

## Important information to all foreign residents living in Tottori

On July 9, 2012 a new Residency Management System will begin and will replace the Alien Registration System.

### **On July 9, 2012, registration procedures for foreign nationals residing in Japan will change**

The Basic Resident Registration Act will now be applied not only to Japanese nationals but also to all foreign nationals residing in Japan.

### **Foreign residents will be able to receive a Resident Record**

From July 9, 2012, copies of the Resident Records (*juminhyo*) for households composed of both Japanese and foreign residents will now list all household members regardless of nationality. (Alien registration records will not be issued any longer.)

### **Who is eligible?**

All foreign nationals residing legally in Japan for over 3 months except temporary visitors such as tourists are eligible.

### **The Certificate of Alien Registration system will change**

With the abolishment of the Alien Registration Act, medium to long-term residents will be eligible for a “Residence Card” and Special Permanent Residents will be eligible for a “Special Permanent Residence Certificate” instead of the current Certificate of Alien Registration. Please note that even after the new system comes into effect, the Certificate of Alien Registration is deemed equivalent to the Residence Card and to the Special Permanent Residence Certificate for a certain period and that therefore you are not required to immediately replace your Certificate of Alien Registration. For information about individual validity periods and replacement deadlines please contact the Tottori City Office Citizens Division (*Ekinan* south-of train station office).

### **Applying for a Residence Card or a Special Permanent Residence Certificate in advance**

Foreign residents wishing to be issued a Special Permanent Residence Certificate may apply in advance until Friday, July 6, 2012. The certificate will be handed over

after the new system has been introduced, between end of July and beginning of August 2012.

For an advance issuance of the Residence Card you please contact one of the institutions listed below:

Hiroshima Regional Immigration Bureau	TEL 082-221-4411
Hiroshima Regional Immigration Bureau, Sakaiminato Office	TEL 0859-47-3600
Immigration Information Center	TEL 0570-013904

### **Notification procedures at Tottori City Office will change**

When moving out (including moving overseas), you will need to submit a notification of moving out. After submitting this notification and receiving a “certification of moving out” from Tottori City Office, you will then need to submit a moving-in notice to the municipal office of your new residence.

### **From May 2012, Tottori City Office will notify you of what is listed in your Provisional Residence Record**

Tottori City Office will prepare and send out Provisional Residence Records to those foreign residents expected to be eligible for a Residence Record on the date the new system comes into effect (July 9, 2012).

### **Please note!**

The Provisional Residence Record will be issued based upon the information on your Alien Registration Card. Therefore, please ensure that the information pertaining to your period of stay or change of residence is up to date and speedily notify your municipal office of any changes. Failing to do so may result in you not being issued a Residence Record.

### **For further information and inquiries**

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