

Newsletter

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Hello, this is ISD. This is a monthly newsletter that provides useful information and updates on recent events for international students.

Registration for Scholarships from Private Foundations Deadline is TODAY !

Students who wish to apply for Scholarship must register. You can register by Moodle, here's how $\rightarrow 05$ _Moodle2025 登録画面の説明.pdf (chiba-u.ac.jp)

1st International Student Opinion Exchange

On March 3, 2025, the first International Student Exchange Meeting was held with the aim of promoting the recruitment of international students and improving student services. Eight international students from various countries enrolled in graduate school and about twenty faculty and staff members involved in international student support participated. Participants shared their thoughts and opinions on a wide range of topics, including why they chose Chiba University, their research, daily life, and job-hunting experiences. See article from University website: <u>The First International Student Opinion Exchange Meeting Hosted by Center for International Education</u> (Chiba University (chiba-u.jp)

On-Line Job Hunting Guidance for international students (by Career Support Division)

Job hunting in Japan is very different from that in Western countries and is conducted under unique rules. The purpose of this guidance is to help you understand these points so that you can navigate yourself smoothly through the job hunting process in Japan. Whether you are hoping to find a job in Japan or are currently considering it, feel free to participate, it is for students of all grades. Reservation not required.

- 1. Job hunting schedule in Japan
- 2. Differences between "internships" in Japan and overseas
- 3. What Japanese companies look for in international students

See flyer from ISD website→ International Support Desk, Chiba University (chiba-u.ac.jp)

How To Find A Hospital

It can be exhausting to adjust to a new environment and new school term. Here is a website introduced by the Japan Tourism Agency where you can search for hospitals that offer services in foreign languages:

https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/eng/mi_guide.html

There is also a guide on how to visit medical institutions:

https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/jpn/support.html

**Don't forget to bring your National Health Insurance card when visiting a hospital.

Did you apply for National Health Insurance reduction?

In Chiba City, new payment slips for insurance premiums are sent out every June. The premiums are determined based on the previous year's income, so applying for a reduction may lower your costs. If you haven't completed the procedure yet, the "Income Declaration Form for National Health Insurance Premiums" is available at ISD. Please fill it out and submit it to the ward office (scholarships are not considered income). If you applied for National Health Insurance for the <u>first</u> time this year, you should complete the next reduction procedure after January next year.

Notice from the Immigration Services Agency

Due to maintenance work, the Immigration Services Agency's email distribution service will be temporarily suspended for about one month starting April 1, 2025. During this period, new registrations, changes, and cancellations of registration information will not be possible, and emails notifying you of your residence expiration date will not be sent.



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