

# Prevent taking children away illegally “Hague Convention”



## Hague Convention became effective on April 1 in Japan

- The principle of this convention is to bring back children at once when they were taken away illegally across borders.
- Be careful especially when you are going to return to Japan while leaving your children at your home country with your partner (or original husband/wife) or when going abroad from Japan.
- ♪For details refer to website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Public service announcement, MOFA)

### Which parent is going to raise their child when his/her parents are living at different countries?

When you married a foreigner but divorced unfortunately, which country to raise the child is a problem in some cases. Sometimes, a child is taken away from Japan to overseas without asking or when you live overseas and want to go back Japan with your child, the child cannot go outbound or cannot go back with the child.

In this case, the parent had to fight with foreign law and culture, search your original husband/wife and your child, and appeal to take back your child to the court of the related country.

However, as Japan made a treaty of Hague Convention (Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction), the parent can take a procedure to take back the child from the other country or make a chance to have meet parents and child through international cooperation of authorities in both countries.

During one month since the Convention has been issued, claims are appealed in USA, Russia and other countries that children are taken away.

In Japan, there is a call center (Tel: 0570-783-563) to introduce exclusive lawyer at the Japan Federation of Bar Associations to support parents who took back their children to Japan or to ease parent's anticipation who received a petition for sending back or meeting with children.

#### ◆Consult with diplomatic establishments abroad and attorneys in following cases:◆

- When a child was taken away before the Convention is issued, will the case be handled by the Convention?
- My original spouse has taken my child from Japan to overseas without notice. What should I do?
- I want to take my child back to Japan. If I return to the original country of residence, is there any possibility to get arrested?
- Is there any consideration or support to victims of domestic violence?
- What kind of support are there at the diplomatic establishments abroad for persons with problems at home?

Reference: Notice for Hague Convention:

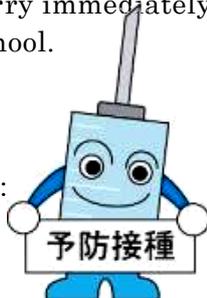
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/files/000033409.pdf>

**Immunization recommended to preschool toddlers**

Every year at this season, immunization of mixed vaccine of measles and rubella (second term) is recommended to preschool toddlers at the health promotion center (Tel. 049-252-3771).

We recommend your children to get a vaccine in good time when they look in good shape, rather than to consult in a hurry immediately before entering elementary school.

- Target person in 2014 FY:  
Born from April 2, 2008 to April 1, 2009
- Duration of immunization:  
From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015



**Child rearing allowance is reduced**

Child rearing allowance is supplied for a parent who was divorced or whose partner was dead, either father or mother, and who is raising the child alone (until March 31, when the child become 18 years old), or who is raising a child on behalf of his/her real parents.

This time, the allowance is slightly lowered because it has been not lowered for several years, though it should be changed according to the rise and fall in prices, similar to annual pension.



**Temporary welfare benefit and exception benefit for child care household**

Consumption tax is increased from April 1 but temporary welfare benefit is supplied for whom the income is low. For child care household, exception benefit is supplied.

Application requirement and duration of reception will be announced soon at public information at local city and homepage.

\*Inquiry: Welfare and child care benefit center

Tel. 049-252-8050

**A new service center Ecopa will open in June**

Everyone from children to elder people can enjoy there.

Ecopa is a facility using residual heat generated from an incinerator in environmental center in Miyoshi, Fujimino-shi. It is now under construction and scheduled to open in June.

There is a swimming pool for health promotion, bathroom, saloon, all-purpose room, and restaurant. It is near Kamifukuoka cleaning up center.

Inquiry: Wide-area disposing facility building center Tel: 049-262-9027

**Family support center can support your child raising**

Family support center can support your child raising Recently there were a regretting news regarding baby-sitter. If they know this family support center to support child raising in this area, such tragedy would never happen. The members of the family support center consists of service offering members who want to help child-raising and requesting members who want help.

To use this support, you have to register as a member. Such information of public organization is important if need be.

Fujimi-shi Family Support Center: 049-251-3337

Fujimino-shi Family Support Center: 049-262-1135

Miyoshi-machi Family Support Center: 049-258-0075

**You can use in following occasions:**

- Taking to and from nursery schools or kindergarten or baby-sitting after or before taking them there.
- Taking to and from schools or clubs for after school activities or taking care after or before taking there.
- Taking to and from culture lessons or taking care of child after illness
- When a parent is sick or is on urgent business, taking care of child for a while

Usage fee: 700 to 800 yen for one hour

Utilization time: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.