Chiba Prefecture Multicultural Coexistence Promotion Plan 【Summary】

Purpose

- The need to create a society accommodating different cultures has increased in the era of economic and societal globalization and the number of foreigners increasing.
- Up until now, the Prefecture has focused on supporting foreign residents in their daily lives, but from now on will shift its focus to promoting both foreign and Japanese residents of the Prefecture to work with and assist each other.
- The Multicultural Coexistence measures will be readjusted based on the above goals in order to maintain the Prefecture's vitality as well as contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.
- The philosophy of and trends related to multicultural coexistence will be shared among all relevant bodies and the realization of said philosophy will be mapped out.

Plan Time Period

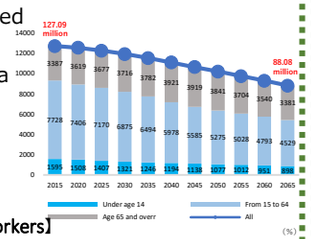
2020-2022 (3 years)

Background

●Social Circumstances Surrounding to Multicultural Coexistence

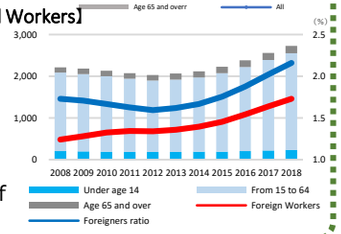
【Progression of Declining Birthrate and Aging Population】

Japan's population is projected to decrease to below 100 million by 2053, making for a total of approximately 88.08 million by 2065.



【Increase of Foreign Residents and Workers】

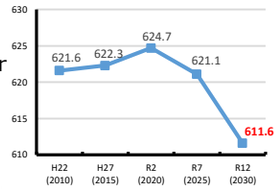
The number of foreign residents totaled to approximately 2.73 million people, with 1.46 million being workers, making up about 2.2% of Japan's total population.



●The Situation in Chiba

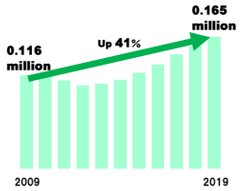
【Progression of Declining Birthrate and Aging Population】

Chiba's population will decrease to 6.11 million by 2030, with the number of elderly people increasing and the number of people of working age decreasing.



【The Increase of Foreigners】

The number of foreigners in the Prefecture was approximately 165,000 in 2019, up 41% from 10 years prior.



【By Municipality】

Chiba, Funabashi, Ichikawa, Matsudo, Kashiwa make up for 55.7% of the foreign residents, with most residing in the northwest area of the Prefecture.

【By Country/Region】

Chinese make up 33.5%, with Vietnamese, Filipinos, Korean, Nepalese, etc. following.

【By Visa Type】

Increase in permanent/long term residents. Number of students/technical interns has also multiplied in 5 years

【By Age】

Aged 20s/30s comparatively high

【Number of Foreign Workers】

Increasing for 7 years in a row, with the number multiplying 2.5 times since 2013.

Issues・Basic Goal・Policy Goals・Policy System

Issues

Issues① : Interaction with Localities

Due to the lack of opportunities to participate in exchanges with the community, isolation and problems due to language barriers/cultural differences are arising with Japanese residents.

Issues② : Necessary Japanese for Daily Life

Due to not having sufficient Japanese communication skills, foreign residents are having problems expressing their thoughts in various aspects of daily life.

Issues③ : Information about the System and Lifestyle

Due to not having sufficient access to information about life in Japan, problems are occurring in their daily lives.

Basic Goal

Creating a Prefecture where foreign and Japanese residents of different languages, cultures, and customs can come together to assist each other and live and work in peace and play an active part in one community.

Policy Goals

Policy Goals Ⅰ

Creating a Prefecture where foreign and Japanese residents can come together to live and play an active part in one community.

Policy Goals Ⅱ

Creating a Prefecture where foreign residents can live and work in peace

Policy System

1. Raise awareness of Multicultural Coexistence

- Implement Education Measures to Promote Mutual Understanding
- Education regarding the human rights of foreign residents
- Promotion of homestays and other international exchanges

2. Create an opportunity for foreign residents to play an active part in the Prefecture

- Create chances for foreign and Japanese residents to work together
- Train foreign residents as upholders of society
- Support information broadcasts by foreign resident

1. Communication support

- Multilingual support for administrative consultation desks /multilingual Information broadcasts
- Support in improving Japanese language education in the community

2. Improving children's educational environment

- Maintaining/ improving education system for foreign students
- Development/ preservation of educators
- Promotion of school attendance /career support etc.

3. Improve housing, medical care, health/ welfare

- Maintain living environment
- Maintain medical environment
- Support for health/welfare

4. Promotion of disaster/crime prevention and traffic safety measures

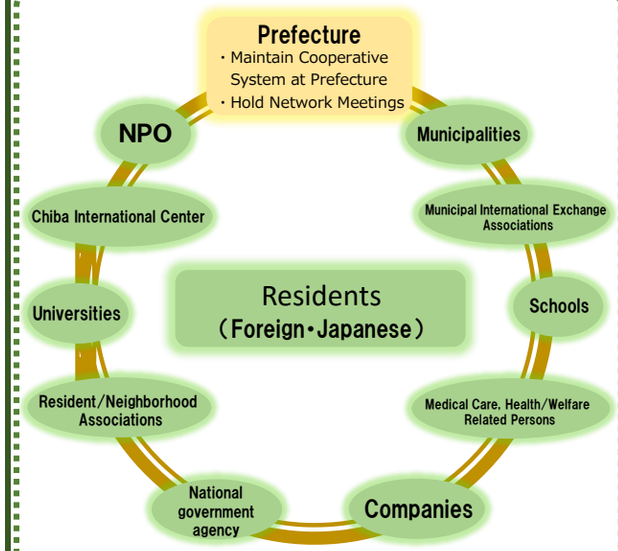
- Broadcast disaster information in multiple language /create a system to support disaster victims
- Raise awareness of crime prevention and traffic safety

5. Promotion of employment

- Support for foreign students' employment
- Maintain fair working environment

Promotion System/Progress Management

●Promotion System



- Related bodies will work actively and in a coordinated fashion with Prefecture citizens in the interest of multicultural coexistence
- Make the role of prominent related bodies clearer

●Progress Management

- Manage progress with the cooperation of different departments at the Prefecture
- Reevaluate initiative and make necessary changes, adjusting to societal attitude changes and national trends