

Fire brigade members with foreign nationality are also very active!



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I want to become a fire brigade member that can communicate with foreigners in times of disaster. Everyday, I'm studying what I can do.

In my home country, volunteers are active when the professional firefighters cannot handle it. I think the fire brigade is an essential and important organization in Japan as well.

I always thought that only Japanese people could enter the fire brigade, but I entered when I found out foreigners could as well. I want to carry on training and try driving the fire truck and climbing the ladders.



Macario Sandy

I want to study more to help our region, in a brigade which is open to even those lacking confidence in Japanese.

I was living alone, unsure of even how to use the fire extinguisher, but when I saw the agile activities of the brigade I knew straight away I wanted to join.

It made me very happy when a young girl who was at our event said that she wanted to join the fire brigade after seeing our activities.

I'm still a little worried about my Japanese ability, but I want to go on playing an active role and learn everything I can!



Gifu City Fire Brigade

Branch Leader Hayashi Tomohito
Deputy Branch Leader Shimizu Masayuki
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We're looking for more diverse people to join a fire brigade which connects people across ages, occupations and nationalities.

Being in the fire brigade isn't just about training - you can interact with people from various regions and prepare for disasters together. Each new person entering the fire brigade is a breath of fresh air, and offers us a chance to look back to when we were beginners and also reevaluate our activities. How about joining us?



Minokamo City Fire Brigade

Section Leader Kato Yuko

Won't you help us to strengthen the city's preparations against disaster? We need your views as a foreign resident.

Fire brigade members of foreign nationalities are very important for foreign residents who may struggle with Japanese. For the sake of yourself, your family and your friends, think about joining the fire brigade and share your ideas to make the city more strongly prepared against fires & disasters.

Join the Fire Brigade!

The "fire brigade" exists to protect the local area's safety & security, as Japan has many natural disasters.



We're waiting for you all to join us in the fire brigade!

Conditions and procedures for joining the fire brigade are decided by each municipality, so please ask your local City, Town or Village Office, or your local Fire Station, if you are interested.

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Official Gifu Prefecture Disaster Prevention LINE Account

During disasters, you can check information such as river levels and evacuation statuses.



Please add us as a friend!
The QR code is here



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Train and learn about fire prevention and disaster prevention!



Work and contribute to your local area!



We have a role for everybody, regardless of sex or occupation!



Gifu Prefectural Government

check 1 Members of the fire brigade continually train and study fire prevention and disaster prevention in order to protect the safety & security of the local area.



During a Disaster



During Normal Times

check 2 The fire brigade is composed of members of the local community who normally work different jobs. As they are closely involved in the local area, there are opportunities to interact with lots of people.



Start-of-year Ceremony
At the beginning of the year, everybody related to the fire brigade is involved in a ceremony to mark the start of their work. The contents of the event vary by municipality, but typically include activities such as water hosing, parades & ladder climbing amongst others.

End-of-year Night Watch
Patrols are carried out throughout the night during the end-of-year period, when the air is dry and there are many people using heaters and fires.



Water Hosing



Ladder Climbing



End-of-year Night Watch

Fire Brigade Events



Lifesaving Training



Autumn Water Hosing Training



Technical Events



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Firefighting techniques refers to the basic techniques for using and handling equipment used in Japanese firefighting training. Large events are held on a municipal and/or prefectural level in order to improve the morale and technical ability of fire brigade members.

Preparations for Disasters in Japan

Self-Preservation
When a disaster occurs, one must first ensure one's own safety.

Cooperation
Everybody in the area and community then cooperates to help each other.

Official Assistance
There is help and support from official organizations such as municipalities & fire brigades, the Prefectural Government & police, and the self-defense forces.

The fire brigade is a firefighting institution established in each municipality. Yearly remuneration, working allowances and clothes & supplies required for activities are provided by the municipality. As volunteers from the local area, fire brigade members are extremely important for regional disaster prevention, with their intimate knowledge of the region.

check 3 Regardless of sex or nationality, or whether you're a student, the fire brigade needs your help!



Fire brigade members including university students & women are active in many different areas from first-aid classes to promotional activities. Fire brigade members from other countries are expected to provide evacuation instructions during disasters and interpret at evacuation sites.

Interviews with foreigners active as fire brigade members are here

