Tohoku University Orientation

Speaker: Tesia, Eli

Topics

- 1. Introduction of Sendai City and SenTIA
- 2. Garbage Disposal and Moving Houses
- 3. Transportation
- 4. Natural Disaster and Disaster Prevention
- 5. Learning Japanese
- 6. Pension and Health Insurance
- 7. Taxes and Status of Residency
- 8. Useful Resources

Sendai City

- > Founded by DATE Masamune in 1601
- > 11th biggest city in Japan (1.1 Million)
 - > ~16,000 foreign residents
- "City of Trees", "Academic City", "City of Music"



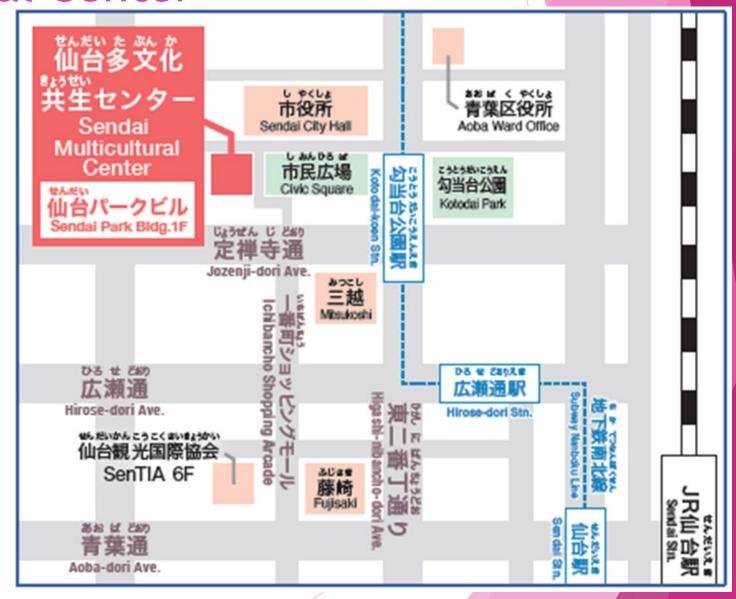


Sendai Tourism, Convention and International Association (SenTIA)

Sendai Multicultural Center







Interpretation Support Hotline

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7 days a week

23 languages available



外国語での相談

口译辅助电话和用外语咨询 통역 서포트 전화와 외국어로의 상담 Trao đổi bằng điện thoại hỗ trợ phiên dịch và ngoại ngữ दोभाषे सहायता टेलिफोन र विदेशी भाषाहरूमा परामर्श

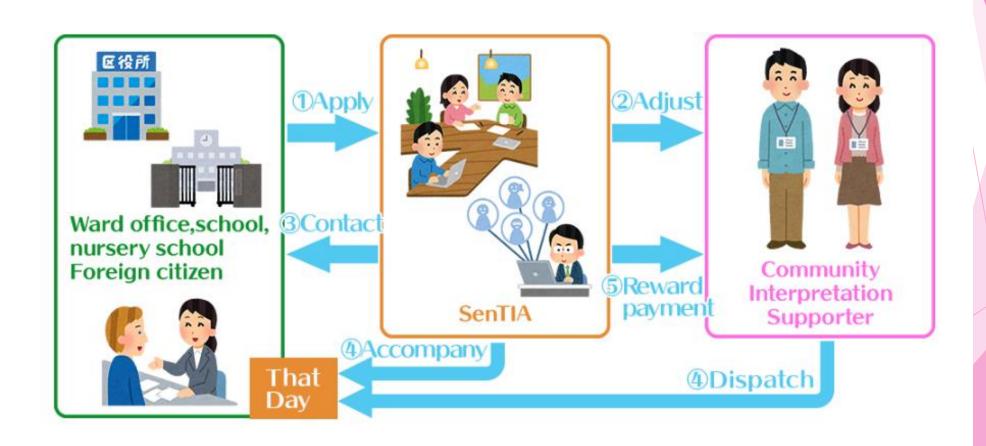
言葉の手伝いをします。 生活で分からないことがあれば、 聞いてください!

