



Working in Japan

- Open for Professionals -

Japan welcomes highly-skilled foreign professionals to reach for their dreams. The government creates an enabling environment for those wishing to work here, and encourages people from all over the world to fully exercise their abilities throughout Japanese society.

We hope you will join us and enjoy an open Japan together!

Unique Geography and Culture

- Japan, surrounded by beautiful nature, is home to ancient cultural philosophies and ways of being.
- Japan is also at the forefront of modernity and popular culture: from manga and anime, to frontier technology and innovation, creativity is celebrated in Japan.



Peaceful Life: Safe, secure, comfortable society

Safest Country in the World

- Tokyo ranks 1st for safeness. (Safe Cities Index by The Economist)

Free Education

- Japanese public elementary and secondary schools accept all children free of charge.

High-quality, Low-cost Healthcare

- You can receive high-quality medical treatment at a low cost due to universal health insurance coverage.

Strong Career Support

- Free job support with foreign language assistance is available throughout Japan, including dedicated employment centers for foreign residents.

World-class Science and Technology

- Japanese scientists have won many Nobel Prizes in advanced scientific fields, including 11 in physics and 7 in chemistry.



- Four national institutes in Japan have been selected as The Reuters Top 25 Global Innovators.

Recently, the number of foreign nationals working in Japan is increasing rapidly, taking advantage of many opportunities for high-skilled labor and the active recruitment policies of Japanese companies.

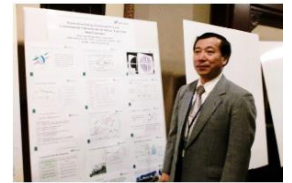
Rakuten, Inc. (internet services)

- The company adopts English as its official company language and recruits employees from over 70 countries.
- Foreign employees play significant roles in various fields including web development.



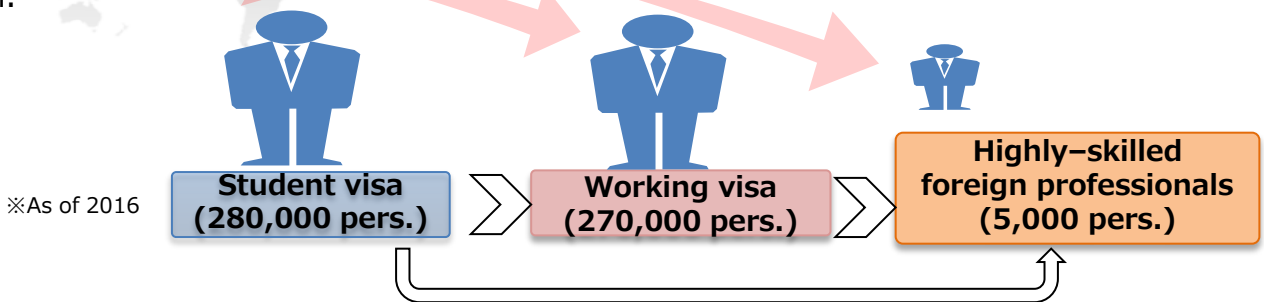
Seibu Giken Co., Ltd. (environment conservation and energy-saving equipment)

- International sales network in approximately 50 countries, including Europe, the United States, and Asia.
- Diverse and international staff; a Chinese engineer heads the companies' technical division and foreign engineers play leading roles in the division.



Roadmap to work in Japan (example)

Three paths to building a career: i) Transferring from a student visa to a professional work visa; ii) Applying directly for a working visa; iii) Applying for highly-skilled foreign professional status. You will be able to switch your status during your stay in Japan.



Points-based Preferential Treatment for Highly-Skilled Foreign Professionals

- Permission for their spouse to work
- Permission for their parent(s) and domestic worker to accompany them to Japan under certain conditions
- Examination process for certification of eligibility for residency can be completed within 10 business days.
- Easing of requirements for permanent residency (Japanese "Green Card" for Highly-skilled Foreign Professionals)



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