

# For the parents of children with foreign nationality

## SCHOOL ADMISSION GUIDE FOR FOREIGN CHILDREN

### Admission Procedures to Japanese Schools

#### About Elementary and Junior High Schools (shougako, chugako).

Japanese children must attend compulsory education for 6 years of elementary school ( from 6 ~12 years old) and 3 years of junior high school ( from 12 ~15 years old).

Foreign children also can attend elementary or junior high school if desired.

Education is very important matter for the future of the children.

Don't you want your child (children) study at the Japanese school and learn customs along with Japanese children?

#### ■ About the academic year in Japan

The academic year in Japan, starts April 1<sup>st</sup> and ends March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The grade is determined by the age of the children.

Children who were born between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year, will belong to the same grade.

Children will be admitted in the grade which correspond to their age.

#### ■ About school fees, texts and school lunch charges

School fee and texts are free of charge.

The charge of school lunch and other school materials except the school texts should be paid every month. (Elementary school 5.000 yen and Junior High e school 10.000 yen).

Persons with economic difficulties who can not pay school lunch, etc. can apply for school financial aid.

Please consult at City Hall, to Education Division. (Not all persons will receive this aid).

#### ■ About school entrance procedures

- ① Come to the City Hall, Education Division (2 Floor, South Building) bringing your child Alien registration and apply for the entrance to elementary or junior high school.
- ② After finishing the procedure, go to the school which your child was admitted.

Note:

- ◆ You can not choose the school. It is determined by your address.
- ◆ The grade is determined by the age of the child

- If the child does not understand Japanese or does not know about the Japanese schools system, there is a class they can attend (Nijikko Kyoushitsu).

### 『Nijikko Kyoushitsu』

In case the children who are admitted to Municipal elementary or Junior high schools do not understand Japanese, can learn at Nijikko Kyoushitsu for approximately 3 months and concentrate to learn daily conversation, hiragana, katakana, Japanese schools rules and customs.  
(After finishing this class, the children will attend the school who was admitted)

\*more details in the education Division

### ■ Request from School

- In case of absence or be delayed at school, please always inform to school.
- Can not wear manicure, earrings, make up
- Can not bring food to school...
- In case of any problem or doubts please consult the teacher.

### ■ Others

**Consult more details at Education and Science Ministry home page, available in 7 languages.**

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