1022-224-1919 tabunka@sentia-sendai.jp



Community Interpreter Dispatch Service

Flow from application to dispatch





Living in Sendai

Daily life basics



Sort your garbage into designated bags

Bring your garbage out to your residence's garbage collection point by 8:30 a.m. on designated collection days (differ across neighborhoods)

Household garbage: twice a week Plastic garbage: once a week

















Paper: twice a month

Cans, bottles and PET bottles: once a week



Guide for Sorting Recyclables and Waste, and **How to Put Them Out for Collection**

資源(リサイクルできるもの)とごみの分け方・出し方



Rules for Waste Disposal ごみを出すときのルール

We are all citizens of Sendai City. Let's follow the rules! 皆さんも仙台市民のひとりです。ルールを守りましょう!

Sort waste by type. 種類で分ける。

Dispose of waste according to city rules. 決められた方法で出す。

Dispose of waste at designated collection points. 決められた薬精所 (ごみを集める事所) に出す。

Put out waste by 8:30 on the morning of the collection day. 集める日の朝8時30分までに出す。

A video on waste disposal rules is posted online. (Languages: Simple Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Wetnamese, Nepali) ごみのルールを紹介した製御をインターネット上で見ることができます。

Waste Collection Days ごみを集める日

Check the sticker at the waste collection point and write down the information about collection days. 集積所のステッカーを見て、書きましょう。



Every week 每週

Look for

this logo このマークを

First/Third 2回日と4回日

英語版

The Basics for Sorting and Disposing of Recyclables and Waste 資源とごみの分け芳と出し芳

Designated Prepaid Garbage Bags 和学賞(とくべつな賞)

Waste Collection Points 集場所(ごみを集める場所)

Household Waste Guide

家庭ごみ (家のごみ)の出し方 Plastic Waste Guide

プラスチック会議(=リサイクルができるプラス

Cans, bottles, PET bottles and batteries Guide 信-びん・ペットボトル・直接電流機の出し方

Paper Material Guide

経験(経のごみ)の他し芳

Bulky Waste Guide 育夫ごみ(英きいごみ)の出し方

Guide for Disposing Large Quantities of Waste When Moving etc. たくさんのごみが向たとき、髪のにごみをだし

たいとき(引っ磨しなど) Items Not Collected by the City Government

古が集めないもの

Violating the Laws क्रकेल स ルール連接 Support 士協 Death of animals (comption of puts) ペットが完んだとき

Trash separation app "3R" とみ引動(とみを持せる) アプリ (かんあーる)

List of Contacts for Inquiries 質問に答える人の電話部号

Sendai City



SenTIA living guide for foreign residents



https://youtu.be/_aPs8plH7Yk?feature=shared&t=210

How to be a good neighbor

- Greet people in your community
- Be considerate of your neighbors
 - Beware of how loud you are
 - Do not put personal items in shared space (corridors, etc.)



