

Kagoshima City Multicultural Coexistence Promotion Guidelines

(English Version)

I. Why these guidelines were made

- There are 3,569 foreign residents living in Kagoshima City as of October 1st, 2022. Since there were 2,871 foreign residents in 2018, this is a 1.2 factor increase.
- A new residency status called “Specified Skilled Worker” was created in Japan in 2019, so the foreign population in Kagoshima City will likely increase going forward. Because of this, the City decided to create these Kagoshima City Multicultural Coexistence Promotion Guidelines so that people of different nationalities and ethnicities can live in harmony with each other.

Number of Foreigners living in Kagoshima City



2. Issues

- There are sometimes misunderstandings between foreigners and Japanese people since they speak different languages and come from different cultures. Information from City Hall needs to be translated into many languages and into Yasashii Nihongo (easy Japanese).
- There needs to be places where foreigners can go to receive help when they have problems.
- We need to think about ways to protect foreigners during disasters such as










earthquakes and typhoons, and from infectious diseases.

·We need to make Kagoshima into a city where foreigners and Japanese people can live in harmony together.

3. Aiming for multicultural coexistence

We aim to make Kagoshima into a city where foreigners and Japanese people can recognize the differences in their languages and cultures, help each other, and live in harmony together.

4. What needs to be done so that foreigners and Japanese people can live in harmony together

Priority	What will be done	Examples	
I Providing information to foreigners	Providing information necessary for living in many languages and in Yasashii Nihongo (easy Japanese)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telling foreigners how to sort and take out trash in many languages. • Providing information about websites and places for studying Japanese • Providing consultation services that are available in many languages • Allowing foreigners to consult with lawyers and other specialists when they face troubles and need explanations on matters they do not understand 	
	Making it easier for foreigners to study Japanese		
	Making it easier for foreigners to seek help when they face troubles in life		
II Making it easier for foreigners to live here	Making it easy for foreign children to receive an education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information about enrolling children in elementary school in many languages • Teaching Japanese to children in elementary and middle school • Teaching children the importance of living together in harmony with people of different nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures. 	
	Thinking of ways to protect foreigners during disasters, such as earthquakes and typhoons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information about how to prepare for disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons • Providing information during disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons in many languages and Yasashii Nihongo (easy Japanese) • Japanese volunteers will also learn how to speak many languages in order to help during disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons. 	
	Making it easier for foreigners to live healthy, comfortable lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information about hospitals that provide services in foreign languages. 	
	Making it easier for foreigners to raise children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing important information in many languages to make it easier for foreigners to give birth and raise children. 	
	Helping foreigners search for housing Teaching foreigners rules about living in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telling foreigners where they can go to consult about housing troubles • Providing information about housing provided by City Hall • Telling foreigners how to sort and take out trash in many languages. 	
	Helping foreigners search for jobs Making it easier for foreigners to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing various information so that it is easier for foreigners to search for jobs • Having City Hall and companies think together about what needs to be done in order to make it easier for foreigners to work 	
	III Creating a city where foreigners and Japanese people can live in harmony	Let everyone know about what a society where foreigners and Japanese people live in harmony looks like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letting the people of Kagoshima City know the importance of recognizing nationality, ethnic and cultural differences, and of foreigners and Japanese people helping each other out. • City Hall employees will study “Yasashii Nihongo” (easy Japanese) more

Increasing the number of foreigners active in local communities	Creating more places where people can make friends with people from different cultures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having events where people can make friends with people from other cultures.
	<p>Making it easier for foreigners to participate in the activities of local neighborhoods and communities</p> <p>Make it possible for foreign students to work in Kagoshima City after they have graduated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having events where foreigners and Japanese people can become friends. • Allowing foreign students to tour local companies when they are deciding where to work after graduating
IV Working with everyone to think of ways for foreigners and Japanese residents to live together in harmony	Having discussions at City Hall so that it is easier for foreign residents to live in Kagoshima City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding meetings for discussions at City Hall
	Working together with the national government, prefectural government, and many organizations so that it is easier for foreigners to live in Kagoshima City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having discussions often with groups outside of City Hall, such as national and prefectural government employees and companies

