

Izumo City Multicultural Living Promotion Plan (Summary) 2016–2020 Fiscal Years

Multicultural Living: When people of different backgrounds, nationalities, and races are able to understand and recognize each other's differences while working together peacefully as productive members of the same society. (Excerpt from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Research Report, 2006)

Introduction

The population of foreigners in Izumo is rising rapidly. We would like for Japanese residents to offer a warm welcome to their new neighbors. Furthermore, the City will establish a foundation in cooperation with local communities that will allow Japanese and foreign residents to live together comfortably.

The Izumo City Multicultural Living Promotion Plan was created as a way to determine what policies would be effective towards helping Izumo develop as a multicultural community.

Background

So far, Izumo City has been working to internationalize by focusing solely on international exchange and international cooperation. However, in order for foreign residents to be able to live comfortably alongside their Japanese neighbors, the concept of "multicultural living" must be considered equally as important for further development.

Time Frame

The 2016–2020 fiscal years (5 years).

Respecting one another's race, nationality, and background while living together in a multicultural community

Izumo is a city with many foreign residents who speak various languages and have different cultures and values. The City will strive to develop a community in which cultural differences can be overcome through international exchange, international cooperation and multicultural living.

Goal

As we strive to build a multicultural community, we aim to increase the number of long-term (five years or more) foreign residents in Izumo City. As of the end of March 2015, 24.6% of foreigners were long-term residents. Our goal is to raise this percentage to 30% or more by the end of March 2021. Izumo City aims to become a place where anyone, regardless of their background, can live peacefully and comfortably.

| End of March 2015 Current Statistics | End of March 2021 Goal |
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| 24.6% | 30% or more |

Izumo's Vision for the Future:

Implementation Plan

We plan to take the following steps to implement our vision.