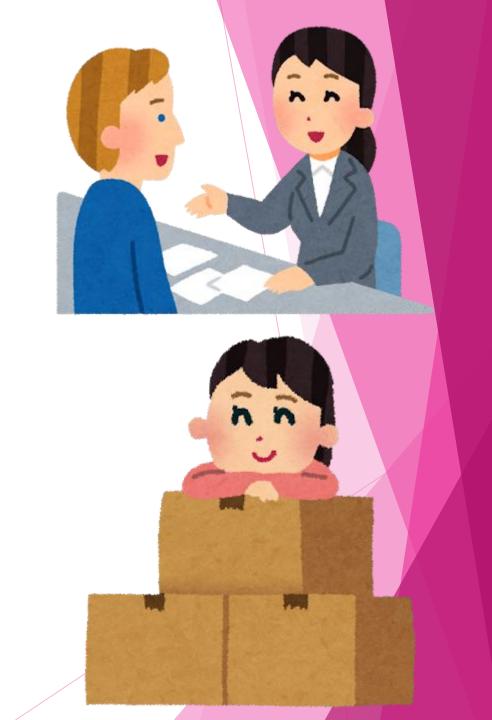
Renting your own place

- Finding foreigner-friendly housing can be difficult:
 - Consult real estate agencies
 - Utilize guarantor service
- Initial expenses
 - Deposit (~1 to 3 month's rent)
 - Key money (reikin) (~1 month's rent)
 - Broker fee (~1 month's rent)
 - Insurance (sometimes compulsory)

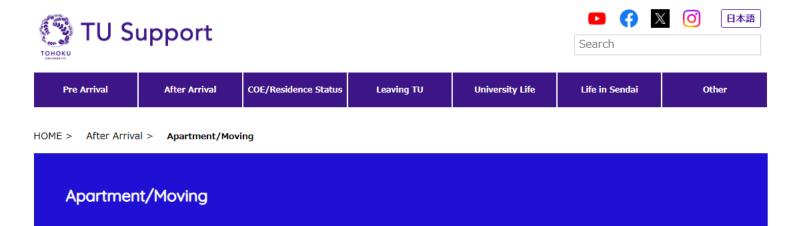


Moving houses

- Mid-March Mid-April is the busiest time of year
- Contacting moving companies for a quote
- Cancel existing utility contracts (online)
- Moving out inspection
- Arranging for bulky waste collection
- Submit moving-out and moving-in notices at your ward office (online)



TU Support Website - Apartment / Moving



Generally, when renting a private apartment in Japan, people first consult with a real estate agent. The agents will introduce and show you apartments for free.

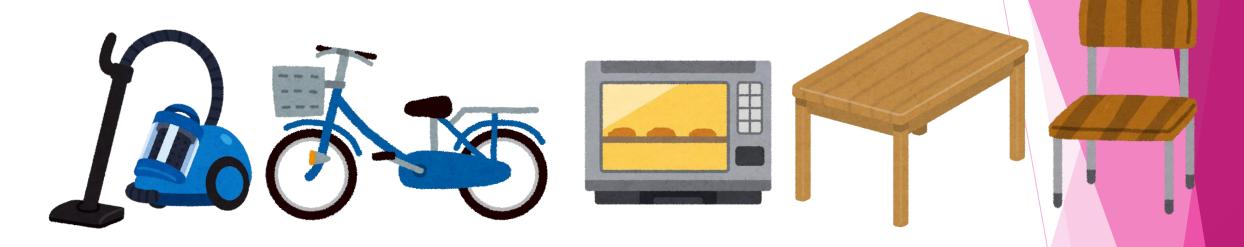
There are some unique Japanese customs involved in renting an apartment. If this is your first time renting an apartment in Japan, we recommend that you ask someone who speaks Japanese to accompany you to the real estate agency. When signing the contract, please fully understand the specifications of the apartment and the terms of the contract to avoid any troubles.

The International Support Center also offers support services with tenancy matters, so students, researchers and faculty members can complete the tenancy contract procedure with ease.

Contents [hide]

- 1. Joint Guarantor
- · 2. Costs Involved to Rent a House
- 3. Areas and Price Ranges
- 4. Non-Japanese Friendly Agents and Apartments
- 5. Video Tutorial-Tips on Finding Apartment in Sendai (For International Students)

Bulky waste



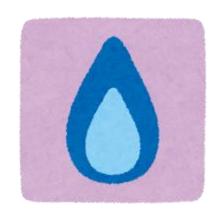
- > Must apply for collection ahead of time (online or phone call; Japanese only)
- > Purchase the appropriate bulky waste stickers from convenience store
- Some items are not collected by the city



