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Come work in Kagoshima!

Kagoshima Prefecture is working towards a system that ensures a steady acceptance of foreign talent.

Kagoshima warmly welcomes foreigners, as valuable talents which support the local economy and an important part of our society. We aim to create an environment where foreigners can settle down, work, and live in peace.

For example, we provide multilingual consultation services including English and Filipino at the Consultation Desk for Foreign Residents, and assist enterprises which accept foreign workers and plan exchanges to integrate them into Kagoshima.

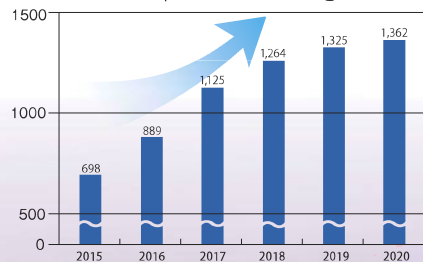
Many foreigners are working in Kagoshima!

The number of foreign residents in Kagoshima has been increasing year after year. At the end of October 2020, there were 8,761 foreign workers in Kagoshima, of which 1,362 were Filipinos.

The number of Filipino workers has doubled in the last 5 years, and Filipinos are the second largest diaspora after the Vietnamese.

Our Filipino friends are important talents which support Kagoshima's industries.

Figure: Change in the number of Filipino workers in Kagoshima



Kagoshima's Charms: Different from the Big Cities

Outline of Kagoshima Prefecture

Kagoshima Prefecture has a vast land area stretching 600 km from north to south, with beautiful natural environments and seasonal sceneries.

Kagoshima is blessed with a moderate climate and various natural assets such as ocean, islands, forests and volcanoes. It has a different charm from the big cities.

Area 9,187m²
10th largest in Japan

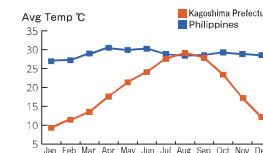
Population ≈1.6 million

Average temperature 19.0°C
2nd highest in Japan

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Comfortable and Moderate Climate.

The average temperature in Kagoshima is 19.0°C, one of the warmer areas in Japan. The winters are not harsh, and summers are only a little cooler than in the Philippines. You can experience typical seasons of Japan, such as cherry blossoms in spring and autumn foliage.



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Low Prices

The price level in Kagoshima Prefecture is the second lowest in Japan. Most companies provide accommodations for accepted technical trainees, and often subsidise other living expenses such as household expenses and utilities and expenses for accommodations and utilities are being held down.

Price level
(National average = 100)

Tokyo	Kagoshima
104.7	96.3

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Short Commuting Time

The average commuting time in Kagoshima Prefecture is shorter than in the large cities. Dormitories or accommodations for most technical trainees are provided near their workplaces to reduce commuting times.



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Friendly Residents

Mutual support organisations are well-established in Kagoshima. The ratio of those who volunteer for children or elderly is higher than average in Japan. Kagoshima people are friendly and kind, and there are many interactions between foreign and Japanese residents.



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Treasure Trove of Foods

Kagoshima teems with nature's blessings and is a treasure trove of foods which are safe to eat and delicious. Within Japan, Kagoshima is the top producer of livestock products such as Kagoshima Kuroushi Wagyu Beef (the best Wagyu in Japan) and Kagoshima Kurobuta Berkshire Pork, agricultural produce such as sweet potato and broad bean, and farmed fish such as yellowtail, greater amberjack and eel.



INTERVIEW



Working happily with a beautiful view



Learning a lot from my experience of Japanese food culture



I'm aiming for a national license



I'll stay in Kagoshima forever

Agriculture

LABANON HAYDEE MONTAÑO

Age : 34 From Davao
Length of stay : 3 years 7 months
Work : Growing tea and vegetables
(pictured left)

I was born in a farming village, and the atmosphere here is very similar to that of my hometown. It's easy for me to do my current work since I have farming experience. Everyone is kind and I have quickly grown accustomed to my work. This is an employee-friendly workplace. I have a 5-year-old child in the Philippines. I can see her grow as I see her face and talk with her every day through video call. Although I feel lonely because I cannot meet her, I'm going to work hard until the end of the period of stay. I will consider what to do next when I go back to the Philippines and see my child. I also think that I might want to work in Japan for a long time.

Agriculture

VILLAREAL JENALYN CHAN

Age : 34 From Manila
Length of stay : 3 years 7 months
Work : Growing tea and vegetables
(pictured right)

The farm on which I'm working is an expanse of tea fields, and I can also see the ocean. It is beautiful. Every day passes in a fulfilling manner as I learn agriculture and Japanese language. I am comforted that there are many Filipinos working here, and my co-worker Haydee and I help each other out. The Japanese people kindly help us when we have troubles and they teach me the work carefully. I get cheered up when I video call my family in the Philippines every day. Supported by those around me, I can work hard with a smile on my face.



