

**FY2021 INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON
ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO JAPAN:
“Healthcare and Foreign Residents in Japan”**



Time and Date

Wednesday, 2nd March 2022, hours:13:00-17:00

Web meeting

Zoom webinar (Advanced registration is required)

Host Organizations

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

Support Organizations

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) of Japan,
Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)

Since 2005, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Organization for Migration have held international forums to introduce good practices and agenda in initiatives to deepen understanding the issues regarding integration of foreign nationals among Japanese society.

As of the end of June 2021, the number of foreign residents in Japan amounts about 2.82 million. Due to differences in language and customs, some foreign residents in Japan face obstacles in their lives, such as not being able to understand guidance from municipalities on necessary information for daily life, inability to receive support information, and not being able to visit medical institutions properly. In addition, the lingering outbreak of novel coronavirus diseases (COVID-19) has given various problems to people's life.

At this 17th forum, we will discuss mainly healthcare access, which is particularly needed amid the widespread COVID-19. Under the overall theme of "Healthcare and Foreign Residents in Japan", focusing on utilization of medical interpreters, the forum will invite experts from Japan and abroad to provide opportunities to share their views and good practices, as well as discussions by panelists.

We are sincerely hoping for your participation.

Program *English - Japanese simultaneous interpretation provided (TBD)*

[Part 1]

13:00 Introduction to Forum Proceedings

13:05 Opening Remarks by

Ms. Takako SUZUKI, State Minister for Foreign Affairs

13:10 Keynote Speech by

Mr. António VITORINO, Director General of International Organization for Migration

13:25 Presentation by

Dr. Kazunori UMEKI, MD, Director, Office for Global Strategy of Medical Service and Health Industry, Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

13:45 Break

[Part 2] Presentation of Good Practices

14:00

Ms. Barbara LUISI, Director, Diversity Programs & Strategy Hub, Population Health, Sydney Local Health District

14:20

Dr. Shigeru TOMITA, MD PhD MPH, Takadanobaba Sakura Clinic director

14:35

Ms. BUI Thi Hong Nhung, Vietnamese interpreter and translator, Multi Language Center FACIL

14:50 Q&A Session

15:00 Break

[Part 3]

15:15 Panel Discussion

Theme: Healthcare Access for Foreign Residents - Focusing on the Use of Medical Interpreters

Moderator;

Mr. Keizo YAMAWAKI, Professor, School of Global Japanese Studies, Meiji University

Panelists;

Ms. Yayoi IWAMOTO, Board Member, interpreter coordinator, Portuguese interpreter, Multi-language Information Center Kanagawa (MIC Kanagawa)

Mr. Cesar CABREJOS, Director of Cultural Diversity, Language One Corporation

Dr. Yoneyuki KOBAYASHI, MD, Director of Kobayashi International Clinic, a medical corporation

Ms. Akane FUTAMI, National Institute of Infectious Diseases Field Epidemiology Training Program Japan (FETP-J)

16:55 Closing Remarks by

Mr. Toshihide ANDO, Director-General of the Consular Affairs Bureau, MOFA

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- **Advanced registration is required for attending the forum.**

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- Personal data submitted to the secretariat will be properly administered and used exclusively for the purpose of the management of the forum.

- If you do not receive an automatic reply after applying, please contact the following.

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