Utilities









- Must call the respective companies to sign contracts
- > Arrange for start date BEFORE moving in (~1 week prior)
- Services available to do the procedures for you
- Might need to be at home for the activation/installation procedure

Transportation

How to get around the city

Bicycle Rules and Insurance

- You must register a bicycle as yours upon purchasing it
- Go to a bicycle store for yearlymaintenance and to renew the TS mark
- > Enroll in bicycle insurance



Dos and Don'ts





Public Transportation

当駅からの運賃と所要時間

The fare and the travel time from this station





※仙台駅での乗り換え時間は5分としています。 Transfer time via Sendai Station is estimated as 5 minutes

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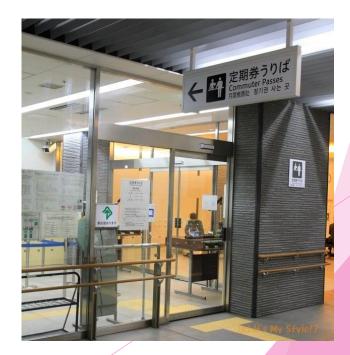




Commuter's pass

- Economical for commuting to school
- Apply monthly at Sendai station service counter
- School enrollment confirmation required





TU Support Webpage - Obtaining Commuter Pass

Commuter Pass

Commuter pass offers a discount between your home station and the station where your work or school is.

You pay a flat rate in advance, and you can use the pass an unlimited number of times between the two stations within the validity

period for no additional cost. If you commute between the two stations frequently, commuter pass may be a great option.

However, depending on how often you use it, paying regular fare tickets could also be more economical than the commuter pass.

Sendai commuter passes are sold in the form of an rechargeable ICSCA card, and it will indicate the type of pass, the 2 stations you commute from, validity period and your personal details.



Sample of ICSCA Commuter Pass

For trains, buses, and the subway system, there are two kinds of commuter pass available: **student commuter pass** and **regular commuter pass**.

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International students are eligible for student commuter passes. In the case of JR student commuter passes, however, please note that they are NOT available to recearch students, special recearch students. ISPS Fellows, special auditing students, and credited

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How to purchase the Pass (first time)

- Request a Student Commuter Certificate(Tsugaku Shomeisho) at the university
 For third-year undergraduates and above: contact your department's Educational Affairs Section
 For first- and second-year undergraduate students: go to service window No.4, Education and Student Support Center,
 Kawauchi-Kita Campus
- Non-regular students(research students, special research students, special auditing students): contact the Registrar at your faculty
- At a designated ticket office, show the Certificate and purchase the Pass (You can purchase the Pass up to 7 days prior to your desired date of use)

Regular Commuter Pass

Those without student status can apply for the regular commuter pass.

However please note that getting a regular commuter pass is cost effective if you use the train frequently to commute between the stations you specified in the pass. Otherwise, paying the regular fare maybe the more economical option

How to purchase the pass:

- 1. Visit the nearest designated ticket office.
- 2. Fill out the application form and specify the stations you will be commuting to and from.
- 3. Make the payment and get your commuter pass

Natural Disasters

And how to stay safe



Great East Japan Earthquake

- March 11, 2011
- Magnitude 9.0
 - Most powerful earthquake ever recorded in Japan
- Mega-tsunamis devastated coastal communities
- > 19,759 deaths, 2,553 missing
 - > 10,567 deaths in Miyagi





VIDEO

①Sendai station on March 11, 2011

https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxXB3ihe5m83E8LPmC9KqSpZu0yJa-xIIW?si=v4Sp42QwfTEimsy6

2) What the Great East Japan Earthquake was like

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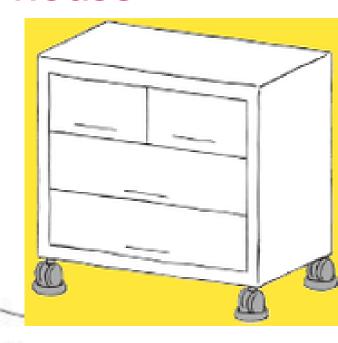
Disaster prevention

