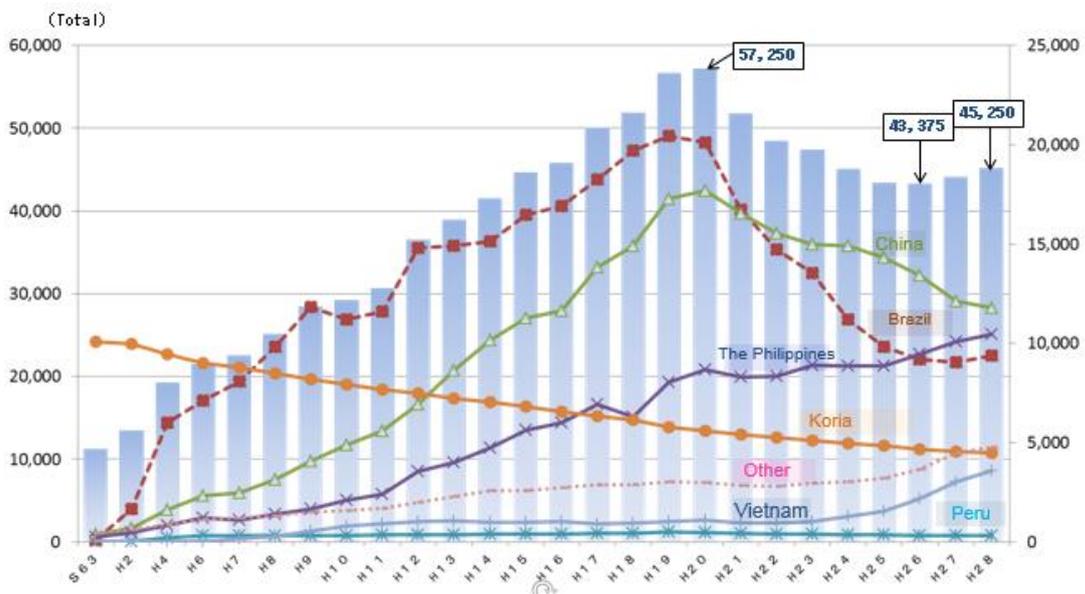


Outline of the Gifu Prefecture Multicultural Co-Existence Policy Promotion Guidelines

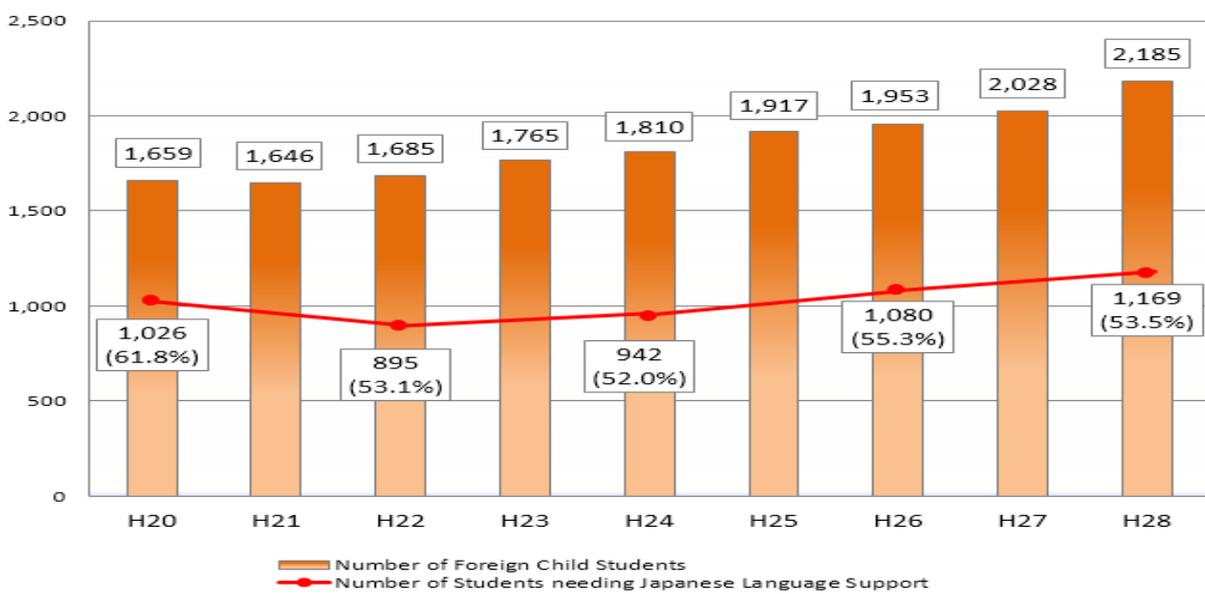
1 Reasons for Guidelines (e.g. Major Demographic Trends amongst Foreign Residents)

