

"Domestic and International Partnership among Municipalities towards Realizing Integration and Inclusion of Foreign Nationals in the Society"



Time and Date 14:00-17:00 (JST), Thursday, 13 February 2025

Venue

"Studio Plus" HIBIYA Library & Museum
(4F 1-4 HIBIYA Park, Chiyoda City, Tokyo)

Approximately 3 minute walk from 'Kasumigaseki Station' or 'Uchisaiwaicho Station'

*Online live streaming will be available (registration is required).

*On-site audience will be up to 20 people (registration is required in advance).

*English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

*Please refrain from eating or drinking inside the facility, except for beverages with lids.

Host Organizations

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Japan,
International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Support Organizations

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Chiyoda City
Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

Since 2005, MOFA and IOM have held a series of international forum to introduce good practices and challenges in initiatives to deepen understanding of the issues regarding integration and inclusion of foreign nationals into Japanese society, and the 20th forum will be held under the theme of "Domestic and International Partnership among Municipalities toward Realizing Integration and Inclusion of Foreign Nationals in the Society."

As of June 2024, the number of foreign residents in Japan reached a record high of approximately 3.59 million, and their nationalities and activities are becoming more diverse. In Japan, where the society is facing declining birth rates and an aging population, foreign residents are expected to contribute to enhanced vitality and development of local communities by taking advantage of their diverse backgrounds.

We hope that this forum will serve as an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the importance of collaboration and partnership not only among domestic but also with overseas municipalities, sharing best practices and lessons learned, and deepening mutual understanding towards the realization of an intercultural society.

【 PROGRAMME (tentative) 】

【Part 1】

14:00 Opening Remarks

Mr Takuma MIYAJI, State Minister for Foreign Affairs

14:05 Remarks of Co-host

Ms Ugochi DANIELS, Deputy Director General of Operations of IOM

14:10 Presentation

Ms Natsuko KURODA, Director of the International Affairs Office,
Local Administration Bureau, MIC

14:25 Q&A

【Part 2】 Case Presentation

14:40 ① Ms Rita MARASCALCHI, Head of Intercultural Inclusion
Unit, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of
Europe

14:55 ② Mx Türkan AKSOY,
New South Wales Coordinator Welcoming Cities, Australia

15:10 ③ Ms Hae Yeon CHOI, Multicultural Specialist, the Foreign
Residents Support Headquarters of Ansan City, Republic of Korea

15:25 Q&A

Moderator Mr Keizo YAMAWAKI,

Professor, School of Global Japanese Studies, Meiji Univ.

【Part 3】

15:50 Panel Discussion

Moderator :

Mr Keizo YAMAWAKI

Professor, School of Global Japanese Studies, Meiji Univ.

Panelists :

Mr Hiroki FURUHASHI, Assistant Director, International
Affairs Division, Planning and Coordinating Department,
Hamamatsu City

Mr Shun Wai TAN, Chief, International Exchange
Promotion Section, Human Rights and Urban Planning Division,
Soja City, Okayama Prefecture

Ms Masumi YOKOCHI, Multicultural Affairs Promotion
Director and Regional Diplomacy Bureau Director, Shizuoka
Prefecture

Mr Kazuhiro HYAKUTAKE, Director of the Department
of Multiculturalism Promotion, CLAIR

16:55 Closing Remarks

Mr Keiichi IWAMOTO, Assistant Minister/Director-
General, Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

【REGISTRATION】

To attend this forum, please register at the following webpage

<https://ws.formzu.net/fgen/S684668965/>

The deadline for registration for participation at the venue is 5 February. There will be a lottery if the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the venue (max 20).

Online participation has no limit, but advance registration before the inception of the forum is required.

※ Personal data submitted to the secretariat will be handled appropriately and used exclusively for the purpose of the management of the forum.

※ If you do not receive an automatic reply after your registration, please contact the secretariat through the following email address.

For further inquiries : intl-forumfy2024_registration@omc.co.jp