- Natural disaster is unpredictable
- Daily preparation is essential
- > Form emergency plans with family
- Know where to gather reliable information



Earthquake-proofing your house







Hazard map



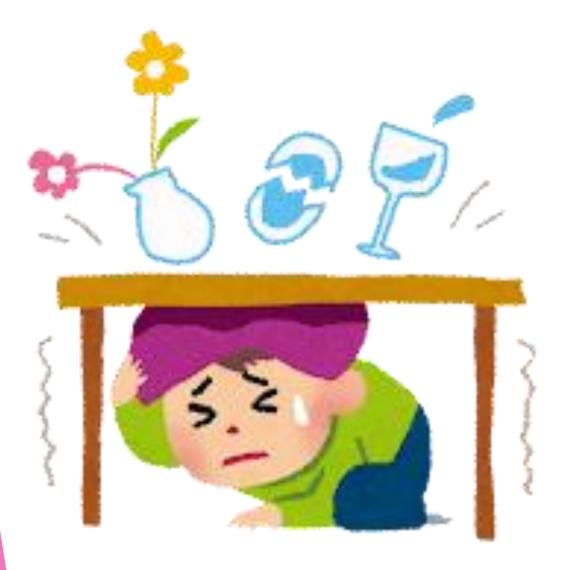
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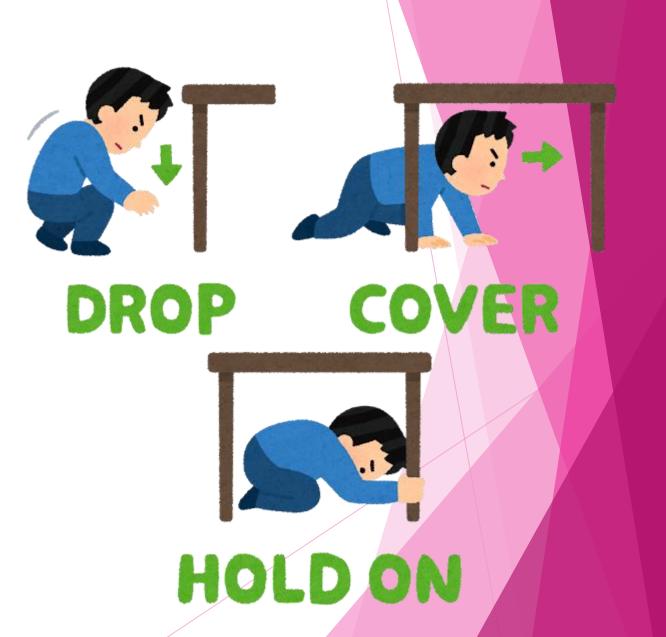
Disaster drill (Bosai kunren)





During an earthquake...





After the disaster



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災害多言語支援センターでは、外国人被災者に必要な情報を外国語でお知らせし、外国語での相談に対応します。 (公財) 仙台観光国際協会が運営しています。

場所:他台軍際センター会議棟1階「他台多文化共生センター内」

電話: 022-224-1919. 022-265-2471

現在、『伯台市災害多言語支援センター』は設置されていません。

The "Sendai Disaster Multilingual Support Center" is currently not in operation.

目前智无设立「他台市灾害多语常支援中心」。

현재, 『센타이시 재해 타면에 지원센터』는 설치되어 있지 않습니다.

Hiện nay, 『Trung tâm hó" try đa ngôn ngủ về ' thâm họa thành phố ' Sendal | choa được thiế 't lập.