- The number of foreign residents is once again on the rise. (Increasing again in 2015.)
- Changes in the make-up of nationalities. (i.e. a reduction in Chinese & Brazilian residents and an increase in the number of residents from south-east Asian countries such as the Philippines.)



[Land of Clear Waters Policy Division Investigation/Ministry of Justice 「Total Foreign Residents」]

- An increase in the number of foreign residents attaining permanent residency
- An increase in the number of foreign children and children requiring Japanese language lessons.



[(Ministry of Science, Technology & Education 「Basic School Survey」 ・ 「Investigation into the state of Juvenile students entering the education system requiring Japanese language support」 / Prefectural Board of Education Investigation)]

- Foreigners falling victim to disasters such as the Kumamoto earthquake

- and the torrential rains in the Tohoku and Kanto regions (September 2015).
- Increasing need for foreigners in employment

2 Basic Aims and Future Course of Action

(Basic Aims)

To recognize foreign residents in Gifu prefecture as a part of our local society and aim towards the creation of a regional society in which multiple cultures can co-exist together and live happily and peacefully alongside each other while respecting differences in culture and values.

(Future Course of Action)

(1) 「The promotion of an environment in which everybody can participate」

Building on the increasing numbers of permanent residents and foreign school pupils, we will make initiatives toward the ‘**Development of an environment in which all can participate**’, recognizing the mid-long term importance of an environment in which foreign residents can integrate and flourish alongside Japanese as residents of the region.

(The provision of education for children)

- Support for foreign children to ensure they can enter into education as soon as they come to Japan
- Provision of extra teaching assistants and specialists in schools as required
- Promotion of non-governmental organizations and charities which provide educational support outside of school
- Provision of information about the Japanese education system, tuition fees & employment

(The promotion of an environment in which all can participate in regional society)

- Career information aimed at high-school students etc (e. g. internships).
- Information for companies aiming to employ foreigners and the matching of foreign students with companies.
- Promoting awareness of suitable employment etc.

(2) 「The creation of a safe and secure environment」

In accordance with the changes in nationality and the increasing elderly population caused by the continuing trend toward permanent residency, we are making initiatives to create a safe and secure environment, continuing to nurture support in the fields of healthcare and disaster-preparedness, amongst others.

(The strengthening of disaster-preparedness policies aimed at foreigners)

- Promotion of the training and guaranteeing of volunteer disaster interpreters, practice for the running of the Gifu Prefecture Multilingual Disaster-Support Centre, and the strengthening of municipal-level disaster-preparedness policies aimed at foreigners.
- Promoting the training of foreign disaster volunteers etc.

(Guaranteeing safety and security through medical provision)

- Preparation for accepting foreign patients at medical facilities and training and guaranteeing of medical interpreters.
- Promoting awareness towards the creation of healthy lifestyles for foreign residents.

(The provision of information and counseling services)

- Provision of counseling systems through counseling training for foreign residents.
- Promotion of the provision of information in multiple languages, such as childcare etc.

(3) 「The creation of a region of multicultural co-existence」

We will make initiatives to create a region of multicultural co-existence to encourage exchange in the region and promote awareness of multiculturalism to aim towards the realization of a multicultural society.

(Raising awareness of the development of a multicultural society)

- Support for initiatives to promote awareness of multicultural co-existence in the region and the dispatch of e. g. CIRs (Co-ordinators for International Relations) to schools etc.

(The development of policy measures based on feedback from foreign residents)

- Getting input on policy measures from the feedback of key people amongst foreign residents through consultations and opinion exchanges.