If you wish to drive automobiles in Japan

You have a driver's license issued abroad but valid in Japan

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(1) International Driving Permit
(issued by signatory countries of the Geneva Convention)

If you have an International Driving Permit issued by a signatory country of the Geneva Convention, you are allowed to drive in Japan during the period specified below.
Period: The shorter of either: one year from the date on which you landed in Japan; or until the expiration day of your International Driving Permit. This provision is not applicable if you have registered as a foreign resident in Japan, left Japan with a reentry permit and landed in Japan again in less than three months after leaving Japan.

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(2) How to renew your International Driving Permit

You must renew it in the country that issued it. However, before that you must stay outside Japan for three months or more after leaving Japan

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(3) Foreign driver's license
(domestic driver's license of Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Taiwan and Italy)

If you have a driver's license issued in any of Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Taiwan and Italy attached with a Japanese translation to that effect, you can drive in Japan for one year after entering Japan (you must carry your passport while driving).

1-3
To switch to a Japanese driver's license

① Apply for the transfer
② Take the aptitude test
③ Take the knowledge test
④ Take the technical test
(For holders of driver's licenses issued in Australia, South Korea and 22 other countries and 1 region
③ knowledge test and ④ technical test are exempted)

You intend to acquire a driver's license in Japan

1-4 (2)
Attend a designated driving school

1-4
Acquire a Japanese driver's license