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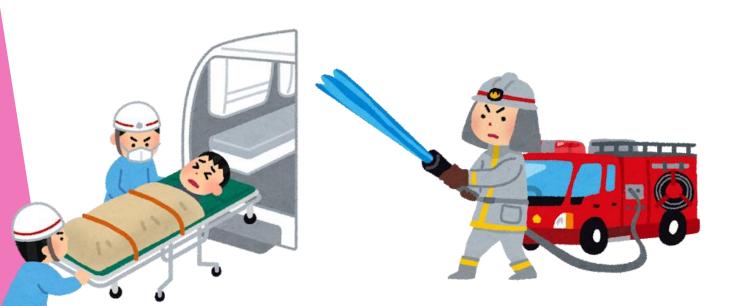


Emergency contact

- Fire department & Ambulance: 119
- "Kaji desuka? Kyukyu desuka?"
 - ► Fire = kaji; Ambulance = kyukyu

▶ Police: 110

Police box (koban)





DISASTER PREPAREDNESS @ TU



Tohoku University Safety Confirmation System

- Sends emergency messages to registered emails during disasters so students and staff can report their safety.
- Campus-wide drills are held periodically.



Evacuation Drills @ TU

- Evacuation drills are held at respective departments regularly.
- Participate in the drills to ensure that you know what to do in the event of natural disaster.



IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY

Japan IR&C Support Center

- Get help with daily life issues (e.g. accident, emergency, illness, hospital visits) in English, Chinese, or Japanese.
- 24/7 Toll-Free Hotline: 0120-119-075 (urgent)
- Email: CS-inb@i-rac.co.jp (non-urgent)
- Must have valid insurance in Japan (e.g. NHI, MEXT, travel insurance).

Learning Japanese

SenTIA Community-based
Japanese Education Portal site

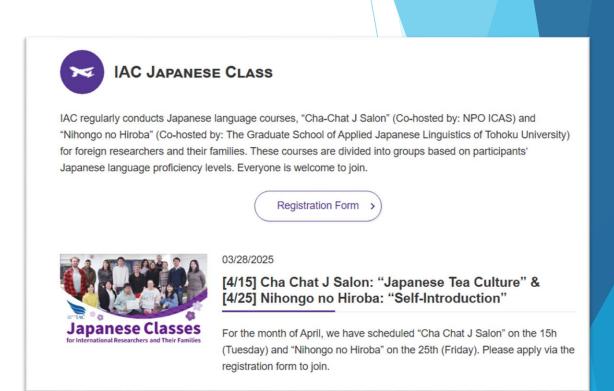




Japanese Language Classes Offered at TU



Japanese Language Program at Kawauchi (Kawauchi Campus)



Japanese Class by IAC - Cha Chat J (Katahira Campus)

*For international researchers and family members

5-minute break

Government procedures

And how to navigate them



National Pension

- Do I have to pay national pension premiums?
 - Yes. Enrollment into the national pension scheme is mandatory for mid-to-long-term visa holders (3 months or longer)
- > What happens to the pension money when I move away from Japan?
 - > You may apply for lump-sum withdrawal within two years of leaving Japan.

Compulsory Coverage

All registered residents of Japan aged 20 to 59 years must be covered by the National Pension system. The insured persons under the National Pension system are categorized to three types according to their status as follows:

[Note] Persons must be covered by the National Pension as the Category I insured person for the period from their entry to Japan until they become subject to the Category II or III insured persons.

[Note] Foreign nationals with specific visa (medical stay or long stay for sightseeing) are excluded from coverage: they cannot enroll in the National Pension as the Category I or III insured persons.

Category I insured persons:

All registered residents of Japan aged 20 to 59 years who are not the Category II or III insured persons. (Including agriculture, forestry, or fishery business operators, self-employed persons, students)

Category II insured persons:

Persons enrolled in the Employees' Pension Insurance system or Mutual Aid Associations. (except for persons aged 70 years or older who are eligible to receive a pension due to old age or retirement)

Category III insured persons:

Category II insured persons' dependent spouses aged 20 to 59 years, who reside in Japan. (excluding spouse of Category II insured person who reached 65 years and eligible to receive the Old-age Basic Pension)

[Note] Effective April 1st, 2020 you need to reside in Japan in order to be a Category III insured person. However, even without an address in Japan you can enroll in the National Pension as the Category III insured person if you are, for example, a student studying abroad or a family member accompanying a worker detached to work in a foreign country, who is described by one of the following categories of exceptional coverage:

(1) a student studying in a foreign country

Special Payment System for Students

If you are a student and your income is less than a certain amount, you may be allowed to postpone contribution payment if your application is approved.

