

## A supreme tribunal judged that “Foreigners are not eligible to accept welfare allowance”

This judgment is very severe to foreigners who cannot but accept welfare allowance for various reason. However, there are many people who does not get welfare allowance and struggle to live with money lower than the welfare allowance amount. You should rethink your way of living.



Since 1954, welfare allowance fee has been supplied to foreigners who has a permanent resident, status of residence or recognition of refugee status from the viewpoint in humanity by discretion of each local government.

However, last July, a Chinese woman who has a permanent resident and living in Oita prefecture, filed a lawsuit “whether foreigners living in Japan can accept welfare allowance legally when he/she cannot make a living.” In this case the lawsuit judged that **target of welfare allowance is only Japanese.**

According to this lawsuit, there are several opinion such as “Judgment of the supreme tribunal this time showed only an interpretation of the law. It does not effect immediately to welfare allowance for foreigners which are performed by discretion of each local government.” Other says “Currently local government is helping foreigners who are in trouble as a blessing. There is a risk that the supply will be cut in the future according to government policy.” It means that nobody knows how the welfare allowance for foreigners will be in the future.

I don't mean to threaten foreigners but I want to tell you that your living should protect by yourself. As the proverb goes, look before you leap. You should work while you are young and save money so that you won't get in trouble when you get older. Another proverb goes, many a little makes a mickle. If you earn money, you should keep it even bit by bit, so that it amounts to big money someday. You should not think that someone surely helps me in times of trouble. In Japan, you must live by yourself, basically.

Currently, there are some welfare allowance recipients who do not work but only drink and smoke all day. You should go to your local Japanese language class at once, learn Japanese and find work. Your children will grow up watching their parents. You should do your best to raise your children well.

Sending a part of welfare allowance to their home country is prohibited. In this case, welfare allowance supplying will be stop. Welfare allowance is paid from our tax. You should work and send your salary if you want to send them.

If you have any trouble, come to FICEC before it gets harder to solve. Let's think together such as application of support system for the poor and needy.

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**Traffic violation of bicycles is also punished strictly since June (scheduled)**

The Metropolitan Police Department decided 14 cases as dangerous action when riding bicycle, as the bicycle accident is increasing yearly. When arrested twice or more within 3 years for those 14 dangerous actions, you are required to attend a safety lecture. If you don't show up, you might be fined up to 50,000 yen. You should not underestimate riding a bicycle and abide the law while in Japan.



Signal for pedestrians

**Remember 14 dangerous action of bicycle which will be punished**

1. Ignoring a traffic light
2. Drunken riding
3. Ignoring stop sign of traffic
4. Riding poor maintenance bicycle such as defective break
5. Have an accident while handling a smartphone
6. Running a road where cars are prohibited
7. Running a road only for pedestrians
8. Running a road where bicycles are prohibited
9. When there is no walking path and when riding a bicycle on a step side of a road way, which only a line is drawn for pedestrians, in high speed or interfering pedestrians
10. When interfering cars driving from left side which has priority, at crossroads without a traffic light
11. When interfering cars driving straight or turning left, when turning right
12. When interfering pedestrians on a walking path where bicycles can ride
13. When crossing a railroad while it is closed
14. When interfering vehicle traffic on roundabout without traffic signal

**Let's make a corsage together!**

**Be careful for norovirus, food poisoning!**

Norovirus, which cause food poisoning happens often in winter. Occurrence is reported in various regions in this winter too. Be careful to prevent infection. If infected, symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominalgia occur after incubation period of one or two days.

- To prevent infection, be careful for the followings to keep health.
  - . Wash hands before cooking, before eating and after going to the toilet
  - . Cooking tools should be fully heated for disinfection
  - . Foods should be fully heated to the center

● Date: From 13:00, February 25 (Wednesday)

● Place: FICEC

● Fee: 800 yen

● Tool: Newspaper, scissors

Corsage can bring out your dress gorgeously on



celebratory occasions. In February, FICEC salon opens an event to make a corsage only for you. It is easy to make a sophisticated and beautiful flower arrangement. You don't have to worry about what to decorate your dress with when going out. Just take your original corsage with you.