabled Child** • • • Not provided to illegal aliens.

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● The back numbers of "Information Fujimino" are available at online.

② **Child Allowance** • • • provided to households with child(ren), but not provided to illegal aliens.

● **Social Welfare**

① **Disability Welfare** • • • provided to physically disabled persons, but not provided to illegal aliens.

② **Maternal and Child Health Welfare** • • • helps on baby’s health condition by providing health check for mothers (before delivery) and babies e.t.c. Illegal aliens can be admitted.

③ **Welfare of aging** • **Welfare of mental disorder** • **Single Parents and Children’s welfare** • • • Admits illegal aliens.

④ **Child Welfare Institution** • • • Admits illegal aliens, but not short-stay visitors.

● **Health Care**

This covers tuberculosis, childbirth, childcare and prematurity. Starting from compensation for unpaid medical expenses, this health care has a well-supportive item for foreign patients called “Kouryobyonin” which does not concern about visa. That is, illegal aliens are also applicable.

● **Housing Warranty**

This item manages matters of loans and moving into public housing and housing. Only foreigners with permanent residence visa are concerned.

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