

***International Workshop co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan,
Meiji University, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)***

**FY2011 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACCEPTANCE OF
FOREIGN NATIONALS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO JAPAN:
-Great East Japan Earthquake and the Policy on Foreign Nationals-**

*Thursday, March 1, 2012
Meiji University Surugadai Campus
Academy Common 2nd Floor Conference Room
10:00 - 17:00 (Doors open at 9:30)*

Objectives of the workshop

On March 11, 2011, Japan was hit by a massive earthquake which caused grave damages in the disaster stricken regions. The Great East Japan Earthquake was a multiple catastrophe in combination with earthquakes, tsunamis and Fukushima nuclear accidents, and exerted great impacts on the Japanese economy and society in all aspects. It also highlighted long-standing issues, related to the acceptance of foreign nationals and their integration into Japan. Taking into consideration the current situation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Meiji University and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will hold the “FY2011 International Workshop on Acceptance of Foreign Nationals and Their Integration into Japan -Great East Japan Earthquake and the Policy on Foreign Nationals-” on March 1 (Thursday) at Meiji University, Tokyo.

Taking into account the impact made by the earthquakes, tsunamis and Fukushima nuclear accidents on foreign nationals living in Japan, experts and practitioners from inside and outside of Japan including a foreign national resident who directly experienced the Great East Japan Earthquake will discuss the following two issues, “Assistance to foreign nationals in the areas hit by the Great East Japan Earthquake” and “Policy on foreign nationals in post-quake Japan”.

Programme (provisional) * *English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation available*

10:00 Introduction

Mr. Koichi FUNAYAMA, Senior Coordinator of Foreign Nationals' Affairs Division,
Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

10:05 Opening remarks

Mr. Ryuji YAMANE, Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
Prof. Etsuko KATSU, Vice President International of Meiji University

10:15 Keynote speech

Mr. William Lacy SWING, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

(10:30 Break)

10:45 Presentation by an international expert

“A reflection on the 11 March 2011 earthquake: International dimensions of a large scale natural disaster - response, coordination, information management and partnership”

Mr. Oliver LACEY-HALL, Head of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

11:00 Presentation by an international expert

“Australia’s Experience in Attracting and Integrating International Students, especially as Skilled Workers.”

Mr. Dennis MURRAY, Director of Research and Business Development,
International Education Association of Australia (IEAA)

11:15 Presentation by a foreign national resident in the earthquake-affected area

Ms. Amelia SASAKI (from Minamisanriku Town, Miyagi Prefecture)

(11:30 Lunch break)

12:50 Session 1 “Assistance to foreign nationals in the areas hit by the Great East Japan Earthquake”

Chair: Prof. Shigehiro IKEGAMI, Professor of Department of International Culture,
Faculty of Cultural Policy and Management, Shizuoka University of Art and Culture

Panelists: Ms. Masae OMURA, Director of Planning & Coordination Section, Miyagi International Association
Mr. William BARRIGA, Chief of Mission of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Tokyo
Mr. Masashi TAKAHASHI, Principal Deputy Director of Foreign Nationals' Affairs Division,
Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Discussants: Mr. Taro TAMURA, Representative of the Institute for Human Diversity Japan
Mr. Oliver LACEY-HALL

(14:30 Break)

14:45 Session 2 “Policy on foreign nationals in post-quake Japan”

Chair: Prof. Keizo YAMAWAKI, Professor of the School of Global Japanese Studies, Meiji University

Panelists: Mr. Akira KAWAGUCHI, Co-Director of Industrial Policy Bureau, Nippon Keidanren
(Japan Business Federation)
Prof. Masahiro YOKOTA, Professor of the School of Global Japanese Studies, Meiji University
Mr. Susumu ISHIHARA, President of the Japan Immigrant Information Agency

Discussants: Mr. Robert DUJARRIC, Director of Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies,
Temple University Japan Campus
Mr. Dennis MURRAY

