

A lot of troubles on residence change have been reported by law revision.



It is necessary to pay attention to procedures for residence change after changing law on July 2012.

According to some date, foreign residents changed their residence five times on average. Recently there have been cases of consultation on residence change. Let us consider this issue again and please give this information to your friends.

Q1. I tried to submit a notification of moving-in at city office after residence change but only in vain. Why?

(Left) Notification to post office
(Right) Notification to city office
It is important to make application for residence change in precise manner.



A1. It seems that some foreign residents often changed their address before new system enforcement but it is required for foreign residents as well as Japanese to make notification after July 9, 2012. First, get the certificate of moving out after submitting notification of moving out to city office. It is necessary to make notification for moving in with the certificate of moving out at the city/town office in new city/town within 14 days after moving-in. The residence status may not be renewed in case of non-procedure. In case of moving-in and out within the same city/town, please make notification for address change only after moving-in.

Q2. After applying for renewal of resident status at a regional immigration office, I changed my address. Although six months have already passed since I moved, no information has been coming from the immigration office yet. How can I handle this issue?

A2. Did you take procedure for address change at post office? If not, all post mails may return back to the immigration office because of unknown recipient. Please contact the immigration office on the phone by referring to your application Number and date (stamped on passport). The immigration office will inform you of current situation on your application. Please keep in mind that it is necessary to make notification of address change to the post office when moving in-out. The transfer service (automatically forwarding to new address) is available for one year after moving in-out if the notification is applied.

Q3. What kind of notifications or documents should be submitted to Saitama immigration office within 14 days?

A3. 1. In case the person changes his/her name, date of birth, gender or nationality/region, be sure to notify the immigration office of the change. In case the person with resident status of "Specialist in Humanities/International", "Services, Student", and "Engineer" changes his/her company or school, be sure to notify the immigration office, same as above.

- 2. In case the person with resident status of “Artist”, “Religious Activities”, “Journalist”, “Spouse of Japanese”, “Permanent resident”, “Long term resident”, Spouse of permanent resident” changes his/her company or school, it is unnecessary to notify the immigration office.
- 3. The person who has resident status of “Dependent”, “Designated Activities”, “spouse of Japanese national” or “Spouse of permanent resident” and who loses his/her spouse by death or divorce has to notify the immigration office of the changes.

Do you know an existence of public law office for foreigners only established for the first time in Japan?

While we, FICEC have been handling about 700 consultations as advisors for foreign residents annually, a public law branch office for foreign residents was newly opened at Minato ward in Tokyo on October 2012. This new office was called “Mita Branch”, one of Tokyo Public Law Office which specializes in counseling to foreign residents. As you know well, a new residency management system was revised on July 2012 for the 1st time in sixty years. However, a lot of foreign residents seemed to be embarrassed and distressed by this law revision consequently. It is recommended to keep in mind this office in case of anything happens. The counseling needs to be booked and nine languages are available.
Phone No. 03-6809-6200.

Please be careful of dangerous Norovirus outbreak!!

Uncommon word, “Norovirus” which means acute infectious gastroenteritis, has become epidemic for the first time in six years.

An exquisite nauseous and diarrhea as main symptom will appear repeatedly in several hours to several days after being affected.



Normally, it takes several days to recover but it is necessary to get medical care at the hospital immediately to avoid dehydration. It is spread. It leads to widespread infection among people through vomits or stool of infected person. and keep in mind to prevent infection by keep one's distance (from) As an effective method of preventing infection, 1. Keep a clear berth of infection source. . 2. Constant hand-washing practice. It is said that more than 100 million viruses exist in an earpick spoonful of stool. There is no magic bullet. It is prevented by doing constant hand-washing with soap or running water and by thoroughly cooking. If patient infected is found, wipe off airborne droplets of vomits or stool with dusters or sheets of tissue papers using face mask and gloves. And then dispose of them tightly sealed in bags. In addition, the floor is sterilized by chlorine disinfectant.

“Kakizome” & “Kagamibiraki”

Kakizome (the first calligraphic writing)

Kagamibiraki (a large, round rice cake cutting)

FICEC will execute above two events on Jan.10 at Japanese language class. How about writing auspicious words with ink brush and slab in Kakizome ceremony? People write auspicious words with a brush. In Kagamibiraki ceremony we cook the rice cakes in shiruko (sweet red-bean soup with pieces of rice cake), and eat it. Japanese language class is held from 10:00 to 12:00 every Thursday. Anyone is free to join and welcome. There is no limit on the number of people. We look forward to meeting you and celebration of a new year with you at our office.

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