

(Instructions) "Survey on the Status of Family Members and Others Accompanying International Students"

Introduction

While international students are enrolled in universities or other institutions in Japan, their family members, relatives, or friends may visit Japan to meet them. To clarify the inbound demand associated with accepting international students, the Higher Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) will conduct a survey on the status of family members and others accompanying international students during their study period.

Please note that the information you provide will be used solely for the policy considerations of MEXT and will not be used for any other purposes. Additionally, individual respondents or specific countries will not be identified or disclosed in any reports.

Details

- Response Deadline By August 16, Reiwa 6 (2024) (Friday)
- Survey Target Period The period in question is from the start of your studies in Japan until the present.
- Survey Target Respondents The survey targets international students enrolled in Japanese universities (including graduate schools), junior colleges, technical college, vocational schools (specialized programs), educational institutions providing preparatory education for entering Japanese universities, and Japanese language schools.
- Inquiries Regarding This Survey For any questions regarding this matter, please contact the company listed below, PC Support Service Co., Ltd.

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【 Survey Instructions 】

- For multiple-choice questions, please select the appropriate school type, country, or region. For numerical answers, select one cell per digit and enter the half-width number.
- There are a total of 10 questions. If you select "No" for Question 4, "Did your family, relatives, or friends visit Japan during your stay?" your survey ends there.
- Please enter the expected end date of your study period.
- Please answer the costs of stay as accurately as possible.

The following provides detailed instructions for each survey item. Please read carefully before filling out the survey.

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| <u>1.School</u> | Select the type of school you are currently enrolled in. |
| <u>2.Country/Region of Origin</u> | Also, select your country or region of origin from the options provided. |
| <u>3.Study Period</u> | Please use the dropdown menu to select "Year" and "Month". |
| <u>4.Presence of Family, Relatives, or Friends Visiting Japan</u> | If your family, relatives, or friends have visited Japan up to now, select "Yes". If they have not, select "No". Selecting "No" will end the survey here. |
| <u>5.Total Number of Visiting Family, Relatives, or Friends</u> | For example, if two family members stayed for 10 days in May 2023, one family member stayed for 5 days and two friends for 3 days in August 2023, and one mentor stayed for 5 days in January 2024:

5.Answer 6 people
6.Answer 23 days |
| <u>6.Duration of Stay for Visiting Family, Relatives, or Friends</u> | The stay duration refers to the time spent in Japan, not the number of days spent together.

7.Answer 4 visits
If family and friends visited together, it counts as 3 visits. |
| <u>7.Number of Visits by Family, Relatives, or Friends</u> | |
| <u>8.Number of Cities Visited by Family, Relatives, or Friends</u> | For example, if two family members stayed in Tokyo and Kyoto in May 2023, one family member stayed in Sapporo and two friends stayed in Chiba in August 2023, and one former teacher stayed in Osaka for 5 days in January 2024:

8.Answer 5 cities
If they stayed in the same city during a single visit, count it as 1 city. |
| <u>9.Costs Spent by Family, Relatives, or Friends During Their Stay</u> | 9.Answer Sum up the total expenses, including hotel fees, Shinkansen fares, and food costs. If known, exclude the airfare to Japan from the stay expenses. If unknown, count it as part of the stay expenses. |

10.Purpose of Family,
Relatives, or Friends
Visiting Japan

For example, if they came to visit you and then went sightseeing, check both "Visit to International Student" and "Tourism". If they came only for tourism without meeting the student, check only "Tourism".