16:30 Closing remarks

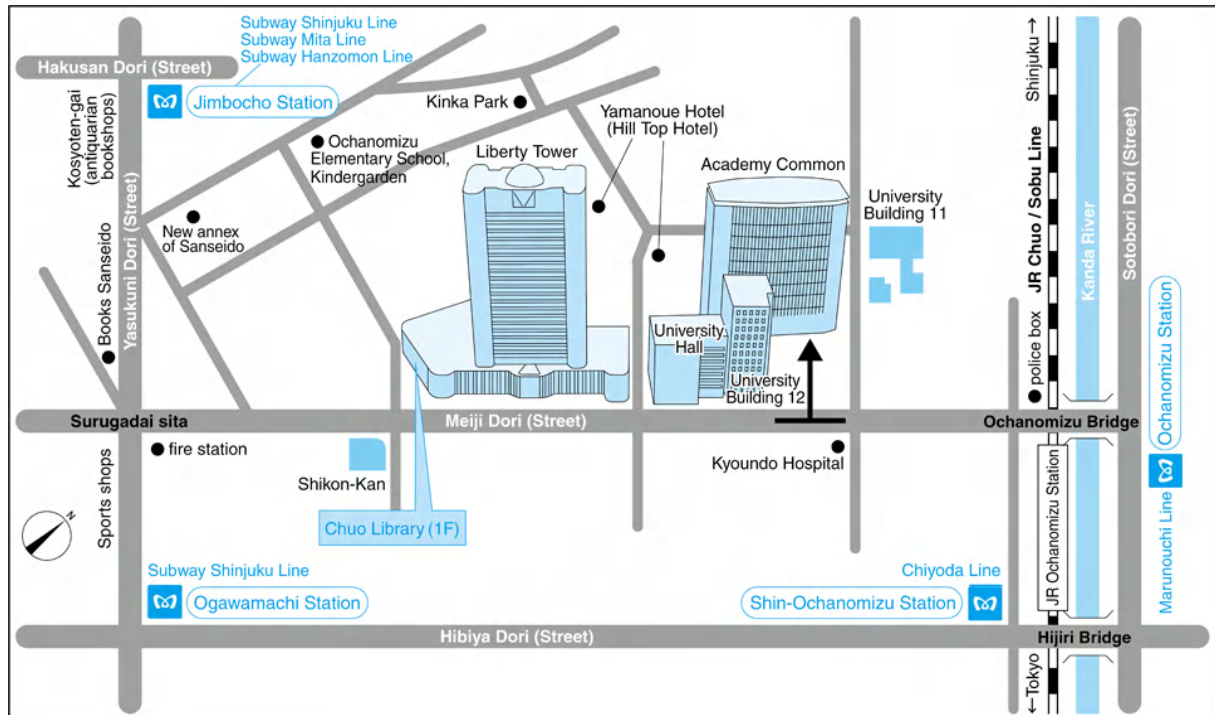
Mr. Mikio NUMATA, Director-General of Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Workshop venue

Meiji University Surugadai Campus Academy Common 2nd Floor Conference Room
1-1 Kanda Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

- Access:**
- 3 minutes from Ochanomizu Station
 - JR Chuo/Sobu line, Marunouchi subway line
 - 5 minutes from Shin-Ochanomizu Station
 - Chiyoda subway line
 - 5 minutes from Jimbocho Station
 - Shinjuku subway line, Mita subway line, Hanzomon subway line

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



Registration deadline by Thursday, 16th February 2012

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

http://www.iomjapan.org/news/event_029.cfm

- **Advanced registration is required for attending the workshop.** Those without advance registration may not be admitted.
- Personal data submitted to the secretariat shall be properly administered and used exclusively for the purpose of the management of the workshop.
- The secretariat will not send emails, fax, etc. to confirm the receipt of registration.
- Registrants may be informed that attendance is not possible owing to limited seating capacity.

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