

Foreigners Living in Kochi

Foreigners in Kochi come from over 70 different countries. A large number of them are Vietnamese, Chinese, Philippino, Korean, Indonesian, and American.

About 5,000 foreigners live in Kochi Prefecture.

The most common residence statuses are technical internship, permanent resident, specified skilled worker, student, and spouse.

Consultation Examples

Immigration Procedures

- I want to renew/change my status of residence
- I want to know more about the specified skilled worker residence status

Employment and Labor

- I want to consult on job searching
- I am having work problems

Social Insurance and Pension

- I want to join the National Health Insurance program
- I am returning to my country. Will I get my pension back?

Japanese Learning

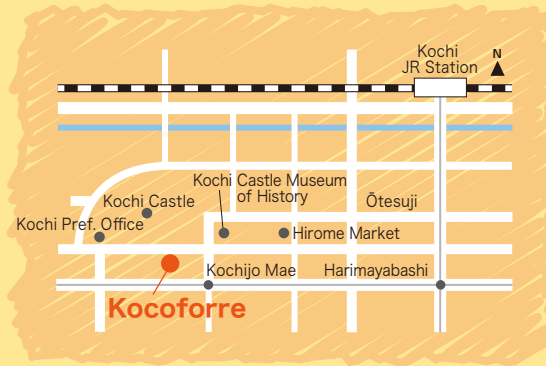
- Where can I study Japanese?
- I want to learn Kanji characters

Medical Care

- Is there a hospital that speaks my native language?
- I do not know how to fill in medical questionnaires.

Interpretation and Translation

- I do not understand the notice that I received from the municipal office
- I have trouble with transactions at reception counters



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- Closed On Sun, Holidays, Year-end and New Year Holidays

■ Operation Structure of Kocoforre

Operated by: Kochi International Association
 On behalf of: Kochi Prefectural Government
 With support from: Kocoforre's Management Council and its members' organizations



Kocoforre supports all people with foreign roots living in Kochi Prefecture!

Kocoforre Guide



Kochi International Association

Kochi Consultation Center for Foreign Residents

Kocoforre is the nickname for the Kochi Consultation Center for Foreign Residents



An indispensable support for foreigners in Kochi

Kocoforre



In May 2019, Kocoforre started its consultation service for people with foreign roots living in Kochi Prefecture. It provides advice on residence status, work, education, healthcare, welfare, childcare, housing, and many other daily life issues.



Please feel free to contact us

Consultation is available for foreign nationals and for Japanese people and businesses that involve foreign nationals. Consultations are free of charge. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Consultation Methods

In person, over the phone, website consultation form, email

Consultation Matters

Residence status, work, healthcare, marriage, divorce, interpretation, translation, social insurance, pension, tax, housing, driving license, childbirth, childcare, education, Japanese language study, disaster management, international exchange, etc.



Three-way telephone interpretation

Languages Supported

English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Tagalog, Nepali, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German, Russian, Malay, Khmer, Myanmar, Mongolian, Sinhalese, Hindi, Bengali

*Support for most languages will be provided through a three-way telephone interpretation service.

*English support will be provided directly by the staff of Kocoforre

*Chinese, Indonesian, and Vietnamese interpreters are available a day per week on average.

We hold general and specialized regional consultations

We regularly hold regional consultation events in various municipalities, including Kochi City, Shimanto City, Nankoku City, and Tosa city. At the consultation events, in addition to general consultations on daily life, we also provide specialized consultations, such as consultations with the Immigration Bureau on residence status and legal consultation with lawyers.



We are building a local support system for foreign residents with the help of volunteers

We send volunteers to help support foreign residents in the community. These "supporters" accompany foreign residents to places like the town hall to provide interpretation, and also provide through the running of Kocoforre events. Please register with us if you are interested in volunteering!



We provide information in multiple languages at our center, and share the latest updates on our website and instagram.

A range of materials translated into many different languages is available at our center. Our website and instagram also provides information that will be useful for your life in Japan.



Website

Latest information published in Japanese, simple Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, and Vietnamese.

Scan the QR code! →



(Japanese)



(English)



Instagram

Information about life in Japan, Kochi's nature, culture, and food are published in both regular and simple Japanese.



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