

Multilingual Living Information



O Other daily life issues

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Those who live in Japan for the first time may initially feel flustered at various customs and practices that are different from those in their countries. But there is no need to worry. Once you get used to these customs, life will be much easier. This chapter, “O Other daily life issues,” explains rules and manners specific to Japan and general daily life issues including putting out garbage, keeping pets and using public services.

1 Personal seals

1-1 Making a registered seal and a general seal

In Japan, we use personal seals (called inkan or hanko) with the family name or first name inscribed in place of signatures. You need two kinds of seals: registered seal (jitsu-in) and general seal (mitome-in). For details, please refer to "[D Other notifications, 5 Personal seals.](#)"

