



Don't Decide Your "Inheritance Problems" Alone

What is inheritance?

Inheritance is the process of passing on property from a spouse or relative. There are two types of inheritance: legal heirs, designated by law as heirs and "bequests to nonlegal heirs. Legal heirs are defined by the "scope and priority of heirs". The person with the highest priority is the "heir".

Foreign nationals are also heirs if the "Scope and order of heirs" applies.

In Japan, inheritance is carried out in accordance with Japanese law if the deceased decedent was a Japanese citizen. Even foreign nationals have the same rights and obligations to inherit property as heirs of Japanese nationality.

Inheritors	Order
Spouse is always heir (1/2 of estate)	
Children/grandchildren (If no children, grandchildren)	1 st place
Parents (If there are no parents) Grandfather/Grandmother	2 nd place
Brother or sister of the deceased (If there are no brothers or sisters, then) nephews and nieces	3 rd place

There is a risk to inheritance



Inheritances vary and depend on the kind of person the decedent was. When we think of inheritance, we think of cash, deposits, buildings, securities, etc., but it may involve obligations and risks in some cases. If the decedent was the head of a farm household, inheriting fields or forest may create obligations and risks to manage them. In some case you have to inherit negative assets such as debts or loans.

Renunciation of inheritance is an act of contract

If the property to be inherited is more negative, or if there are obligations that will become burdensome in the future, or if you are returning to your home country because of the death of your husband you can renounce your inheritance. Disinheritance is a contractual act and cannot be changed later. Consult a legal professional or a friend when you inherit (or disinherit). Do not easily affix your seal or agree to sign anything.

How can I consult a legal professional?

It is especially complicated if the heirs are foreign nationals. Legal professionals are lawyers and judicial scriveners. If you do not have a contracted specialist, you can use "Houterasu (free legal consultation center). You can also utilize free legal advice from the local government. If you need translation or interpretation services related to inheritance, Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center will assist this service for a fee.





Consultations

Life Consultation
Monday to Friday 10:00 to 16:00

My wife and I are foreign citizens. We have a daughter, who started first grade this year. We are looking for a classroom to help our daughter with her homework and studies after school and on weekends. Are there any such classes?

There are many free learning support classes offered by Japanese volunteers in Saitama Prefecture.

You can find language class near your home on the website “Child Support Network Saitama (<https://kodomoouen.pref.saitama.lg.jp/map/shien>” or Asuport (<https://kodomoshienet-asuport.net/>) .

At FICEC’s International Children’s Club, many children with foreign roots study every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

What should I do if I lost my residence card or passport?

Foreign nationals 16 years of age or older must carry their residence card with them at all times. If you lose your residence card or passport, go to a police station or police box immediately to report the loss and obtain a “certificate of acceptance”. Take the certificate to the embassy of your nationality in Japan for reissuance. For details, consult Foreign Residents Information Center (Tel. 0570-013904).

You can read Public Relations “Fujimi” in multiple languages



Public Relations is full of important information about the community and city services. In Fujimi-shi, public relations can be read on smartphones and PCs in multiple languages. Download the app from the QR code or access the browser version.

Café FICEC

Only English café



The event is held on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. This is a gathering to enjoy conversation in English only for 90 minutes. Would you like to make friends over tea?

- Date/Time: Sunday, November 6, 14:00 ~ 15:30
- Place/ FICEC
- Participation fee/ 500 yen (for tea)
- Capacity/12 persons
- Application / 049-256-4290

The Japan 3-Day March
Why don't you join us for a walk through the Japanese autumn scenery?



11/ **4** Fri. **5** Sat. **6** Sun.
You can also join this event on the day of the event!



100,000 people gather for the International Walking Festival!

The tour will walk around Higashimatsuyama City and other areas rich in nature. There are 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, and 5-kilometer courses to choose from to suit your fitness level. The start time differs depending on the course.