

➤ Basic Objective

Achieve a creative society based on multiculturalism

An environment in which Japanese and foreigners can deepen their understanding of each other and collaborate with empathy in creative endeavors is necessary. Each Yokohama ward office will partner in supporting the creation of such an environment.

➤ Policy Directions

Direction 1: Create opportunities for foreigners to be recognized and empowered

Goals

- For foreigners to be active in and contribute to a variety of fields in the city
- For Japanese residents to see this as a positive development
- To have many adults that children with foreign nationality can look up to

Policy Examples

- Improvement of the student exchange environment, support for foreigner employment and entrepreneurship
- Working on initiatives together with foreigners living in the area
- Having structures that capitalize on the variety of languages and cultures present
- Building a framework to draw attention to successful foreigners in the region
- Efforts to develop a society without prejudice that positively affirms its diversity

Direction 2: Improve hospitality so that anyone can live and work here

Goals

- To develop an environment where foreigners who work for large-scale sporting events and are staying in Japan for short periods of time can go about their lives easily. For these measures to become policies used to welcome foreign residents even after the sporting events are over.
- To have systems in place that fully support foreigners, including those on short stays, in case of emergencies
- To take into account the perspectives of foreigners when improving policies aimed at welcoming international residents

Policy Examples

- Improving disaster, medical and other emergency assistance services for foreigners
- Making signposts multilingual and enhancing information dissemination to foreigners
- Enhancing systems for providing information using means such as ICTs.
- Improving availability and access to public wireless LANs
- Further enhancing volunteer organizations such as those for interpreters.
- Discovering and sharing local appeal as seen through the eyes of foreigners

Direction 3: Expand connections to address the diverse issues foreigners face

Goals

- For various parties to cooperate and collaborate to thoroughly address the diverse issues foreigners and their families face as they increasingly settle in Japan
- For international children and their guardians to be receiving adequate counseling and educational support for their development as bearers of Yokohama's future
- For foreigners to be engaged in local activities and forming local connections

Policy Examples

- Providing age-appropriate support for children of other nationalities and their parents
- Offering assistance to foreign senior citizens or foreigners with disabilities.
- Supporting the connection of foreigners and their local communities
- Promoting cooperation with relevant agencies.
- Improving understanding of and research into actual conditions for foreigners