## Start of a new residency management system!

From July 9th, the Foreign Resident Registration Law in Japan will be changed. The procedures performed until now will also change.

#### The Residential Registration Certificate will be issued to foreign residents

The inclusion of foreign residents makes it possible to both Japanese and foreign residents to obtain a copy of the Residential Registration Certificate, as well as for families composed for both Japanese and foreign members, it will be possible to issue just one single certificate.

# The "Alien Registration Card" [Gaikokujin Torokusho] will be replaced by the "Residence Card" [Zairyuu Kado]

The Alien Registration Card remains valid for a certain period of time. Please replace your card within the time specified below.

#### Residence Card [Zairyuu Kado] (Make a request at the Immigration Office)

| Permanent<br>Resident   | 16 years or older      | Until July 8, 2015   |
|---|------------------------|--|
|   | Less than 16 years old | Whichever comes earlier, July 8, 2015 or the individual's 16th birthday                              |
| People with status of residence other than permanent resident | 16 years or older      | The expiration date of the period of stay  |
|   | Less than 16 years old | Whichever come earlier, the expiration date of the period of stay, or the individual's 16th birthday |

#### Procedures at the Immigration Bureau and City Hall will be changed

#### Change of Address

When you change address, you must apply for a [Tenshutsu Shomeisho] (Notification of moving out) in the city you used to live and submit this document to your new local government when you move in.

#### Notification of change of residence status and others

Foreign residents must file at the Immigration Bureau a notification of change of residence status, full name, nationality, period of stay and other items recorded on the Residence Card.

For further information, please visit the following website:

- OThe Basic Resident Registration System
  - http://www.soumu.go.jp/main\_sosiki/jichi\_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu.html
- OThe immigration Office of the Ministry of Justice
  - http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact 1/en/index.html



## The Provisional Resident Record "仮住民票記載事項通知書" will be sent to you

Foreign residents who have been issued an Alien Registration Card will receive a Provisional Resident Record after May 7th, 2012. The Provisional Resident Record will be created based on the information listed on the Alien Registration Card. Please make sure to check all the details on your record, and in case of any errors or changes, notify the City Hall or any other General Branch Office.

On July 9th, the Provisional Resident Record becomes official.

### Foreign residents who are eligible for the Resident Record (Juminhyo)

Resident Records will be made for foreigners who have a fixed abode and residing for over a 3 month period in Japan, other than temporary visitors like tourists or people who are staying in Japan for a short-term.



People who meet the above-mentioned conditions and have not yet received the Provisional Resident Record until the end of May, please contact Tsu City Hall.