

Kofu City Multicultural Symbiosis Plan 2021

5-year plan (2021-2026)

What is Multicultural symbiosis?



It means that people with different nationalities and ethnicities live together as members of communities—while recognizing cultural differences between others and building equal relationships



What is the population of international residents in Kofu?



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Kofu City has population of 6,654 international residents. (3.5% out of total population of 185,651) (As of April 1, 2023)

Others
30%

China
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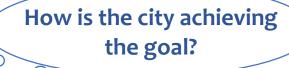
India
4%
The
Philippines South
8%
Korea
15%
13%

Top 5 populous foreign nationalities in Kofu

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1 China	2,028
2 Vietnam	1,001
3 South Korea	923
4 The Philippines	550
5 India	288

Recently, the number of Vietnamese nationals has been increasing







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The city has 4 action plans to achieve the goal

Creating a safe and secure society

- Translating everyday information such as raising children, a health insurance, medical treatment, infection and natural disasters into foreign languages and simple Japanese.
- Aiming to create **friendly atmosphere** for international residents to consult their issues.

Creating multicultural symbiosis communities in cooperation with all nationals in the city

- Aiming to help both Japanese and international residents create communities, in which respect towards people with different cultural backgrounds is paid.
- Helping international residents learn Japanese language.

Promoting globalization

- Promoting international interactions between our sister-cities and cultural interactions among the residents. We also aim to nurture citizens with rich international sensitivities.
- Disseminating travel information and displaying city information in foreign languages and simple Japanese.

Implementation of a sustainable society for international human resources

- Making the city more dynamic, allowing international citizens to play active roles in the community.
- Supporting international citizens, such as international students, to live and work in the community.



Here are main programs which the city promotes to create a comfortable society for all residents!

Citizen-friendly and informative City Hall



Foreign language speaking staff members and wide range of brochures in foreign languages are available in Kofu City Hall

- Kofu City living guidebook for international residents
- Garbage sorting & disposal guide
- Disaster prevention manual
- Disaster preparedness notebook
- Flood hazard map
- Helpful apps and webs to survive during a disaster
- Invitation to a self-government association
- Japanese language classes & Multicultural chatting cafe
- Japanese language learning website
- Kofu city travel guidebook
- Kofu city guide map
- Helpline for foreign nationals
- If you have an overstay issue
- Foreign-language human rights helpline
- Foreign residents support center
- Letter to the Mayor









2 Japanese language classes & Multicultural chatting cafe



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Providing the international residents with Japanese language classes and cultural activities in cooperation with Yamanashi Prefectural University in order to overcome their language and cultural barriers and enhance their communication skills in Japanese language.









3 Multicultural Symbiosis Activities

"Simple Japanese language classes/ intercultural experience Salon" in Kofu City Hall















"Natural disaster preparedness lectures for international students"



山安県物産権基金

"Simple Japanese language classes" in Shinden district













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