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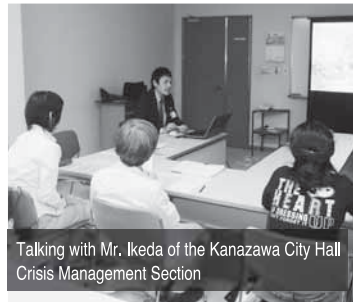
★ TOPIC 1 Disaster Prevention Handbook for Foreign Residents

The March 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami brought disruption and anxiety to many of Japan's foreign residents. Because of this, KIEF has decided to create a "Disaster Prevention Handbook for Foreign Residents," in order to eliminate anxiety over future potential disasters. The purpose of the handbook will be to ensure that foreign residents can get accurate information for themselves and act promptly in the face of an emergency, and also be in a constant state of preparedness for one.

At our first meeting

We invited a member of Kanazawa city hall's Crisis Management Section, who deepened our understanding of Kanazawa's disaster prevention methods. We talked about topics such as:

- What kind of disasters could possibly occur in Kanazawa in the future
- What sort of information will be transmitted in the case of a disaster as well as how it will be transmitted
- What to be careful of when evacuating
- The foundation of disaster prevention (self-assistance, mutual assistance, assistance by public bodies)



Talking with Mr. Ikeda of the Kanazawa City Hall Crisis Management Section



Explaining how to use an emergency pack

At our second meeting

We invited three of Kanazawa's foreign residents, and asked them about the following topics:



Foreign residents from China, Bangladesh, and Vietnam

- Have you ever experienced a disaster in Japan?
- If a disaster were to occur, how would you gather information?
- Differences between disasters experienced and disaster prevention in their home country vs. Japan
- What they would worry about or not understand what to do were a disaster to occur
- What they would want to be listed in a Disaster Prevention Handbook

Keeping in line with the conversations of the above meetings, we will reference other prefectures' guidebooks and pamphlets for disaster prevention for foreign residents so that they can get accurate information for themselves and act promptly in the face of an emergency, and also be in a constant state of preparedness for one.

★ TOPIC 2 New Residency Management System

Did you know that the Alien Registration System was abolished and a new residency management system was introduced on July 9th 2012? New mid- to long-term residents of Japan will be given resident cards at major airports, and the re-entry permit system will be revised, which will allow you to leave the country for less than a year without a re-entry permit. Current foreign residents can use their existing Alien Registration Card until the dates that are shown in the following table:

Period in which an alien registration certificate is deemed to be equivalent to the resident card

The period in which an alien registration certificate is deemed to be equivalent to the resident card depends on the resident status and age of the foreign national as of July 9, 2012.

Please take note that the period may end before the next confirmation date written in your alien registration certificate.

Permanent Resident

16 years or older	Until July 8, 2015
Less than 16 years old	Whichever comes earlier, July 8, 2015, or the individual's 16th birthday

Designated Activities * *Applicable only to those granted permission to stay for 5 years for specified research activities, etc.

16 years or older	Whichever comes earlier, the expiration date of the period of stay, or July 8, 2015
Less than 16 years old	Whichever comes earlier, the expiration date of the period of stay, July 8, 2015, or the individual's 16th birthday

Other resident status

16 years or older	The expiration date of the period of stay
Less than 16 years old	Whichever comes earlier, the expiration date of the period of stay, or the individual's 16th birthday

For more information, please reference the following pamphlet provided by the Immigration Bureau of Japan: http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/pdf/NewResidencyManagementSystem-%28EN%29.pdf

★ TOPIC 3 International Friendship Festival 2012

KIEF will be holding the following event in the second half of 2012!

International Friendship Festival 2012

D a t e s : September 29th – 30th 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Location : Kanazawa City Hall

The International Friendship Festival has food and drink booths, as well as merchandise booths, from countries around the world, world music and dance performances on stage, and opportunities to experience Japanese and world cultures hands-on. It is a fun event for all, whether you come alone, with friends, as a couple, or as a family!



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