

Holding of the 27th Nagasaki International Festival!



On Sunday the 14th of December 2025, the 27th Nagasaki International Festival was held at the Nagasaki Prefectural Office. There were around 2,300 visitors, and 30 organizations participated by running booths where they did things such as display examples of what their organization does, sell handmade goods, run experiences of tea ceremonies and kimono wearing, or even sell lunchboxes of foreign food and cooking. We also received cooperation from the Fukuoka Regional Immigration Services Bureau again this year, and they ran a booth that provided consultation to foreigners about matters such as visas and status of residence. A big thank you to everyone who came along on the day!



Nagasaki International Association

Address: 2-11 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City

TEL : 095-823-3931 Eメール : nia@nia.or.jp

Open Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Closed: Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays,

New Year's (29th of December – 3rd of January)



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Q&A: Health & Raising Children – Vaccination

What is vaccination?

Vaccination is the injection of a vaccine to build or strengthen the body's immune system. The main goal of vaccination is to prevent people from contracting an illness and getting others sick, ensuring that the illness doesn't spread through society. If a vaccinated person becomes ill with a disease they are vaccinated for, their symptoms may be lighter than those of an unvaccinated person. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

A Common Concern of Foreign Residents

(Source: CLAIR, “Commonly Asked Questions on Living in Japan”, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Website)



My child gets sick really easily and it worries me. I'd like to get them vaccinated but I'm not sure what to do.



Some of the illnesses that children get can be prevented with vaccination. The immunities a mother provides her children at birth naturally wears off after a few months to one year after birth. Immunizations help children build their own immune systems to help protect them from illnesses. As children grow up, they start to spend more time outside, so to prevent your child from getting sick and spreading it to others, make sure you get them vaccinated for as many illnesses as possible. By law, some vaccinations can be provided for free, these include the BCG (Tuberculosis), combined vaccination (diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio, Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)), and more. These vaccinations can be received at health care centers and designated medical institutions. It's important to monitor your child's condition when they get a vaccination, so please contact the health care center in advance and in addition to finding out about when and where your child can be vaccinated, also ask about things you should be mindful about before vaccination, and if there might be anything that will prevent your child from receiving a vaccination.

Due to the increase of foreign children residing in Japan, the **Public Foundation of Vaccination Research Center** provides free resources on their website. They are updated yearly, so please download and make use of them.

Search: “**Public Foundation of Vaccination Research Center**” → Foreign Language

Supported Languages: English, Korean, Filipino, Portuguese, Spanish, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Russian, Thai, Indonesian, Mongolian

Contents: Main Text & Screening Questionnaire - **Public Foundation of Vaccination Research Center**

<https://www.yoboseshu-rc.com/pages/8/>

Check the current state of spreading illness nationally and internationally.

**Infectious Disease Surveillance Center,
National Institute of Infectious Diseases
(IDSC, NIID)**

<https://id-info.jihs.go.jp/en/index.html>

Life Knowledge: 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!

■ Moving

If you are moving, you must notify your local municipal (city, town, etc.) office. Take your residence card (or passport if you don't have one) along with the notification documents to the office to register your new address.

① When either moving to Nagasaki Prefecture, moving to another city/town in Nagasaki Prefecture, or moving outside of Nagasaki Prefecture:

- 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.

② When moving within the same city/town in Nagasaki Prefecture:

Submit a change of address notification to the city/town you live in, within 14 days of moving.

③ When moving overseas:

Submit a moving-out notification to the city/town you currently live in, before moving.

■ Bank

When you open a bank account:



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.)

★ 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.

When you close your bank account:

If you no longer wish to use your bank account, please apply to have your contact terminated at the bank.

★ You must not give or sell your bank account, cash card or bankbook to anyone. It is a crime.

■ Electricity, Gas and Water



When you start use:

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).

★ On the first day of using the electricity, turn the breaker switch on before using.

When you stop use:

1. Decide the last date of use.
2. Send a termination of contract request to the electricity and gas company or companies 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).

Useful Information

If you require assistance or there's something you don't understand about life in Nagasaki or your status of residence, please reach out to the **Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People!**

The **Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People** offers services to foreigners who live in Nagasaki Prefecture, providing them with a point of contact they may use when they require assistance. Consultation can take place over the phone, or you may visit for in-person consultation. Interpretation is offered the phone, allowing for consultation in 22 different languages.

Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People

Consultation regarding: **Status of Residence, Childbirth, Welfare, etc.**

Location: 2-11 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City

TEL : 095-820-3377 Email : soudan@nia.or.jp

Open Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

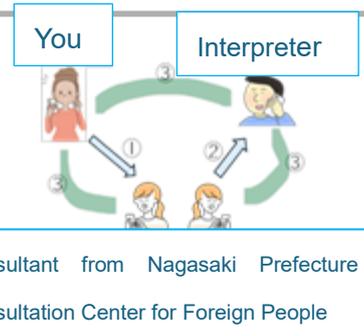
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English, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Malay, Burmese, Khmer (Cambodian), Mongolian, Sinhala, Hindi, Bengali, Urdu

1. Call the Consultation Center for Foreign People.
2. The consultant who answers will bring an interpreter into the call.
3. You will now be able to speak with the consultant with the assistance of an interpreter.

It may take a little time before the interpreter is brought into the call. Please wait patiently and refrain from hanging up.



Specialist consultation regarding change of status of residence and administrative procedures.

On the 4th Saturday of every month, you will have the opportunity to consult specialists regarding status of residence and other administrative procedures. Those with a reservation will be prioritized. Please make sure to call and make a reservation.

Time: 1:30p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 095-820-3377
Location: 2-11 Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City

Details can be confirmed here:



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Free Multilingual Books to Help Foreigners!

There are three types of books available for free, each available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

※ Please check our website for more details about these books.



Free Multilingual Books to Help Foreigners!

- ★ "A Guidebook for Living in Nagasaki Prefecture"
- ★ "Things You Need to Know Before Disaster Strikes!!"
- ★ "Guide for Using Medical Institutions"

Seeking: Foreign Volunteer for Business Support

We are looking for someone to volunteer to help our business activities from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Friday and Monday every week. Tasks are simple and include making copies of newspapers, folding leaflets and more, all while interacting with Japanese volunteers. To cover transport costs, we will provide 1,000 yen for each visit, paid in the following month. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you're interested in volunteering!