

To International Students and Researchers

New Immigration Control Act becomes effective on July 9

Accompanying the enforcement of the new immigration control act, new residency management system will be introduced on July 9, 2012. Since this change associates directly with your immigration management in Japan, please be well informed of the following.

1. Introduction of “Resident Card” system

Foreign nationals who enter Japan on and after July 9, 2012 with a new mid/long term visa will be issued a “Resident Card (*Zairyu* card)”. If you already have the Foreign Resident Registration card, your card will be deemed equivalent to the Resident Card until the expiration of your resident status (visa).

2. Introduction of “Resident Registration”

“Foreign Resident Registration system” will be discontinued on July 8. Instead, the “Resident Registration”, the same resident management system as Japanese nationals is required for mid/long term foreign residents. If you are already in Japan and have done Foreign Resident Registration, the information will be transferred to the Resident Registration system.

City of Chiba is sending out the confirmation regarding this transition to all eligible foreign nationals by post. If you do not receive the confirmation by the mid June, contact your local city/ward office or ISD.

3. Modification on re-entry permit system

After July 9, 2012, the re-entry permit will no longer be required if you come back to Japan within a year or by the expiration of your resident status (visa) whichever comes first.

Visit the website of the Ministry of Justice for detailed information.

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/en/index.html

You can also scan the image below for the information from your mobile devices.



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