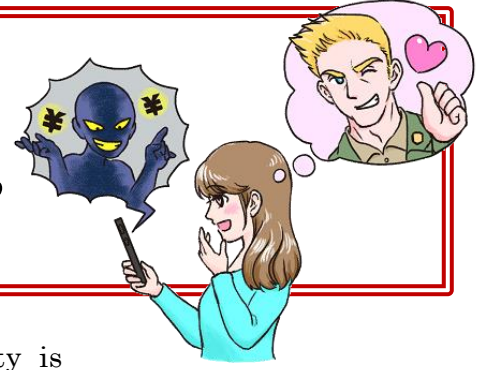


# Beware of fraud!

## If you think you are scammed, please contact us



In Japan, the damage caused by losing money and property is increasing due to “fraud”. Foreign nationals are no exception.

Virtual currency fraud, fictitious billing, information product/side business fraud, refund fraud, marriage fraud, phishing fraud, one-click fraud, Instagram fraud, etc. Fraudsters target everyone, regardless of age, gender, or nationality.

The “romance scam” introduced here is also a “fraud” which victims are increasing. Be scam smart.

### <Case 1>

It all started when I exchanged LINE contacts with a Westerner I met through the matching application. He contacted me almost every day. He communicated enthusiastically and tempted through LINE text. First, I was suspicious of him but every time I contact him, I became to trust and believe him.

On SNS (especially LINE), even two people who never meet can talk about marriage and various information is exchanged. He would text “let’s invest together and earn for our future because it is sure we can earn a lot of money” or let’s sell foreign products in Japan and make money”, etc. The point is that words of love whispered through SNS always require money.

### <Case2>

I am a 35-year-old Filipina. My husband died 10 years ago, and I lived alone. I got acquainted with a Western man through the chat “Call for Friends” and started exchanging emails. I started receiving friendly emails from him every day. I promised to get married and sent 1 million yen. Then I couldn’t get in touch with him anymore and the money I sent has never returned yet.

### <Case 3>

I am a Japanese. I received an email from a South Asian girl I met on SNS saying, “I want to study in Japan. I want to send my luggage, so I want you to pick it up” and “I want you to remit the collection fee of 350,000 yen”.

You should not promise to receive someone’s luggage or send money easily. Once you send money, it will not be refunded.



#### ◇ In such a case, call “Consumer Hotline 188”

It is important that you should be careful not to fall victim to scammers in daily life. But if you have fallen victim to fraudsters, consult to the Consumer Hotline 188. To call police is “110”, to call fire engines or ambulances is “119”. Similarly, if you are in trouble in such fraud or consumer trouble, call “Consumer Hotline 188”.

#### ◇ You can also consult with FICEC.

At FICEC we provide life consultation  
from Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 16:00



### I need money at once. I want to work. What should I do?

You can search for job on your smartphone such as “WORK JAPAN” or “Jobs in Japan” or you can find it in the job magazines at stations and supermarkets. You can also find a store with a “Staff recruitment” posted at a store when you are walking around the city and apply directly.

You can register with a dispatch company such as CREATIVE and say, “I want you to introduce a company whose salary is paid daily”. They will look for companies that are recruiting only during the busy season depending on the season.

In any cases, you will be required for your residency status. Even if they say that “foreigners are OK, Japanese is not required”, your work scope will be expanded if you can speak Japanese. It is very convenient to live in Japan if you understand Japanese.

### I am overstayed and do not have a visa. What should I do to take COVID-19 vaccine?

The government announced this May that vaccination will also be provided to foreigners who do not have a status of residence (such as those who are overstayed or temporarily released). Basically, the vaccination ticket is to be sent to foreigners who do not have a status of residence but it is not known in detail now. It is hard to think that there is a hospital that will give you a vaccine without a vaccination ticket, so you should wait for the vaccination ticket to arrive. (Mr. Iwahashi, NPO POSSE)  
Consult to **FRESC** (Tel. 03-5363-3015) or **FICEC** (Tel. 049-269-6450)

### Picture contest Would you like to draw a picture?

■ Themes “My face”, “My family” “Untitled”

■ Who can send pictures

- 1) Those who live in or attend school in Fujimino-shi, Fujimi-shi, Miyoshi-machi
- 2) Those who have come to FICEC before
- 3) 18 years old or lower children with foreign roots

■ Materials to draw the pictures

Paints, poster colors, crayons, felt-tip pens, colored pencils [You can use paints prepared at FICEC]

■ Paper size: Free

You can use drawing papers prepared at FICEC.

■ Deadline March 31, 2022

■ Groups

Group A: Up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grader

Group B: 3<sup>rd</sup> grader to 6<sup>th</sup> grader

Group C: Junior high school and high school students (up to 18 years old)

■ Award/Participation prize will be given to everyone (Gold Award, Silver Award, Encouragement Award for each group)

Prizes: Tablets, blue-tooth earphones, etc.

The works will be exhibited in the city hall gallery

■ Application FICEC Tel. 049-256-4290

Person in charge: Ms. Ann, Ms. Yamahata

### Please use the recycling of uniforms, gym clothes and jerseys

The Fujimino City Fukushi Sougou Soudan Center is working to recycle uniforms, gym clothes, and jerseys for public junior high schools in the city.

We will give it free of charge to those who need uniforms and gym clothes due to transfer or replacement by purchase. Please use them.

Similar efforts are made in Oi junior high school and Oi Higashi junior high school. Please contact each school.

Inquiries: Fujimino City Fukushi Sougou Soudan Center  
Niji-iro 049-265-6300

### The Nepali version of “Life Guide” in Fujimino City is now available

Procedures and services at the city hall and how-to live-in Japan are explained in detail.



Translated versions are available in **English, Easy Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Portuguese, Vietnamese, and Nepalese.**

It is available in FICEC for free.