

The Ministry of Justice introduced new countermeasure for Recognition of Refugee Status system

# If you think of application of refugee status

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please think about your future situation

## Who are refugees?

Refugees are those who escape to other country because they are in danger of being persecuted because of race, religion, nationality or political opinion, or because they belong to a special social group. When the applicant who came to Japan, is recognized as a refugee status, the person is qualified as a long term resident and can work without any restriction, same as Japanese. Qualification of long term resident is approved also in case of any humanitarian reason.

## Procedure of application of refugee status

- ① Those who claim refugee should apply for refugee status at Immigration Bureau. After application of recognition of refugee status, the person can stay Japan without qualification of work ability, for 6 months. Living expenses during that (85000 yen per month) will be supplied from the government. You'd better learn Japanese at local Japanese language class or NPO to improve Japanese conversation necessary for working in Japan.
- ② Result of recognition of refugee status cannot be given even you go to the Immigration Bureau 6 months after the application, in actual case. If you want to stay Japan after that, you may be given Designated Activities visa, permitting to stay for another 6 months. You cannot receive living expenses any more but you can work as the same without any restriction in working time or operation contents, excluding adult-entertainment business.
- ③ Period of stay is 6 month. You must go to the Immigration Bureau every 6 months to renew the visa to extend the period of stay. If you become trusted by your employer and employed for long period of time you may change the visa to Specialist in Humanities/International Services so that you can keep working in Japan.

## In case when not recognized as refugee

After about 2 years of refugee status application and has not been recognized, though you want to stay Japan more, you can make an objection against the result. In the past you could repeat the flow of [Application of refugee status -> Not recognized -> Objection-> Dismissal] as long as you want to. However, the procedure is limited to 2 years at longest, since 2017.

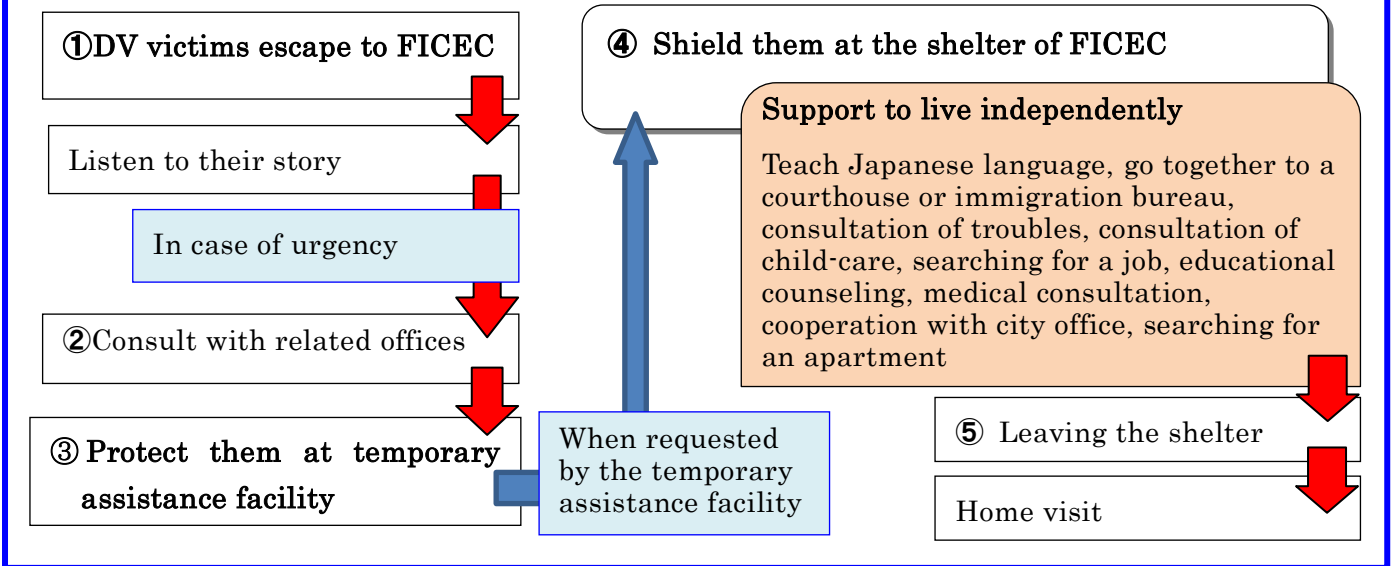
## Application of refugee status of overseas students and practice training workers

When you had overseas study visa or industrial trainee visa and you applied for refugee status, you will be compulsory confined to facilities of immigration bureau. This is to put the break on rapid growth of forgery of refugee status application.

Some people come to Japan with overseas student visa, borrowing big money from relatives to pay to an agent, because they believed a story in a local TV, such as "you can make 350000 yen per month in Japan." However, in case of "Permission to Engage in an Activity Other Than That Permitted by the Status of Residence Previously Granted", you can only work 28 hours per week. As a result, many of them will be pressed for money and apply for refugee status. However, persons with overseas student visa or industrial trainee visa cannot apply for refugee status. Please think of your future very well and do not make thoughtless action.

# Activities to support domestic violence victims

049-269-6450



## Foreign Language Human Rights Hotline

0570-090911

If you have any trouble such as you are refused to rent an apartment, cannot accept cultural difference, or have marriage problem, the Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus throughout Japan provide human rights counselling services.

• Date and time:

Weekdays 9:00 to 17:00  
 (you should pay telephone fee)

• Languages:

English, Chinese, Philippine, Portuguese, Vietnam, Korean

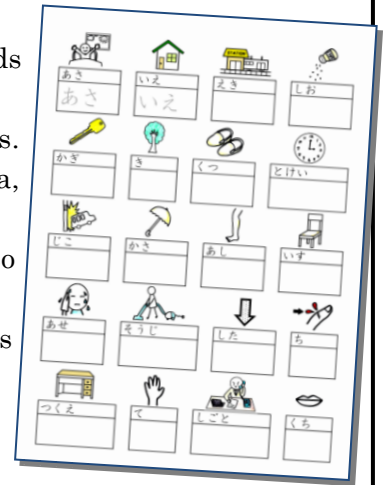


## ★New Hiragana practice book

At FICEC Japanese lesson class, we made a new Hiragana practice book for adults, who want to learn to write Hiragana.

In this practice book there are pages of words with simple hiragana, with many illustrations. You can learn Hiragana, regardless of your mother tongue. Come to Japanese lesson class!

◆Japanese lesson class  
 Every Thursday  
 10:00 to 12:00



## ◆Fujimishi International Forum

This event starts with performance of Japanese drums every year. You can experience various world culture here. FICEC will participate in “Playing world games” and “Claims of foreigners”

★Place: 1F Multi hall of Kirari Fujimi (Fujimishi cultural hall)

★Date and time: October 7 (Saturday) 11:30 to 15:30

## ◆8th Bado-Tennis tournament

Bado-Tennis is a new sport started in Fujimishi. We play it in a badminton court, using a sponge ball.

★Place: Fujimishi general gymnasium

★Date and time: November 5 (Sunday) Reception: 9:30 Start time: 10:00

※Consultation: Fujimishi Educational Committee Tel. 049-251-2711

