

PLAZA NEWSLETTER (April 2025)

The days are getting a little longer in March. Not long ago, it was pitch dark when I left after work, but now there is still some brightness. While it is still cold and snowy in some areas of Honshu, it has warmed up considerably in Kyushu. However, the air continues to be very dry, so be careful with fire to avoid a fire breaks out. Now, as it gets warmer, I am interested in cherry blossoms. they are expected to bloom in Kumamoto City on March 23. That's very soon! I can't wait to see them!

Now then, allow us to partially introduce the consultation details found in our plaza. We received 65 consultations in February and have shared below examples of questions and answers. Some content has been edited for privacy concerns.

Q : I received a “Municipal and Prefectural Tax Return”. I don't know how to fill out the form.

A : We asked to bring the copies of documents together with the form and helped to fill the form. The copies of documents you need to submit are: “Certificate of Withholding Tax” from your employer(whether you are a full time or part time worker), the “Certificate of Confirmation of Payment Status” for social insurance premiums sent by the municipal office (if you lost it, you can have it reissued), and identification documents such as your My Number card.

Q : A friend of mine returned home without submitting a notification of moving out. Can I submit it on his behalf?

A : You can do this by submitting to the ward office a copy of (1) the “Power of Attorney” form on the Kumamoto City website, plus the photocopies of (2) the photo page of your friend's passport and (3) the page showing the date of departure from Japan. When submitting, attorney-in-fact will need to show identification , so please remember to bring it with you. The signature on the “Power of Attorney” can be filled in by the returned friend or signed by a substitute if you ask him or her to affix his seal.

Power of Attorney form, Kumamoto city

https://www.city.kumamoto.jp/kiji003386/3_386_427519_up_esa58uqk.pdf

Q : I have been sending my child, who turned 3 this year, to a nursery since last September. For a nursery in another city we used to send my child, we only paid about 3,000 yen a month and there were lessons of reading and writing. We pay 17,000 yen a month for the nursery we currently send my child but they don't teach anything at all. I am considering to send my child to a kindergarten instead.

A : The free childcare fee is effective from the school year* following the child's third birthday; at the time of enrollment in September, your child was only two years old, so childcare fees were incurred. The child has since turned 3 years old, but the childcare fee will remain the same during the current school year. It will be free from April 2025, when the new school year begins.

(School year: The 12-month period from April to March of the following year.

Example: SY2024 is from April 2024 to March 2025; SY2025 is from April 2025 to March 2026.)

If you have any problems, please contact the Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

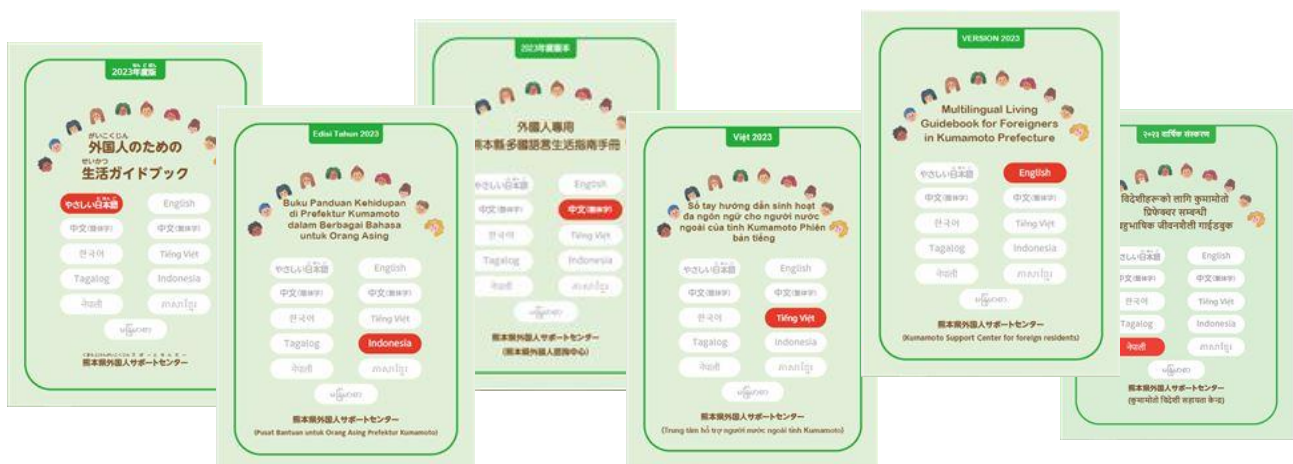
Multilingual Living Guidebook for Foreigners in Kumamoto

In this issue, we introduce “Multilingual Living Guidebook for Foreigners in Kumamoto” prepared by Kumamoto Prefecture. The book is written in an easy-to-understand manner, using illustrations to provide useful information for daily life, with the aim of creating an area that is easy to live in for foreign residents. For example:

- Procedures required after arrival in Japan
- Living, Transportation, Work
- Illness and injury, pregnancy and childbirth, and children's education
- Disaster preparedness, emergency contacts

It is available in a total of 11 languages, including simple Japanese, English, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Vietnamese, Indonesian, and Nepali. It can be downloaded from the following URL or 2-D code. Please take advantage of this.

