

### **Response for people of Japanese ancestry who received repatriation support**

Individuals who received financial assistance and returned to their home country under the repatriation support program implemented in FY 2009 for people of Japanese ancestry out of work, were for the time being (\*1) not permitted to re-enter Japan with the same status of residence as they had when they used to work in Japan.

On this occasion, however, in light of the current economic and employment situation, etc., the Government has decided that re-entry with the same status of residence they used to have will be permitted from October 15 (Tue.) (scheduled) under certain conditions (\*2).

\*1 “For the time being” was meant to be reviewed in light of future economic and employment situation, etc., in principle after a period of three years from April 2009, when the program started.

\*2 When individuals scheduled to start working in Japan apply for visas at diplomatic establishments abroad, they will be required to submit a copy of an employment contract with an employment term of one year or longer in order to ensure a stable life for people of Japanese ancestry attempting to re-enter Japan.

#### [References]

○ Details of the repatriation support program for people of Japanese ancestry out of work

<Period implemented>

Fiscal year 2009

<Payment amounts>

- 300,000 yen per person for the principal, 200,000 yen per person for the principal’s dependents

<Implementation outcomes>

- 21,675 people departed the country as a result of the program (20,053 people were Brazilian nationals (92.5% of the overall number))
- On a prefecture basis, 5,805 people from Aichi Prefecture and 4,641 from Shizuoka Prefecture departed the country