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What do you need to do when starting a new life ?

People who move, whether it be by starting to live in Nagasaki Prefecture, or by leaving Nagasaki Prefecture, need to follow various procedures related to their daily lives. Using the following as a reference, make sure you follow all the necessary procedures!

<p>Moving</p> 	<p>If you are moving, you must notify the city office. Take your residence card (or passport if you don't have one) along with the notification documents to the city office to register your new address.</p> <p>① <u>When either moving to Nagasaki Prefecture, moving to another city/town in Nagasaki Prefecture, or moving outside of Nagasaki Prefecture:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before moving: submit a moving-out notification to the city/town you lived in until now • After moving: submit a moving-in notification to the new city/town you will be living in within 14 days of moving <p>② <u>When moving within the same city/town in Nagasaki Prefecture:</u> Submit a change of address notification to the city/town you live in, within 14 days of moving</p> <p>③ <u>When moving overseas:</u> Submit a moving-out notification to the city/town you currently live in, before moving</p>	
<p>Electricity, Gas and Water</p> 	<p><u>When you start use:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Decide the first day of use ② Apply to the electricity and gas company of your place of residence by phone or internet (for water supply, apply to the department in charge of water supply in your city/town or to the water service company) <p>★ On the first day of using the electricity, turn the breaker switch on before using.</p>	<p><u>When you stop use:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Decide the last date of use ② Send a termination of contract request to the electricity and gas company of your residence by phone or internet (for water supply, submit to the department in charge of water supply in your city/town or to the water service company)
<p>Bank</p> 	<p><u>When you open a bank account:</u> Go to the bank with your residence card, personal seal (some banks accept signatures), and employee or student ID card. (Depending on the bank, you may also be able to apply by mail, smartphone, computer, etc.)</p> <p>★ If you have any changes to your address, period of stay, residence status, or job, you need to contact the bank where you opened your account.</p>	<p><u>When you close your bank account:</u> If you no longer wish to use your bank account, please apply to have your contact terminated at the bank.</p> <p>★ You must not give your bank account, cash card or bankbook to another person. This is a crime.</p>



I have been appointed counselor at the Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Centre for Foreign People!

Selamat pagi! ("Hello" in Malaysian)

I started working at the Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Centre for Foreign People in January 2023. My name is Yasuhiko Matsushima. I would like to utilize all of the experiences I have gathered so far to support foreigners living in Nagasaki, so that they can live without any worries. I look forward to meeting you all.

I was active in Malaysia as a JICA senior specialist!

For two years from 1995 to 1997, I provided technical support to the Malaysian Department of Social Welfare in the field of welfare for the elderly. The objective of the support was to establish a welfare system for the elderly so that Malaysia can become a developed country. The Malaysian Department of Social Welfare was working on creating nursing homes in the country. My role was to introduce the Japanese welfare system and to help social welfare workers acquire skills in care. I also had the important duty of visiting nursing homes in each state of the country to propose better measures for improvement.

At the time, I was commuting to the Department of Social Welfare in Kuala Lumpur. What I enjoyed most there was the cheap and delicious everyday food. Malaysia is a multi-ethnic country, with Malays, Chinese and Indians living there. Each ethnic group has its own cheap and delicious cuisine. Nasi lemak (coconut milk rice), meat bone tea (rice with pork stewed in medicinal soup), roti canai (Indian bread with curry sauce), etc. In addition to cheap and delicious everyday food, Malaysia also has many attractive sites along the sea and the mountains, so if you have the opportunity to do so, why not go visit there?



Visiting welfare facilities for the elderly



With everyone from the Social Welfare Department



Nasi lemak (coconut milk rice)

What kind of consultation center is the Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Centre for Foreign People?

We provide consultation services in 22 languages so that foreigners living in Nagasaki Prefecture can live comfortably and safely. You can consult with us by phone, email, or in person about any problems regarding residence status, work, medical care, welfare, lifestyle, etc. Consultations are free of charge.

Consultation Methods

- Consultation in person / Within the Nagasaki International Association (Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)
- Consultation by phone / 095-820-3377
- Consultation by e-mail / soudan@nia.or.jp

Consultation hours

Monday to Saturday (9:00am to 5:00pm)

*Closed on Sundays, public holidays, and from December 29th to January 3rd

Expert Consultation Session for Foreign People

- Date & Time: The 4th Saturday of every month (1:30pm to 4:30pm)
(This schedule is subject to change, so please check our website or Facebook page for any updates.)
- Location: Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People (Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)
- TEL: 095-820-3377

Let's compare! China and Japan



Miss Shizuka

“你好！(Ni hao)” my name is Shizuka. I am from China, and I am currently studying Japanese at Kwassui Women's University. After learning Japanese for about 2 and a half years in China, I arrived in Japan in 2018. My goal for the future is to work in Japan, but I am still figuring out all the possibilities! Today, I would like to talk about the ways I feel Japan and China differ from each other, from various perspectives.



