

The International Workshop

***Co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Sophia University,
the Shinjuku City and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)***

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**SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND
THEIR INTEGRATION IN JAPAN:**

- Focus on the future policy of Japan for foreign nationals -

Thursday, 17 February 2011

Sophia University International Conference Hall,

10:00 - 17:40

(Doors open at 9:30)

Objectives of the workshop

Japan is currently placed in an international environment in which its important economic foundation is based on the production, circulation and utilization of knowledge and information. International competition in acquiring human resources have been intensified and progress of globalization has further accelerated movement of not only goods and money, but also people.

At the same time, there are many challenges faced by the foreign nationals currently residing in Japan including Japanese descendents, such as frictions with host communities, insufficient attainment of Japanese language skills, unstable employment and non-registration to social insurance. There is ascertained need to consider safe guards and social integration issues to go ahead with any possible further acceptance of foreigners in the future.

On the other hand, Japan faces sharp population decline and rapid aging society. There is a growing sense of anxiety and stagnation regarding the future of the country amongst the public. Decline of economic growth owing to the shrinking labour force, decrease of socio-economic vigor owing to the aging population and increasing concern regarding sustainability of the social insurance system are among the few. At the same time, there is also growing controversy on the acceptance of foreign nationals. In light of the current situation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Sophia University, the Shinjuku City and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will hold the second "International Workshop on Acceptance of Foreign Nationals and Their Integration in Japan" on Thursday the 17th of February, 2011 at the Sophia University.

At the Workshop, experts will be invited from abroad to present experience on the acceptance for foreign nationals and their social integration in other countries, and the sub-committee members will provide opinions regarding "future policy for foreign nationals" .

Based on the discussions and international perspectives, the floor will be opened for a substantial Q&A session with the audience to collect various opinions in order to organize diverse points of view regarding acceptance of foreign nationals in Japan. The presentations and the feedbacks will be later compiled as an outcome document. Organizers hope that the outcome document will serve as a future reference material of the national discussion as well as discussion at the political level.

We look forward to your active participation in the workshop.

Program (provisional) *English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation available

Last modified 2011/01/31 - change of expert from Korea

- 10:00** **Introduction: explanation of the day's event**
- 10:10** **Opening Remarks**
Mr. Ikuo YAMAHANA, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dr. Yoshiaki ISHIZAWA, President of the Sophia University
- 10:20** **Keynote speeches**
Ms. Hiroko NAKAYAMA, Mayor of Shinjuku City
Mr. William Lacy SWING, Director General of IOM
Dr. Howard DUNCAN, Executive Head of the International Metropolis Project
- 11:05** (Break)
- 11:15** **Presentation**
Dr. Seon-ju KOH, Chief,
The Central Office for Multicultural Family Support Centers, Republic of Korea
- 11:55** **Presentation**
Ms. Gabriele HAUSER, Director-General,
Migration, Integration, Refugees and European Harmonization,
Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany
- 12:35** (Lunch break)
- 13:35** **Explanation from the Coordinator regarding the Sub-committee**
Prof. Hiroshi KITO, Professor of the Faculty of Economics, Sophia University
- 13:40** **Panel discussion by the Sub-committee members**
Moderator:
Prof. Hiroshi KITO (Coordinator)
Members:
Prof. Yasushi IGUCHI, Professor of the School of Economics, Kwansei Gakuin University
Prof. Junichi GOTO, Professor of Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University
Dr. Takashi NAKAHARA, Vice-Chairman of the Discussion Group on Making Japan as an Attractive Country to Foreigners, KEIZAI DOYUKAI (Japan Association of Corporate Executives)
Ms. Yoshiko ICHIKAWA, Director, Employment and Labour Legislation Division,
Department of Working Conditions, Japanese Trade Union Confederation (JTUC)-RENGO
- 14:40** (Break)
- 14:50** **Panel discussion by the speakers from abroad and representatives of the co-organizers etc. (Shinjuku City, IOM, International Metropolis Project)**
Moderator:
Prof. Hiroshi KITO (Coordinator)
Members:
Dr. Seon-ju KOH
Ms. Gabriele HAUSER
Mr. Tatsuo TSUKIHASHI, Director of Multiculture, Regional and Cultural Affairs Department,
Culture, Tourism and International Affairs Division, Shinjuku City
Mr. William Lacy SWING
Dr. Howard DUNCAN
- 15:50** (Break)
- 16:10** **Q&A session with the audience**
- 17:35** **Closing remarks**
Mr. Tsukasa KAWADA, Director-General of the Consular Affairs Bureau,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 17:40** END

Registration by Friday, 4th February 2011

To attend this workshop, please register from the following webpage.

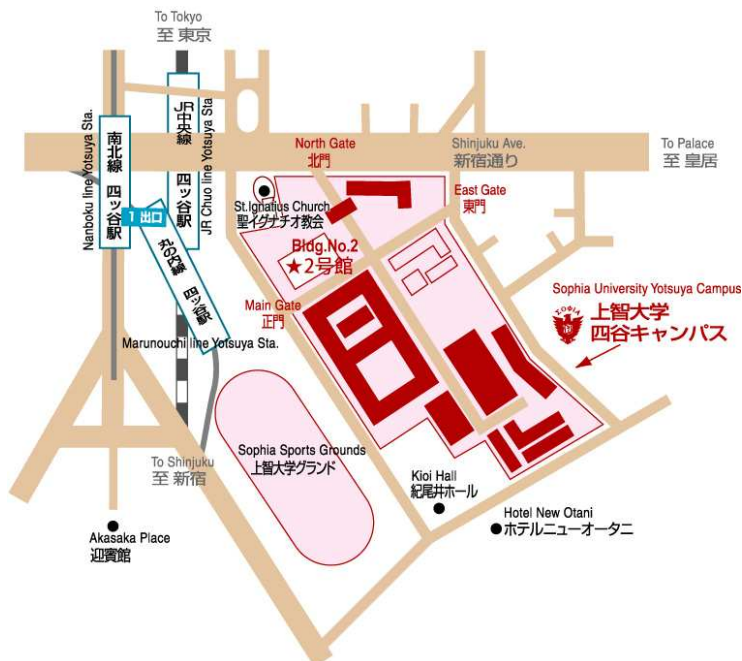
<http://www.iomjapan.org/news/workshop2011.cfm>

- ✓ Advanced registration is required for attending the workshop. Those without advance registration may not be admitted.
- ✓ Personal data submitted to us shall be properly administered and used exclusively for the purpose of the management of this workshop.
- ✓ The secretariat will not send emails, etc. to confirm the receipt of your registration.
- ✓ You may be informed that you may not be able to attend owing to the seating capacity. Your understanding will be appreciated in that case.

Workshop venue

Sophia University

Building No. 2 - 17th Floor, International Conference Hall



Address:

7-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Access:

5 minutes from Yotsuya Station

- JR Chuo line
- Marunouchi subway line
- Namboku subway line

** Please use public transport to travel to the venue. (There are no available parking spaces at the venue.)*

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10:00-12:30, 13:30-18:00
(except on Sat, Sun & holidays)