To all registered foreign residents

Notice regarding Changes to the Foreign Resident Registration System

The law pertaining to foreign residents of Japan will be revised in July 2012. The locations where foreign residents submit information and the methods involved will change as described below.

1. Issuance of Special Permanent Resident’s Certificate and Residence Card

The current foreign resident registration system will be abolished. New cards for permanent residents and foreign residents will be issued in place of foreign resident registration cards. Please note that there will also be some residents who will not be issued new cards.

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<th>New Card’s Name</th>
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<th>Term of Current Foreign Resident Registration’s Validity</th>
<th>Offices to Handle Procedures and Issue Cards, Information Sources</th>
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| Special permanent resident’s certificate | Special permanent residents | Until birthday listed as next renewal date  
Note: Until 16th birthday for those under 16 years of age | Nakano City Office (municipal authority with jurisdiction for place of residence) |
| Residence card                         | Permanent residents      | Until July 2015 (three years from date of law’s enactment)  
Note: For those under 16 years of age, three years from date of law’s enactment or until 16th birthday, whichever comes first | Immigration Bureau |
|                                        | All other residents      | Until expiration of residence permit  
Note: For those under 16 years of age, until date resident permit expires or 16th birthday, whichever comes first | |

No new card issued (obligation to carry passport at all times)

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<th>Short-term visitors</th>
<th>Loss of status coincides with July 2012 enactment of law (return card to Immigration Bureau by October 2012)</th>
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<td>People with no residence status</td>
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Immigration Bureau

Note: The names of people who are no longer eligible for special permanent resident’s certificates or residence cards will be struck from the domicile-related certificate and personal seal registration registries. Please notify the City Office immediately regarding changes in residence status or renewal of the term of residence.
2. Residence Files Will Be Created for Foreign Residents in July 2012

The revisions to the law mean that foreign residents will be eligible to have residence files (juminhyo) as Japanese do. This pertains to those who are issued special permanent resident's certificates or residence cards. Those who are not issued such cards will not be able to create a residence file.

People who move from Nakano to an address in another municipality from July 2012 will need to undertake change of address procedures.

3. Schedule Leading Up to New System

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| January 2012 | Start of advance applications for special permanent resident's certificates and residence cards (Please note that cards will be issued after the law's enactment in July.)  
Where to apply:  
Special permanent resident's certificate: Nakano City Office (municipal authority with jurisdiction for place of residence)  
Residence card: Immigration Bureau |
| Mid-May 2012 | Temporary residence files will be created and sent to everyone who has been issued a special permanent resident's certificate or residence card to have the specific details recorded in residence files checked. |
| July 2012*  | New system commences.                                                   |

*Foreign resident registration files that had been maintained by respective municipalities up to that point will be stored at the Ministry of Justice after the law's enactment.

4. Inquiries

This notice provides information about the new system’s salient points. Please go directly to the following sources to obtain additional details regarding the system or procedures.

**Residence status and residence cards**

- Immigration Bureau home page: [http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/](http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/)
- Immigration Information Center (Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)  
  Tel: 0570-013904 (IP, PHS, or overseas calls: 03-5796-7112)

**Residence files**

- Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications home page:  

**Questions regarding this notice**

Foreign resident registration desk, Nakano City Office: Tel: 03-3228-5505  