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A New Residency Management System & Resident Registration System for Foreign Residents (*Information for after July 9, 2012)

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2 About the Basic Resident Registration for foreign residents

2-1 Outline of the system

Until now, the registration of a foreign resident's address was made with alien registration. However, with the abolition of the Alien Registration Act and partial amendment to the Basic Resident Registration Act, foreign residents will be recorded on the Basic Resident Register in the same way as Japanese nationals.

With the above changes, foreign residents will also have a Resident Record (*Juminhyo*) made. This will make administrative procedures at local municipal offices simpler and more convenient.

Main changes are as below:

- It will be possible to have a certificate (Resident Record – *Juminhyo no utsushi*) listing all members of a household consisting of Japanese and foreign nationals issued.
- Submitting a notification of a change of address will automatically update your address for the National Health Insurance, etc.
- Until now, notification of changes in residence status or period of stay needed to be made at both the Regional Immigration Office and local municipal office, however, notifications need to be made only at the Regional Immigration Office.
- Under the Basic Resident Registration Act, agents will be able to submit notifications such as 'moving-in' or 'change in address' etc. on your behalf.

