

Preface

In Japan, the amount of career information published in foreign languages is limited. This career guide is designed to close that gap and to assist young people, whose first language is not Japanese, in choosing a suitable career path so that they can begin to pursue their goals purposefully. The ultimate aim of this guide is to help young people become financially independent, effective members of society in Japan. It is our hope that many young people, whose first language is not Japanese, may be able to play active roles in a diverse range of professions in Japan.

Job description

The first section is an overview of the job. If any job interests you, you can research independently or ask your friends or teachers at school to find out more.

Career pathway map

For jobs which require higher education, the career pathway map shows what experience, courses or exams are required to pursue that career.

Job prospects

This section includes information about the workplace and the salary of the job. The annual income and starting salaries are based on information found online or from other career guides. These are approximations and are to be used for reference only.

Tuition information

This section provides information on the cost of tuition for universities or vocational schools. Tuition costs vary according to the type of institution. For more accurate or detailed information about tuition costs please check with the relevant school or university.

Scholarship information

Information regarding scholarships for high school and university students can be found at the Japan Student Services Organization website (<http://www.jasso.go.jp/shougakukin/>). Students must apply for scholarships through their educational institution so please contact them for more information.

Those who are interested in studying nursing or medicine can contact the relevant educational institution to find out more about special scholarships offered by prefectures or hospitals.