

KAWARABAN

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◆ Programs and Services Offered by MIA ◆

Here at MIA, we provide various support for foreign residents living in Miyagi Prefecture. In this issue of Kawaraban, we will introduce the different types of assistance offered by MIA.

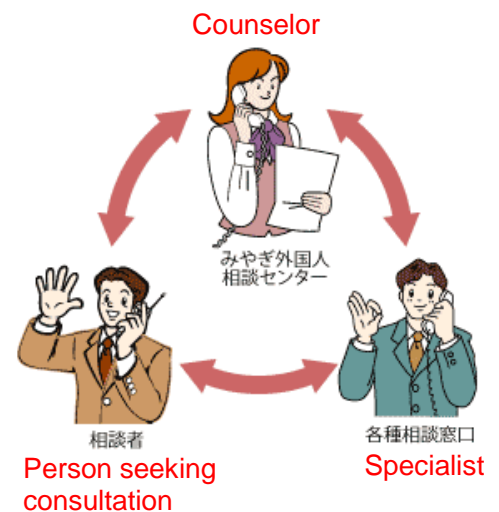
① Miyagi Support Center for Foreign Nationals

MIA offers multilingual consultation for various troubles and issues you may encounter in daily life, so please do not hesitate to contact us if there is something troubling you. The consultation hours are listed below.

TEL : 022-275-9990

Japanese, English: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

A 3-way telephone support service allows the caller to seek help from a specialist with the call being interpreted by a counselor at MIA.



② Living Guidebook for Foreign Residents in Miyagi

Provides various information related to life in Miyagi for foreign residents in English, Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese. Available for download from the MIA website.

③ MIA Japanese Language Courses

MIA regularly offers Japanese language courses, including Elementary 1 and 2 (4 times a week, 60 lessons total), Intermediate (2 times a week, 30 lessons total), Kanji 1 and 2 (once a week, 18 lessons total), and Night Elementary 1 and 2 (once a week, 20 lessons total). The first term is from April to September, and the second term is from October to February. Come learn Japanese in a fun environment from certified Japanese language teachers!

④ MIA Japanese Language Tutors

MIA works to introduce volunteer tutors to those who want to study Japanese. You can study at a time and place that is convenient for you.

⑤ Dispatch of Volunteer Interpreters

MIA organizes the dispatch of volunteer interpreters based on requests from hospitals, public health centers, government agencies, etc. Interpreters are available for over 20 languages.

⑥ Support Center for Children of Foreign Nationals

MIA dispatches personnel to help children who have transferred to an elementary or junior high school within Miyagi Prefecture and require assistance with interpreting and/or Japanese language instruction.

⑦ Emergency Cash Loans for Self-Supporting Foreign Students

MIA offers no-interest loans of up to 200,000 JPY for self-supporting foreign exchange students who are studying at a university or junior college in Miyagi Prefecture. Those who are interested should inquire at their university or educational institution.

⑧ “Experience the Heart of Miyagi” Program (“Furusato Fureai”)

A program that allows participants to become familiar with Miyagi by participating in various festivals and exchange events held by municipalities within the prefecture as well as homestay arrangements. Applications usually go up at the end of July – please check the MIA website for updates.

The following two programs are ones we would like to ask for your participation in:

⑨ Dispatch of Volunteer Interpreters

Would you like to enroll as a volunteer interpreter for the program described in section 5? The medical interpreting study group is held once a month (for each of the following languages: English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish), and a joint seminar is held once a year. You never know what other opportunities for interpreting and translation may come about!

⑩ Program to Support Education for International Understanding

A program aimed at furthering international understanding through speakers who visit elementary, junior high, and senior high schools and interact with children while presenting about their home country’s culture and its people. If you like children, take the opportunity to sign up for this program!

MIA’s contact information is as follows:

Miyagi International Association

Miyagiken Sendai Godochosha Bldg. 7F

4-17 Tsutsumidori Amamiyamachi, Aoba-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi 981-0914

TEL : 022-275-3796 E-mail : mail@mia-miyagi.jp

Consider becoming a supporting member (annual fee of 3,000 JPY for individuals and 10,000 JPY for groups) if you would like to support these and other activities by the Miyagi International Association.

My Number System

In October of this year or later, a notification card containing a 12-digit Individual Number (“My Number”) will be delivered to you through mail. Starting next January, this number will be required for any procedures related to social welfare (national pension, unemployment and medical insurance, welfare benefits), taxes, etc. Please refer to the links below for more information.

★Japanese

http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/download/20150522_kaiset.pdf

★English

<http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/english.html>

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