

To all foreign nationals living in Japan:

A New Resident Registration System for Foreign Residents Will Begin July 2012*!

Start!

*Exact date of implementation will be announced at a later date

“This will replace the Alien Registration System.”

A more convenient system for all foreign residents:

- Municipality-issued certificates (resident record copies, etc) will now list both foreign and Japanese household members.
- When you register a new address, this will automatically change your address for a range of government services, including National Health Insurance.
- If you change your status of residence or period of stay at a Regional Immigration Bureau, you will no longer need to separately notify your municipality of the change.

Who will receive a 'Resident Record?'

- Medium to long-term residents (those holding Residence Cards).
- Special Permanent Residents (those holding Special Permanent Resident Certificates).
- Persons granted permission for temporary refuge or provisional stay.
- Persons who may continue to stay transitionally in Japan by birth and those who have lost Japanese nationality.

Ensuring a smooth transition to the new system...

Starting from May 2012, your local municipality will provide you with a provisional resident record based upon the information on your Alien Registration Card. Please check that all details are correct.