What kind of people are Chinese people?

In Japanese society, people who value teamwork, are considerate of others, and are able to fit in well with others are praised. In contrast to Japan, in Chinese society, people who exhibit individuality and adaptability are praised, and those who conform with others are considered “not capable”. During an online class, a discussion that left a lasting impression on me was how most of the resumes of Chinese students showcase their abilities and qualifications, whereas most of the resumes of Japanese students show “what kind of person they are” through self-analysis. Additionally, I think a lot of Japanese people think about the worst possible outcome before doing something. I believe the national characteristic of Chinese people is to think “I'll have a go!”, even if they don't know what the outcome will be.



Mysterious Japanese language...

I was taught that the Japanese word “sayonara”(goodbye) is the greeting used when parting from someone, but I have never seen it used in daily life. However, at school, the teacher will say “sayonara” to the students after the class has ended. Additionally, in the Japanese workplace, when you meet someone for the first time that day, even if it is at night, you will say “ohayogozaimasu”(good morning). This is a unique and interesting feature of the Japanese language! Another characteristic of the Japanese language is how the written and spoken forms of the language are separated. Usually at school I study formal (written) Japanese, and so there are many occasions in which I end up using formal Japanese when speaking, and if I am speaking to someone I don't know very well, they will say “I don't understand your Japanese”. In China, there is also written Chinese and spoken Chinese, but the two forms are not as distinctly separated as they are in Japan.



Differences between Japan and China

In Japan, most university students live alone, but in China, it is normal for university students to live in a dormitory. There are bunkbeds in the rooms, with 4 to 6 people staying in each room. Therefore, the rent does not cost much money. Additionally, when not in class, most university students in Japan spend their free time working a part-time job. However, in China, most university students spend their free time playing with their friends or studying. It made me think that even university students differ depending on the country. Also, in Nagasaki I came across second-hand clothes for the first time, and I occasionally buy them. In China there isn't really such a culture of buying and wearing second-hand clothes (clothes that someone else has once worn). Everyone buys brand new clothes. I think second-hand clothes is a culture unique to Japan. One more thing I was surprised about when I just arrived in Japan was that cup noodles in Japan don't come with a fork inside. In China, when you remove the lid from cup noodles, there will be a fork inside. In Japan, if you forget to ask for a fork at the cash register, then you won't be able to eat the cup noodles outside!

Everyone, thank you for reading all the way to the end! “謝謝！(Xie xie!)”



Flower viewing locations within Nagasaki Prefecture

<Cherry blossoms>

Best viewing period: late March to early April

●Kazagashira Park

3-510-6 Irabayashi, Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture

●Tateyama Park

5-175 Tateyama, Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture

●Omura Park

1-43 Kushima, Omura City, Nagasaki Prefecture

●Saikaibashi Park

2678 Hariohigashimachi, Sasebo City, Nagasaki Prefecture

<Azaleas> Best viewing period: mid-April

●Nagushiyama Park

174-12 Shikamachicho Nagushi, Sasebo City, Nagasaki Prefecture

●Isahaya Park

772 Takashiromachi, Isahaya City, Nagasaki Prefecture

<Wisterias> Best viewing period: mid-April to early May

●Fujiyama Shrine

122-5 Kofuncho, Sasebo City, Nagasaki Prefecture

<Rape blossoms>

Best viewing period: late March to early April

●Shirakimine Plateau

828-1 Shirakimine-machi, Isahaya City, Nagasaki Prefecture

●Gyogasaki Park

1281-1 Kishikumachi Kishiku, Goto City, Nagasaki Prefecture

●Shimabara Hibaruyama Flower Park

1464-2 Kamiorihashimachi, Shimabara City, Nagasaki Prefecture



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Japanese Cultural Experience Class ~Let's make an origami brooch!~

Residents in Nagasaki prefecture, why not enjoy Japanese culture together?

We'll learn how to make an origami brooch. We're looking forward to your application!

<Date & Time> Sat., March 25th 2023, 1:30PM to 3:30PM

<Place> Nagasaki International Association

(Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)

<Fee> Free

<Participants> Foreign Residents and Japanese Residents in Nagasaki prefecture

<Number of participants> Up to 20 people

<How to apply> Please use the QR code and fill out the application form or send an email to nia@nia.or.jp with the following

■Subject : Make an origami brooch

■Include your name, telephone number (if applicable), email address, nationality, affiliation and language(s) you



Scan the QR code to apply for the event!

Nagasaki International Association

We are open from Mon.-Fri. except public holidays. 9:00-17:30

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