

A Request to Help Make Nara Better by Cooperating with Our Survey on employment

Thank you very much for understanding the need for and cooperating with the development of the Prefectural Government on a daily basis.

In order to understand what foreigners working within Nara think about its charming aspects and lifestyle and to maintain this information as important data for use in considering future policies, we have decided to carry out a survey.

We ask for your cooperation in this matter and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Notes on Answering the Survey

- Please do not write your name on the answer sheet. Answer details will be used for statistics, so individual names and opinions will not be identified.
- Each question has its own instructions (such as indicating that only one answer should be selected or that up to three answers can be selected), so answer each question appropriately.
- When answering the survey, do so according to your current situation as of October 1st, 2019.
- Use the included return envelope (which does not require a stamp) to submit the survey after you have filled it in, ensuring that you put your reply into a mailbox by **Friday, November 29th, 2019**.

If you have any questions about this survey, call the phone number shown below.

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1. Reasons for Coming to Japan

[Q1] Why did you come to Japan to work? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because I am interested in Japanese culture.
 2. Because I studied Japanese in my home country.
 3. Because I was impressed with the lifestyle in Japan.
 4. Because the salary is high.
 5. Because I want to obtain techniques and knowledge in Japan.
 6. Because I studied in Japan as an international student in the past.
 7. Other ()
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[Q2] Why did you come to Nara to work? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because I am interested in Nara's culture.
 2. Because I studied Japanese in my home country.
 3. Because I was impressed with the lifestyle in Nara.
 4. Because the salary is high.
 5. Because I want to obtain techniques and knowledge that are only available in Nara.
 6. Because I was introduced to a company in Nara.
 7. Because someone I know works in Nara, and that put me at ease.
 8. Other ()
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[Q3] Why did you start working at your current company? (Circle one answer.)

1. I found this company by myself.
 2. I was introduced to this company in my home country.
 3. I was introduced to this company at my university.
 4. I was invited to this company by a friend.
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 6. I was introduced to this company by Hello Work.
 7. Other ()
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2. Working

[Q4] Does the company you work for offer you support for problems that you encounter at work or in your daily life? (Circle one answer.)

1. Yes ⇒ Go to Q5 and Q7.
 2. No ⇒ Go to Q6 and Q7.
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[Q5] This question pertains to people who answered "1. Yes" to Q4.

What sort of support do you receive? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. The company provides me with an interpreter.
 2. The company provides support for house and smartphone contracts, introductions to hospitals, and other such aspects of daily life.
 3. The company provides Japanese education during and outside of work.
 4. The company provides me with clothing, food, and shelter.
 5. The company helps with necessary procedures at facilities such as city hall.
 6. It is easy to consult with people at the company when I have a problem.
 7. Other ()
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[Q6] This question pertains to people who answered "2. No" to Q4.

What sort of support do you want to receive? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. I want the company to provide me with an interpreter.
 2. I want the company to provide support for house and smartphone contracts, introductions to hospitals, and other such aspects of daily life.
 3. I want the company to provide Japanese education during and outside of work.
 4. I want the company to provide me with clothing, food, and shelter.
 5. I want the company to help with necessary procedures at facilities such as city hall.
 6. I want the company to make it easy to consult with people when I have a problem.
 7. Other ()
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[Q7] Do you want to continue working at your current company? (Circle one answer.)

1. Yes ⇒ Go to Q8 and Q10.
 2. No ⇒ Go to Q9 and Q10.
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[Q8] This question pertains to people who answered "1. Yes" to Q7.

Why do you want to continue working at your current company? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because the salary is high.
 2. Because the relationships between personnel are good.
 3. Because there are many days off.
 4. Because I can obtain techniques and knowledge.
 5. Because the company supports me at the workplace and in my daily life.
 6. Other ()
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[Q9] This question pertains to people who answered "2. No" to Q7.

Why do you not want to continue working at your current company? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because the salary is low.
 2. Because the relationships between personnel are not good.
 3. Because there are few days off.
 4. Because I cannot obtain techniques and knowledge.
 5. Because the company provides insufficient support at the workplace and in my daily life.
 6. Because I want to be independent.
 7. Because I want to return to my home country.
 8. Other ()
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[Q10] If you could continue working within Nara, would you want to do so? (Circle one answer.)

1. Yes ⇒ Go to Q11 to Q13 and Q15.
 2. No ⇒ Go to Q14 and Q15.
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[Q11] This question pertains to people who answered "1. Yes" to Q10.

Why do you want to continue working within Nara? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because I want to continue working at my current company.
 2. Because I like the culture and lifestyle in Nara.
 3. Because I like the people in Nara.
 4. Because public order here is good.
 5. Because I can have a convenient and comfortable lifestyle.
 6. Other ()
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[Q12] This question pertains to people who answered “1. Yes” to Q10.

