

Co-organized by National Institute of Population and Social Security Research - OECD
Symposium on Foreign Worker Policy of Japan

Aim

Currently, the number of foreign workers in Japan is 2,048,675, nearly three times as many as 10 years ago, and the rate of increase is rather accelerating at present as Japan enters a phase of full-scale population decline.

In response to this situation, the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have conducted a three-year joint study on Japan's foreign worker policies, starting in 2021, mainly from an international comparative perspective, and have now decided to hold a symposium to report the results.

The foreign worker policies covered in this study include a wide range of routes to work in Japan, including manual work such as technical intern and training (TITP) and specified skilled worker program (SSWP), advanced professional jobs such as "Engineers/Specialists in Humanities/ International Services (EHI)," and foreign students as a step in this direction. As a result, this report is the first comprehensive review of Japan's foreign worker policy by an international organization.

Through this symposium, we aim to deepen our understanding of our country's foreign worker policies.

Date & Time

Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:00-12:00

Location

Hibiya Sky Conference

11F Hibiya Fort Tower, 1-1-1 Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003, Japan

Timetable

10:00-10:15 Opening remarks by Yoshiki Takeuchi, Deputy Secretary General, OECD,
and High level official from Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

10:15-10:45 Report from the OECD on Japan's Labor Migration Policy

10:45-11:30 Panel Discussion

Moderator Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head, International Migration Division, OECD

Panelists Daisuke Wakisaka, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)

Hidekazu Oshita, Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Hajime Urushihara, Japanese Trade Union Confederation

Toshinori Kawaguchi, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Yu Korekawa, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research

11:30-12:00 Questions from the floor

12:00 Closing

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How to participate

In-person (venue) and online (webinar)

Simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation, online delivery (Webinar) available

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