

**FY2013 INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ACCEPTANCE OF  
FOREIGN NATIONALS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO JAPAN:**

**- Advance together with Young Foreign Nationals – Challenge for Future Generations -**

**Time and Date:** 13:30 - 17:00, Friday, 21 February 2014 (doors open at 12:30)

**Venue:** Meguro Persimmon Hall (address: 1-1-1, Yakumo, Meguro-ku, Tokyo)

**Organisers:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), International Organization for Migration (IOM)

**Supporters:** Meguro City, Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

## **Overview**

With international globalization and a society with declining birthrate and aging population, it is indispensable for Japan to utilize skills and talents of foreign nationals in order to promote the growth of the Japanese economy. The government is promoting growth under the “Japan Revitalization Strategy” by increasing the number of foreign tourists to Japan by relaxing visa requirements and promoting the country as a tourism destination, as well as by accepting highly skilled foreign professionals to Japan.

Looking at foreign nationals already residing in the country, particularly young people, it is certain that some have successfully adapted to their Japanese communities and contribute to the economy while others struggle to integrate, with some dropping out of school or becoming involved in criminal activity.

If young foreign nationals' integration into the Japanese society facilitated, it would certainly contribute not only to the economic growth of Japan including the promotion of local economies and a safe and secure society, but it would also foster strong diplomatic relations with other countries.

The workshop will discuss the following three issues under the overall theme of ‘advance together with young foreign nationals – challenge for future generations’:

- Language (Japanese and mother tongue) and international cooperation;
- Role of communities in local areas; and
- Role of Japanese business sector

## **Programme** \* *English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation provided*

**13:30 Introduction**

**13:35 Opening Remarks by Mr. Hirotaka ISHIHARA, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs (TBC)**

**13:40 Keynote Speech by Amb. William Lacy SWING, Director-General of IOM**

(13:55 15 min. break)

**14:10 Presentation by a guest foreign expert**

Prof. Dr. Han Entzinger, Department of Sociology, Erasmus University Rotterdam

**14:30 Case study A: Presentation by**

Ms. Ai FUKUDA, nurse, Teikyo University Hospital

**14:45 Case study B: Presentation by**

Mr. Rodrigo IGI, teacher, Homi Junior High School, Toyota City, Aichi Prefecture

(15:00 20 min. break)

### 15:20 Panel Discussion (including Q&A)

Chair: Mr. Shinji YAMADA, Executive Commentator, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK)

Panelists:

Mr. Alberto MATSUMOTO, CEO, IDEA Network Consulting

Ms. Seiko OSUMI, Deputy Senior Vice President and Deputy Division Director, Human Resources Office, Lawson, Inc.

Ms. Yoshimi KOJIMA, Associate Professor of Department of Education, Aichi Shukutoku University

Ms. Marian Jocelyn R. TIROL-IGNACIO, Minister and Consul-General, the Embassy of the Philippines in Japan

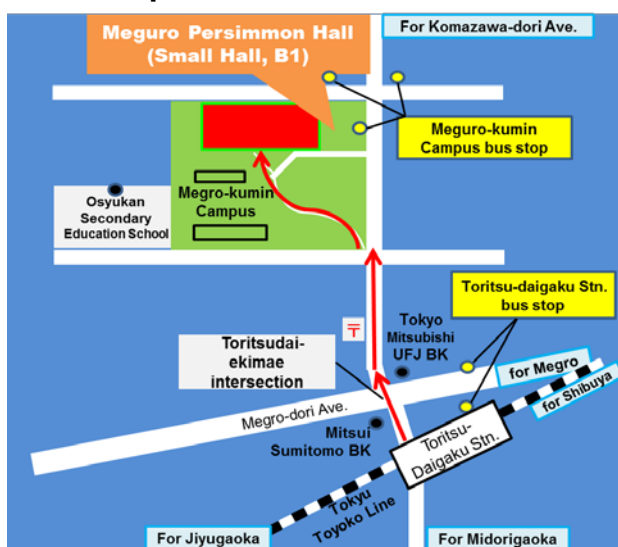
Mr. Hideki WAKABAYASHI, Associate Professor of Faculty of International, Utsunomiya University

### 16:50 Closing Remarks

Ms. Mari MIYOSHI, Director-General, Consular Affairs Bureau, MOFA

17:00 End

## Workshop venue



### Meguro Persimmon Hall (Small Hall, B1)

(address: 1-1-1, Yakumo, Meguro-ku, Tokyo)

#### Access:

[By train]

- 10 minutes from Shibuya station: Tokyu Toyoko Line: Shibuya (local) → Toritsu Daigaku Station
- 20 minutes from Yokohama station: Tokyu Toyoko Line: Yokohama (limited express) → Jiyugaoka (local) → Toritsu Daigaku station

[By bus]

- Tokyu bus : please get off at Meguro Kumin Campus
- From Shibuya: Shibuya station<渋34> → Tokyo Iryou Center
- From Tamagawa: Tamagawa station<多摩01> → Tokyo Iryou Center
- From Meguro: Meguro station<黒07> → Tsurumaki Eigyosho
- From Seijogakuen: Seijogakuen mae station → Toritsu Daigaku Eki Kitaguchi

#### Access to the hall

From the Toritsu-daigaku Station please turn left and go straight to Meguro-dori Ave. which is a few meters away from the station, cross the Toritsudai-ekimae intersection and go straight about three hundred meters. You will see "Meguro-kumin Campus" on your left. The Meguro Persimmon Hall is in the Campus.

*\* Please use public transportation to travel to the venue.*

## Registration deadline by Friday, 14 February 2014

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

[http://www.iomjapan.org/event/workshop\\_Feb2014\\_e.cfm](http://www.iomjapan.org/event/workshop_Feb2014_e.cfm)

- **Advanced registration is required for attending the workshop.** Those without advanced registration will not be admitted to the workshop.
- 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.
- The registrants will be notified by the secretariat in case they are not able to attend the workshop because of limited seating.

#### For general inquiries:

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Online inquiry form:

[http://www.iomjapan.org/infolib/information\\_form.cfm](http://www.iomjapan.org/infolib/information_form.cfm)

Tel: 03-3595-2487

10:00-12:30, 13:30-18:00

(except on Sat, Sun & holidays)

#### For inquiries on the venue:

Meguro Persimmon Hall

Tel: 03-5701-2924