

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOREIGN RESIDENT REGISTRATION

● Foreign resident Registration

The foreign resident registration card is a form of personal identification for foreign residents living in Japan. The card is issued according to the Alien Registration Law, and foreign residents (excluding those who are under 16 years of age) must carry this card with them at all times.

● Application to Initially Register

Foreign residents who are 16 years of age or older and plan to stay in Japan for 90 days or longer must register within 90 days of entering Japan. Please bring your passport and two photographs (taken within the last six months, must show frontal view of face and shoulders, without a hat, 4.5cm long x 3.5cm wide, from the same negative) to the City Office and apply for registration in person. Photographs are not required for those under 16 years of age, whose registration procedures should be completed by a family member living in the same household.

● Reissue or Exchange Your Card

If your registration card is lost or stolen, you must complete application procedures for a reissue within 14 days. In addition, if your foreign resident registration card is soiled, damaged, or if there is a change in name or nationality, you must complete application procedures for a reissue, and obtain a new foreign resident registration card. The procedures for these applications are the same as for initial registration.

* If your registration card is lost or stolen, please be sure to file a report with the police.

● Changes in Registered Items

Those who already have a foreign resident registration card and have either moved into or within the city must submit their foreign resident registration card at the municipal office of their new address and complete the appropriate procedures in order to change the information registered on their card within 14 days of the move. In addition, if there is a change in other registered items, these must also be registered. Application procedures must be completed either in person or by a family member living in the same household.

Note: Those with permanent residency or a special permanent resident visa are not required to register a change in occupation or employer.

● Application for Confirmation (Renewal)

Those who are 16 years of age or older must complete confirmation (renewal) procedures within the period written on the foreign resident registration card. Those who have just reached 16 years of age must bring their passport, foreign resident registration card and two photos (taken within the last six months, must show frontal view of face and shoulders, with no hat, 4.5cm long x 3.5cm wide, from the same negative) to the City Office and complete the appropriate procedures in person within 30 days of their 16th birthday.

● Certificate of Registered Items in the Foreign Resident Registry

A certificate of items registered in the foreign resident registry serves as a certificate of foreign resident registration. You can apply for this certificate in person or a family member living in the same household can apply for it on your behalf. In both cases the City Office will need to see your foreign residents registration card. If a third party applies for the certificate on your behalf, a letter from the applicant giving the third party the power of attorney is required. Apply at the Residents' Section (Shimin-ka) of the City Office. The fee for a certificate is ¥300 per copy.

● Returning Your Foreign Resident Registration Card

When you leave Japan: Return your card to the immigration official at the airport or port of departure (unless you have received re-entry permit or refugee travel certificate).

If you obtain Japanese citizenship: Bring the certificate of citizenship and return your card to the Residents' Section (Shimin-ka) of the City Office within 14 days.

If a cardholder dies: A family member of the same household should return the registration card to the Residents' Section (Shimin-ka) of the City Office within 14 days.

Source: Guidebook for Foreign Residents in Chigasaki

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Japanese Proverbs And the English Equivalents

● 馬の耳に念仏

UMA NO MIMI NI NEMBUTSU

(A sutra in a horse's ear.)

Preaching to deaf ears.

● 頭隠して尻隠さず

ATAMA KAKUSHITE SHIRI KAKUSAZU

(Hide the head, but not the buttocks.)

Protect yourself at all points.

● 大魚は小池に棲まず

TAIGYO WA SHŌCHI NI SUMAZU

(A big fish does not inhabit a small pond.)

A great ship must have deep water.

● 大食腹に満れば学問腹に入らず

TAISHOKU HARA NI MITSUREBA GAKUMON HARA NI IRAZU

(If you would eat like a horse to fill your stomach, the learning would not come in the stomach.)

Hunger sharpens the mind.

● 生兵法は大怪我の元

NAMA BYOHO WA ŌKEGA NO MOTO

(Crude military tactics are the cause of severe casualties.)

A little learning is a dangerous thing.

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Pictures on the wall of the underpass to Chigasaki Southern Beach.

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