This granted period protects you just as the contribution-paid periods do. So, if you become disabled or die during this granted period, the Disability Basic Pension or the Survivors' Basic Pension will be provided if you satisfy the following conditions;

- (1) By the second month preceding the month of incident causing disability or death, you have filled at least two-thirds of your insured periods (months) with contribution paid periods and contribution-exempted periods.
- (2) You have paid your contributions or you were exempted from the contributions payments for the last 12 months up to the second month preceding the month of incident causing disability or death.
- This granted periods count as qualifying periods for the Old-age Basic Pension, however, unless you recover contribution payments afterwards, the periods will not be reflected to the old-age benefit amount.
- You can retroactively pay the postponed contribution in the same way as the "Recovery of the Past Exempted-Contribution" above.

How to Apply for Special Payment System for Students

To take advantage of the special payment system for students, you need to apply at the municipal office of your place of residence. You need to apply for the special payment system for students every year.

Health Insurance

- Social Insurance
 - Working individuals (and members of their household)
- National Health Insurance
 - > People who are not enrolled in social insurance
- > Insurance covers 70% of your medical bills
- Enrollment is mandatory





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Health Insurance System

Japan's constitution expressly declares that citizens have a right to health and that it is the state's responsibility to ensure this right can be realized.[i] The government's commitment to health for all led to universal health care coverage in 1961.¹

Characteristics of the Japanese health insurance system include:²

- Mandatory coverage for anyone who permanently resides in Japan for three months or more. This includes both
 Japanese citizens and non-Japanese citizens.
- Enrollees have no choice of health insurance programs. Plans are designated according to the enrollee's
 employment status, age, and residence. If the enrollee is not head of household and not eligible through his or her
 own employer, then the plan is dependent on the head of household's employment status, age, and residence.
- There are no restrictions on access. Regardless of the plan, enrollees can receive care from any medical provider as
 frequently as they would like.

Free Access and Freedom of Practice

Patients are essentially free to receive care from the facility of their choosing. For example, a woman who works at a firm in Tokyo can visit a specialist at the university hospital near her office, then in the same week be seen by a physician at a clinic near her home in Kanagawa Prefecture. According to guidelines, a referral letter is required to be seen at a large hospital; however, as is often the case, patients pay a fee of a few thousand yen to be able to be seen without a referral.

MEXT MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

For Those Employed at TU

- Full-time faculty at Tohoku University are enrolled into the health insurance and national pension system through the university under the MEXT Mutual Aid Association.
- The enrollment process will be completed by host department





Do I have to pay taxes?

And what happens if I don't?



Inhabitant Tax

- Paid towards the municipality that one resides in
- Payment slip sent out in mail
- Make payments before the deadline via convenience store, designated bank, automatic transfer, or even smartphone
- Inhabitant tax may be also directly deducted from your paycheck confirm with your workplace.



市民税・県民税・森林環境税の税額を決定しましたので、 通知いたします。

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Income Tax

- Paid when your annual income exceeds a certain threshold
- Most of the time: Deducted from pay cheque by employer (no need to file for tax return on your own)
- ► Tax resident after a year in Japan (must pay tax on foreign income)
- Scholarships are generally tax-exempt (some rare exceptions)
- Year-end adjustment (December)













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Tax (Income Tax and Resident Tax)

Those who earn income by being in employment in Japan and those who has a residential address in Japan as of January 1st of the year are required to pay tax. This includes foreign nationals residing in Japan.

