

The Foreign Technical Internship Law is changing!

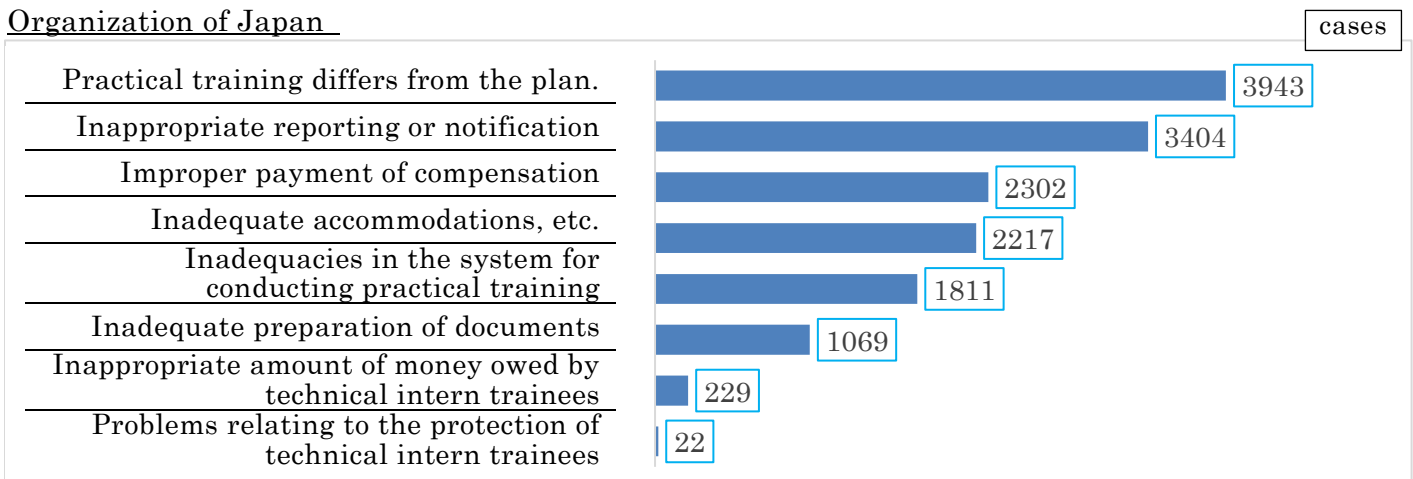
In June 2024, the Diet passed a law changing the "Foreigner Technical Internship Law" into the **Training and Employment / Revised Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act**.

The foreign technical intern trainee program, which began in 1993, has now been in existence for 30 years, and 412,501 foreign technical intern trainees are currently working in Japan. From April 2019, a new status of residence called "specified skill," which makes it easier to obtain permanent residence, has been created, and more than 200,000 foreign nationals are working in the specified skill category.

Technical intern trainees are defined by the Technical Internship Law as a system that allows trainees to acquire skills while working in Japan for a certain period of time (up to five years) for the purpose of international contribution, and to transfer their skills to developing regions and other countries.

However, the foreign technical intern trainee program, which was intended as an international contribution, was used to fill a labor shortage in Japan, and many problems arose. There have been many cases in which general companies accepting foreign nationals have forced low wages and poor working conditions on vulnerable technical intern trainees, for example, **by not allowing them to transfer to other companies for three years, or by putting them in debt because they paid fees to overseas travel agencies when they came to Japan.**

"Violation Situation" Report on the on-site inspection by the Foreign Technical Intern Trainee Organization of Japan



The newly enacted Training and Employment System is a system that will replace the existing Technical Internship System and is scheduled to begin in 2027. The main purpose of the program is to secure and develop human resources. While the principle of the technical internship system was to return to their home country after completing the training, the training and employment system will allow foreign nationals to take root and live together in the local community. After three years of training employment, it will be easier to obtain the group No. 1, a specified skill that allows the applicant to work for up to five years, and then the group No. 2, which has no restrictions on the renewal of status of residence.

■ What will change under the new law?

	Technical Internship System	Training and Employment System
Changing jobs	Cannot change jobs for three years.	After 1 to 2 years of employment, you can change jobs if you could acquire Japanese language skills and change to the same type of job.
Entry fee to Japan	Foreign nationals who entered Japan pay to sending agencies, etc.	Eliminate bad workers sending agencies and reduce workers' burden by clarifying sending fees

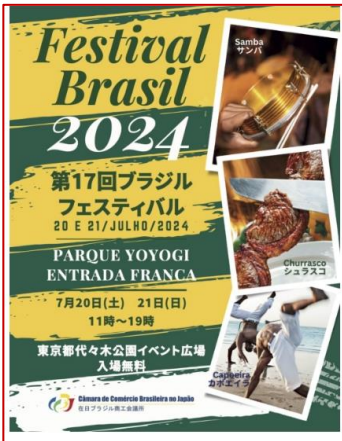
World Festa in Yoyogi Park

In July:

6 (Sat), 7 (Sun) **Arabian Festival**
 20 (Sat) 21 (Sun) **Brazilian Festival**
 20 (Sat) 21 (Sun) **Ukraine Festival**
 26 (Fri) 27 (Sat) 28 (Sun) **Taiwan Festa**

At Yoyogi Park in Shibuya, Tokyo, events will be held where visitors can experience traditional festivals and food stalls from around the world.

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In September:

7 (Sat), 8 (Sun) **China Festival**
 28 (Sat), 29 (Sun) **Namaste India**



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