

## Changes to the Immigration Control Act. Part 2



From the current alien registration card to “A Residence Card” which makes you more convenient with built-in IC chip.

This is the second part of the Immigration Control Act. “A new Residence Card” as new ID is improved for foreign citizens’ daily life. It is available for foreign citizens to get a certificate of residence and unnecessary to take the re-entry permit in case of short period absence.

Use your name same as described in passport. A certificate of residence is created for foreign citizen.

As informed in April issue, more detailed information on Immigration Control act is explained in May and June issue. The current Alien Registration card is changed to “A Residence Card” from July 9, 2012. This new card has a built-in IC chip and it is possible to read a variety of information with IC chip. In reality the immigration offices has started accepting the application from an alien registration card to “A Residence Card” but it is unnecessary to change in haste. Long term residents, spouses of Japanese national and those who have employment status will get the new card at the Immigration Office when applying for Resident status renewal or change after this July. Every time applying for Resident status renewal or change, stamp mark or seal affix is required on the passport so far. Under the Immigration Control act, the passport is stamped, only when entering into Japan or departing Japan. All other information on Resident status is recorded in a Residence card and a new Residence card will be issued every time applying for renewal or change. Permanent resident is required to apply for the new card in 3 years from July 2012. However, the child who will become 16 year-old within 3 years is required to apply for the new card before the child is 16 years old. The child under 16 year-old with resident status of long term resident and spouse of Japanese national is required to apply for the new card before the child’s birthday if the next birthday is coming earlier than the next renewal. A Permanent resident is required to apply for the new card every 7 years.

It is requested to take this new card at all times same as current alien registration card.

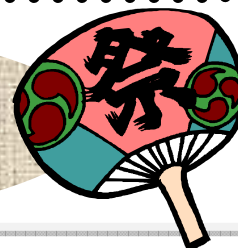
One of the main changes under the new Immigration Control Act starting from July 9 is the re-entry permission. It is currently requested to take the re-entry permission even if absence period of home visit is one week. But it is unnecessary to take the re-entry permission after July 9 if the absence period is shorter than one year (If your period of stay expires within 1 year after your departure, please ensure that you re-enter Japan before the expiration of your period of stay.) Please be sure to keep the new card when going back to your home countries. One of detailed and points is that it is not possible to write nicknames on the card. The name on the passport will be basically written in the Latin alphabet. (The name in Chinese



characters can be added.) Instead of an alien registration card, a certificate of residence will be issued for foreign citizens but it is said that nicknames are also written on it. The card is not issued to those with overstay status or temporary visitors. However, Japan government said that even those with overstay status could get some services such as medical care and education. (Ms. Miho Fujibayashi, an administrative scrivener)

[http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact\\_1/index.html](http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/index.html)

## May 19 (Sat) is the day for “International Festival”



Place : Hihgashi-kubo Central Park next to super market “Aeon”, Time :10:00-16:00  
Why not join us with your family? The festival will remain open in light rain.

### From April name change from the child allowance to the child care allowance

The name of the cash benefit system is changed from “Child allowance” used by end of Fiscal year 2011 to “Child care allowance” after FY 2012. The benefit amount concurrently varies and an income limit is set up. Detailed amounts of new system are shown as follows:



### “Fujimino private school” starts during summer holiday.


This school will be open for the children who become the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade of primary school living in Fujimino city. This school helps them improve their study. The summer holiday is said to be the best time for body strength, better academic performance and overcoming dislike subjects. It helps you catch up your home work

Dates: From August 21(Wed) to 28(Fri) and 28(Tue), Time: In the morning

Places: Kamifukuoka community center and Oi Central community center.

Instructors: Educational advisers

### The child care allowance/month from FY 2012 on.

Under 3 year-old	From 3 year-old to primary school child		Junior high school pupils
	The 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> child	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	
	15,000Yen	10,000Yen	15,000Yen
High-income household: 5,000 Yen/child			

### How about looking for what you want at information exchange corner of reused goods?

We found out an interesting article “Reused goods in living life” in Fujimi city newsletter. It provided you with useful information on the goods which were no longer in use. It is said that in Europe, they are careful to use furniture and goods handed down through generations. Why not check this article before you decide to buy? You may have “Lucky or Happy” unexpected. For further information: Fujimi city Kankyo-ka 049-251-2711, Ext. 246. We, FICEC are always willing to help you get goods. If you would get goods in newsletters published in other cities, please call 049-269-6450.

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