

1. About answering the national census

From September 14th, investigators have been sending out national census questionnaires. Have you received the survey form and completed it?

The census is conducted for everyone living in Japan, regardless of nationality or age.

Foreign nationals staying in Japan who are expected to stay for 3 months or more as of October 1st are expected to answer.

Japanese law requires you to respond to the census, and if you do not answer or if you report a lie due to the fact that you do not understand the content or it is too troublesome, you will be penalized.

When you receive the survey documents at home, please be sure to reply.

For foreigners who may have trouble with Japanese, we have prepared a "translation table" in 27 languages so that you can understand how to fill out the form.

Furthermore, if you answer on the Internet, you can do so in 6 different languages.

Census entries are strictly protected and controlled and there is no need to worry about information being transmitted to the Immigration Bureau or the police.

If you do not receive the survey documents even after October 1st, please contact the city hall.

2. About disaster prevention measures for pets

All pet owners with cats and dogs are asked to take countermeasures in order to protect themselves and their precious pets from disasters.

In Tochigi City, in the event of a disaster, owners are asked to evacuate to evacuation centers with their pets.

At the evacuation center, the pets and the owners do not stay together. The pets are evacuated to a designated space in a cage or carry bag. Therefore, owners should train their pets to enter cages and carry bags regularly.

In addition, pets should be disciplined enough to refrain from barking unnecessarily and be able to go to the bathroom in designated areas.

In the event of a sudden disaster, pets may be surprised and run away and may become separated from their owners. It is advisable to have pets wear a collar, tag, microchip, etc. with the owner's contact information.

Evacuated pets are stressed and vulnerable to illness and infectious diseases. Keep your pets clean and vaccinated on a regular basis to manage their health.

When evacuating, be sure to bring food, water, toilet supplies, etc. for your pets.

At the evacuation center, it is important to keep your pets from bothering people around you.

Have some control over your pet so that you can be a responsible owner in the event of an emergency.

3. About the exhibition of Tochigi's festival floats

In March 2010, the former Tochigi City, Ohira Town, Fujioka Town, and Tsuga Town merged to form Tochigi City in its current state.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the new Tochigi City.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, Tochigi's famous doll floats will be on display for two days on October 10th and 11th at the square in front of the Tochigi Doll Float Museum.

The "Tochigi Autumn Festival" scheduled to be held in November this year has been canceled due to COVID-19, but please take this opportunity to enjoy a walk while looking at the floats.

Also, during October, from Tochigi Station on Kuranomachi Avenue, all stations and government buildings in the city will be decorated with the Tochigi flag and flowers to celebrate the 10th anniversary. Please come have a look.