Food Manufacturing

MICHELLE BENTILLO

Age : 31 From Bulacan
Length of stay : 1 year 7 months
Work : Manufacturing dried bonito

I wanted to come to Japan since my childhood and my sister's staying in Japan encouraged me. At first, I stayed for half a year in Yamagata Prefecture where she lived, in order to learn Japanese language. And then, I came to Kagoshima by happy chance. I work at a dried bonito factory in Makurazaki City. Dried bonito is an indispensable ingredient in Japanese cuisine because bonito soup stock makes dishes delicious. Flakes can be used as toppings on takoyaki (octopus balls). At the factory, we cook, smoke and dry the sliced bonito. It's very laborious work, but I work while picturing the delighted faces of people eating the bonito. Dried bonito is delicious. I like it very much and frequently use it as miso soup stock. Recently, I have also started adding it to Filipino dishes. The factory is very lively and I have a lot of conversations with my colleagues, which helps me learn Japanese naturally while working. Locals are also very kind, which makes it easy to live here. Besides sending money to my parents, I am also saving money for myself. I intend to use those savings to launch my own business in the future. But my entrepreneurship can wait since I still have a lot to learn here. I want to work here for a long time if I can.



Caregiving

BATAYOLA SARAH JANE OYOS

Age : 26 From Manila
Length of stay : 1 year and 2 months
Work : Caregiver

I care for residents at a nursing home for the elderly. It's encouraging that the residents depend on and thank me. Although things can get tough now and then, I enjoy my work every day. Caregivers must respond appropriately to residents' needs, so Japanese proficiency is essential. It's a very nice environment for me to learn Japanese, and I have begun to understand most conversations. I first came to Kagoshima to learn Japanese language. I was interested in Japanese language and culture, and I studied for 1.5 years here. It was this nursing home where I worked part time back then. It was very comfortable to work here. I got along with the staff and became interested in caregiving. I also thought that I could make good use of what I learned since I have a nursing licence from a Filipino university. I told them I would like to work here and was accepted as a technical trainee. It's been 1 year since my training has begun and I have gotten accustomed to my work. My next aim is to be a Certified Care Worker. It isn't just to improve my skills but also so that I can work longer in Japan with this license, because technical trainees' period of stay is 5 years at most. I want to gain more experience in Kagoshima for the time being.



Construction

SANTOS MENARD MOISES

Age : 26 From Nueva Ecija
Length of stay : 6 years and 3 months
Work : Reinforcing iron & rebar work

I am a rebar worker. Reinforcement bars are used as frameworks of buildings. The building process starts with assembling reinforcement bars. I'm proud of my work. I was a construction worker in the Philippines as well. I decided to work in Japan to learn advanced skills. Communication is important at construction sites. You cannot work without understanding instructions accurately, so learning Japanese language is essential. We talk a lot while we are working. We ask again and again when we can't understand something, and the Japanese staff keep responding until we understand. I check unfamiliar words with my smartphone after work and use them in conversation. I have learned Japanese quickly through my work. The company is easy to work with and treats us kindly. I wanted to work in Japan longer and extend the period of technical traineeship. When the period of stay was supposed to expire, I considered marriage with a Japanese woman. My company supported this and hired me as a permanent employee. I also got permanent resident status in Japan. I have a good and fulfilling job, and I enjoy every day with my family. I'm happy.



Comfortable to work and live, Kagoshima.

We are working to create a comfortable environment for foreigners to work and live in peace.

Many Community Activities

Municipalities and enterprises in Kagoshima Prefecture hold many interactional events for foreign residents to experience Japanese culture.

The government also provides multilingual consultation services including English and Filipino for foreign residents in the prefecture.



Visiting shrines on a bus tour. Kagoshima has a lot of spiritual power spots.



"Calligraphy Experience" Foreigners beautifully writing the Kanji character "Hana" (flower)



There are also many kimono wearing and tea ceremony events.



Consultation Desk for Foreign Residents

1F, Kagoshima Prefectural Citizens Exchange Center
(Inside the International Exchange Plaza)

Multilingual information and consultation services are provided in order to bring necessary information to foreign residents, such as information about resident status, employment, health, social welfare, giving birth, childcare, education, etc.

Please don't hesitate to seek advice about your problems such as resident status, employment, or anything else.



Ms. LE THI YEN
Vietnamese Senior Advisor

We asked Filipinos working in Kagoshima.

What makes Kagoshima an easy place to work at and live in?



There are many hot springs. The hot sand bath in Ibusuki was an interesting experience.

VILLAREAL JENALYN CHAN

I have many Filipino coworkers and interact with local people out of workplace as well.

MICHELLE BENTILLO

The supermarket is large and very convenient. It has a lot of cheap and good products.

LABANON HAYDEE MONTAÑO



Ramen is delicious! There are many shops here, and I like to eat while walking around.

SANTOS MENARD MOISES

There are many cultural and historic places here.

BATAYOLA SARAH JANE OYOS