If you want to continue working within Nara, what kind of job do you want to do? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. I want to perform sales or administration work at a company.
 2. I want to work as an engineer at a factory.
 3. I want to work at a store such as a convenience store or drugstore.
 4. I want to work at a fast food restaurant or another such restaurant.
 5. I want to work in a civil engineering or construction job.
 6. I want to work at a hospital.
 7. I want to work in an agriculture or forestry job.
 8. I want to work at a hotel or Japanese traditional inn.
 9. I want to work in caregiving and similar jobs.
 10. I want to work as an interpreter or translator.
 11. I want to become a language teacher.
 12. I want to work at a store such as those in tourist areas where there are many foreigners.
 13. Other ()
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[Q13] This question pertains to people who answered “1. Yes” to Q10.

If you believe that it is not possible for you to continue working within Nara even though you want to do so, why do you believe this? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because it is difficult to obtain a working visa in my area of expertise and qualifications for specific technical skills.
 2. Because there are no jobs that I want to do.
 3. Because I do not understand how to find work.
 4. Because I cannot get used to the lifestyle and environment.
 5. Because I have to live and work in my home country.
 6. Other ()
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[Q14] This question pertains to people who answered “2. No” to Q10.

Why do you not want to continue working within Nara? (Circle up to two answers.)

1. Because I want to stop working at my current company.
 2. Because I do not like the culture and lifestyle in Nara.
 3. Because I do not like the people in Nara.
 4. Because public order here is not good.
 5. Because I cannot have a convenient and comfortable lifestyle.
 6. Because I have to return to my country.
 7. Because there is a better company or area outside of Nara.
 8. Other ()
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3. Living in Nara

[Q15] What do you think is good about living in Nara? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. There is an abundance of nature and a large number of tourist areas.
 2. There are few natural disasters, so I can live here safely.
 3. Public order here is good.
 4. Nara is close to Osaka and Kyoto.
 5. The cost of living is low.
 6. There are many kind people.
 7. There are people and organizations that I can consult with when I have a problem.
 8. Nara feels much like my home country.
 9. There are many places to work.
 10. Other ()
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[Q16] What do you think is bad about living in Nara? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Public order here is not good.
 2. Nara is far from Osaka and Kyoto.
 3. The cost of living is high.
 4. People don't understand me when I talk or use gestures.
 5. There are many unkind people.
 6. The procedures required for living in Nara are complicated and bothersome.
 7. There are no people or organizations that I can consult with when I have a problem.
 8. I don't understand how to throw away garbage and other such lifestyle rules.
 9. Nara feels nothing like my home country.
 10. There are few places to work.
 11. Other ()
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[Q17] What expectations do you have for things done by the government while you live in Nara?

(Circle up to two answers.)

1. Provision of government information in multiple languages
 2. Lifestyle counselors for foreigners
 3. Orientation for lifestyle rules such as how to throw away garbage
 4. Support for learning Japanese
 5. Provision of information on medical institutions where it is possible to communicate in languages other than Japanese and translation of medical questionnaires into multiple languages
 6. Transmission of information in multiple languages when a disaster occurs
 7. Work counselors for foreigners
 8. Other ()
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4. About Yourself

[Q18] What is your sex?

1. Male
2. Female

[Q19] How old are you?

() years old

[Q20-1] Where do you live (circle city, town, or village as appropriate)?

() City/Town/Village

[Q20-2] What type of building do you live in? (Circle one answer.)

1. Company dormitory
2. Public housing such as that under prefectural management
3. Rental condominium or apartment
4. House
5. Rental house
6. Condominium
7. Other ()

[Q21] What is your nationality?

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[Q22] What is the name of your company? Also, what are the details of your job?

Company name ()

Job details ()

[Q23] How many years has it been since you came to Japan? How many years has it been since you came to Nara?

This is my () year since I came to Japan.

This is my () year since I came to Nara.

[Q24] Who do you live with? (Circle one answer.)

1. I live alone.
2. Family
3. Boyfriend/girlfriend
4. Friend(s)
5. Coworker(s)
6. Other ()

[Q25] What is your status of residence? (Circle one answer.)

1. Highly Skilled Professional
2. Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services
3. Intra-company Transferee
4. Technical Intern Training
5. Specified Skilled Worker
6. Other ()

[Q26] What is your level of Japanese proficiency? (Circle one answer.)

1. N1
2. N2
3. N3
4. N4
5. Unable to speak Japanese

[Q27] When do you plan to return to your country? (Circle one answer.)

1. Within 1 year
2. After 1 year to 2 years
3. After 2 to 3 years
4. After 4 to 5 years
5. After 5 years or longer
6. I will not return to my country.

This completes the survey.
Thank you for your cooperation.