URL: <https://www.kuma-koku.jp/support-center/page338.html?type=top>



Revision of Fees for Immigration Procedures

All foreigners have a status of residence to live in Japan. There are various types of residence statuses, such as “student” and “technical intern” etc. When changing this status to another or extending the period of stay, procedures are taken at the Immigration Office. The fee to be paid at that time will change starting April 1, 2025. It will be higher than before. Please check carefully, as it differs depending on whether the procedure is done at the counter or online. For more information, please visit the Immigration Services Agency’s website.



Immigration Services Agency’s website

**2025年4月1日から
外国人の在留手続等
に関する手数料が
改定されます。**

在留資格の変更や在留期間の更新などに必要な手数料が改定されます。なお、2025年3月31日までに受付した申請については、当該申請に係る許可又は交付が4月1日以降となっても、改定前の手数料による納付となります。

手続	窓口	改定前手数料	改定後手数料
在留資格変更許可	窓口	4,000円	6,000円
	オンライン		5,500円
在留期間更新許可	窓口	4,000円	6,000円
	オンライン	8,000円	5,500円
永住許可	窓口	3,000円	4,000円
	オンライン		3,500円
再入国許可（1回限り）	窓口	6,000円	7,000円
	オンライン		6,500円
再入国許可（複数）	窓口	1,200円	2,000円
	オンライン	2,200円	4,000円
就労資格証明書の交付	窓口	1,100円	2,000円
	オンライン		1,100円

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**Fees for immigration
procedures will be revised
on April 1, 2025.**

Fees for immigration procedures, such as change of status of residence and extension of period of stay, will be revised. For applications accepted by March 31, 2025, fees before the revision are applied even if a related permission, certificate, etc. are issued on or after April 1, 2025.

Procedures	At the office	List of Revised Fees	
		Before the revision	After the revision
Permission to change status of residence	Online	4,000Yen	6,000Yen
	At the office		5,500Yen
Permission to extend period of stay	Online	4,000Yen	6,000Yen
	At the office	8,000Yen	5,500Yen
Permission for re-entry (single)	Online	3,000Yen	4,000Yen
	At the office		3,500Yen
Permission for re-entry (multiple)	Online	6,000Yen	7,000Yen
	At the office		6,500Yen
If certificate of employment registered user card	Online	1,200Yen	2,000Yen
	At the office	2,200Yen	4,000Yen
Registered user card	Online	1,100Yen	2,000Yen
	At the office		1,100Yen

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Information on Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

The Plaza offers professional consultations including legal affairs, residence status issues, housing and life affairs support in multiple languages. Consultants who speak English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Spanish, Nepali and Taiwanese are available at the Plaza as the schedule below.

April Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	01 ·Chinese Consultation	02 ·Immigrational Consultation ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation	03 ·Korean Consultation	04 ·Spanish Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	05	06 ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese
07	08 ·Chinese Consultation	09 ·Mental Health Counseling ·Tagalog Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation	10 ·Korean Consultation	11 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	12	13 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·Educational Consultation ·Immigrational Consultation
14 Closed	15 ·Chinese Consultation	16 ·Housing Consultation ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation ·Life Consultation in Taiwanese	17 ·Korean Consultation	18 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	19 ·Free Legal Consultation	20 ·Immigrational Consultation ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Nepal Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese
21	22 ·Chinese Consultation	23 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation ·One-stop Consultation Service for International Students	24 ·Korean Consultation	25 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	26	27 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·Educational Consultation ·Life Consultation in Taiwanese
28 Closed	29 Showa no hi	30 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation	01	02	03	04
05	06	note: Consultations 1:00p.m~5:00p.m (apart from the ones below) ·Life Consultation in Chinese 1:00pm ~ 6:00pm ·Immigrational Consultation 1:00pm~4:00pm ·Free Legal Consultation 2:00pm~4:00pm (Reservation required) ·One-stop Consultation Service for International Students 1:00pm~4:00pm ·Mental Health Counseling 3:30pm~5:30pm ·Educational Consultation 10:00am~3:00pm				

※ Consultation service could be cancelled due to consultant's personal reasons. Please e-mail or call us beforehand to check if the consultant is available.

Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents' Facebook

We regularly update information useful to you.

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Plaza's FB

We are offering variety of information useful to your life. Please check us!



Our website



Our Life affairs guidance

Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

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Opening hours: Between 10 am and 6 pm

Closed on second and fourth Mondays and between December 29 and January 3

★ If second or fourth Monday is a national holiday, the plaza will be closed the following day instead.