This page provides an explanation on Income Tax and Resident Tax.



With Regards to Tax in Japan

Japan National Tax Agency (National Tax Agency Site)

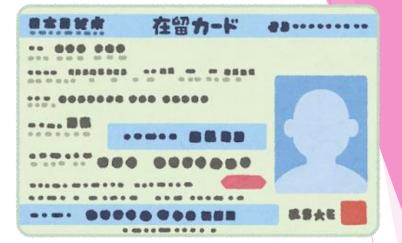
Tax proxy

- Person that you appoint to take care of your remaining tax affairs after you leave Japan
- Proxy can be of any nationality
- Need to submit a Notice of Tax ProxyAppointment to your local tax office



Status of Residency

- Required to stay in Japan
- Outlines the activities that an individual is allowed to do
- Permission required for activities in Japan outside the scope of your SoR (e.g., part-time jobs, second jobs, freelance work)
- Must apply for renewal before the period of stay expires
- ► Renewal/change is processed by your regional immigration bureau branch office (in our case, the Sendai Regional Branch)
- ► If you have unpaid taxes or premiums, you will not be able to renew your visa



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たとえば、こんな情報が届きます!

Here's an example of the kind of information we send! / 比如,会收到这样的信息! 예를들면 다음과 같은 정보가 발송됩니다! / Ví du, ban sẽ nhân được thông tin như sau! उदाहरणको लागि यस्ता जानकारीहरू पठाडने छ ।





避難所を聞きました

たいふう こう ちか 台風19号が近づいています。 E5 ど OKAU* 05 12日(土)13:00に避難所を開きました。 oshus いぇ 避難所は、家にいるのが危ないとき、 逃げるところです。 じゅうほう み き ひなん 情報をよく見て気をつけて避難して いえ 5か DQAUA 家の近くの避難所はどこか、調べて ください。

Opening of Evacuation Centers

Typhoon 19 (Hagibis) is approaching. Evacuation centers opened on Saturday 12th at 1p.m.

Evacuation centers are a place for people to seek refuge when it is not safe to stay at home.

Please check emergency information carefully before evacuating. Please check where the closest evacuation center to your home is located before evacuating.

避难所开设了

台风19号将要来临。

避难所已于12日(星期六)13:00 开设。 避难所是当您居家感到危险时的避难 场所。

请随时确认灾害信息,必要时立即避难。 请确认您家附近的避难所的所在地。

대피소가 개설되었습니다

태풍19호가 접근하고 있습니다. 12일(토)13시에 대피소가 개설되었습니다. 대피소는, 집에 있는 것이 위험할 때 대피하는 곳입니다. 정보를 잘 파악하고 조심해서 대피하시기 바랍니다. 집에서 가까운 대피소가 어디인지 알아두시기 바랍니다.

Đã mở nơi lánh nan

Bão số 19 đang đến gần. Chúng tôi đã mở nơi lánh nạn lúc 13:00 ngày 12 (thứ Bảy). Nơi lánh nan là nơi để ban trú ấn khi cảm thấy nguy hiểm ở nhà. Hãy xem kỹ thông tin, và cẩn thận khi lánh nan.

Hãy tìm hiểu để biết được đầu là nơi lánh nạn gần nhà bạn.

आश्रयस्थल (हिनान ज्योउ) संचालन गरिएको छ

टाइफ्न 19 न जिक आउदै छ । 12 तारिख (शनि) दिउँसो 1 बजे बाट आश्रयस्थल संचालन गरिएको छ। आश्रयस्थल चाँही, घरमा बस्दा खतरा हने स्थितिमा शरण लिने स्थान हो। जानकारीहरु राम्रोसँग हेरी ध्यान पूर्याएर आश्रय तिन् होला । आफ्नो घर न जिंकको आश्रयस्थल कन ठाउँमा छ, खोजी गर्नुहोस ।



