

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 future career paths international students in Nara are thinking about taking and to maintain this information as important data for use in considering future policies, we have decided to carry out a survey involving international students enrolled at universities, and similar institutes in the prefecture.

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 **Monday, December 16th, 2019.**

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

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1. Reasons for Studying Abroad

[Q1] Why did you come to Japan to study internationally? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because I am interested in Japanese culture.
 2. Because I like Japanese people.
 3. Because I have lived in Japan before.
 4. Because I studied Japanese in my home country.
 5. Because I was impressed with the research environment and education at Japanese universities.
 6. Because I want to work in Japan.
 7. Because I received a scholarship for studying abroad at a Japanese university.
 8. Because the conditions for scholarly ability and costs were good.
 9. Because my parents and teachers recommended that I do so.
 10. Other ()
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[Q2] Why did you choose a university in Nara? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because I am interested in Nara's culture.
 2. Because I like the people in Nara.
 3. Because I have lived in Nara before.
 4. Because I was impressed with the research environment and education at universities in Nara.
 5. Because I want to work in Nara.
 6. Because I received a scholarship for studying abroad at a university in Nara.
 7. Because the conditions for scholarly ability and costs were good.
 8. Because my parents and teachers recommended that I do so.
 9. No reason.
 10. Other ()
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2. Working

[Q3-1] Are you looking for or have you previously looked for full-time employment in Japan? (Circle one answer.)

1. Yes ⇒ Go to Q3-2 and Q3-3.
2. No ⇒ Go to Q4.

[Q3-2] This question pertains to people who answered “1. Yes” to Q3-1.

What methods have you used to look for full-time employment?

Circle all methods that you have used.

1. *Rikunabi* and other such job searching sites
2. Participation in joint company information sessions and similar events
3. Consultation with a career counselor at my university
4. Hello Work
5. SNS
6. Participation in an internship
7. Making use of job offer information on corporate websites
8. Introductions from older students and friends
9. Other ()

[Q3-3] This question pertains to people who answered “1. Yes” to Q3-1.

Have you received an unofficial job offer? (Circle one answer.)

1. Yes ⇒ Go to Q3-4 and Q4.
2. No ⇒ Go to Q4.

[Q3-4] This question pertains to people who answered “1. Yes” to Q3-3.

Where are the companies from which you have received unofficial job offers?

Circle all that apply.

1. Within Nara
 2. Outside of Nara but within Japan
 3. My home country
 4. Another country other than Japan and my home country
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[Q4] What industries are you interested in? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Agriculture, forestry, and fishing
 2. Construction
 3. Manufacturing
 4. Telecommunication
 5. Wholesale and retail
 6. Finance and insurance
 7. Academic research and education
 8. Accommodation and hospitality
 9. Tourism
 10. Services related to daily life
 11. Medical care, social welfare, and caregiving
 12. Other ()
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[Q5] What occupations are you interested in? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Researcher
 2. Development engineer
 3. Manufacturing engineer
 4. Construction/civil engineer
 5. Information processing/communication engineer
 6. Medical practitioner
 7. Caregiver/social welfare worker
 8. Lawyer or other such occupation involved in judicial affairs
 9. Certified public accountant, tax accountant, or other such occupation involved in management, finance, or insurance
 10. Instructor or Japanese teacher
 11. Journalist or other such media-related occupation
 12. Salesperson
 13. Occupation in marketing, public relations, or planning
 14. Occupation in general affairs, accounting, or human resources
 15. Translator or interpreter
 16. Hotel staff or travel guide
 17. Other ()
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[Q6] What is important to you when choosing a company? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. The company is large.
 2. The company is famous.
 3. The management of the company is stable.
 4. The company's performance is increasing.
 5. There is a job that I want to do.
 6. I can make use of my linguistic ability.
 7. I can work all over the world.
 8. The salary is high.
 9. There are many days off, and it is easy to take vacation time.
 10. The company employs many foreigners.
 11. The company works in close cooperation with the local area.
 12. Other ()
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[Q7] In what country or area do you want to work in the future? (Circle one answer.)

1. Within Nara ⇒ Go to Q8-1, Q8-2, and Q12.
 2. Anywhere in Japan ⇒ Go to Q9-1, Q9-2, and Q12.
 3. Outside of Nara but within Japan ⇒ Go to Q10 and Q12.
 4. My home country ⇒ Go to Q11 and Q12.
 5. Another country other than Japan and my home country ⇒ Go to Q11 and Q12.
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[Q8-1] This question pertains to people who answered "1. Within Nara" to Q7.

Why do you want to work within Nara? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because I like the culture and lifestyle in Nara.
 2. Because I like the people in Nara.
 3. Because older students and friends of mine are employed at companies in Nara.
 4. Because I can use Japanese.
 5. Because the salary is high.
 6. Because there are many days off.
 7. Because lifetime employment is guaranteed.
 8. Because of the high technical/sales ability of companies here.
 9. Because the company I want to work for is located here.
 10. Because it is difficult to find employment in my home country.
 11. Other ()
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[Q8-2] This question pertains to people who answered "1. Within Nara" to Q7 and who believe that it is difficult to work within Nara.

Why is it not possible for you to work within Nara even though you want to do so?

(Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because I do not understand how to look for full-time employment.
 2. Because I am unfamiliar with the companies in Nara.
 3. Because it doesn't look like Nara contains any jobs that I want to do.
 4. Because it is difficult to write documents in Japanese.
 5. Because it is difficult to do interviews in Japanese.
 6. Because there are no job offers for international students.
 7. Because the required level of Japanese is too high.
 8. Because I have to return to my country.
 9. Other ()
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[Q9-1] This question pertains to people who answered “2. Anywhere in Japan” to Q7.

Why do you want to work in Japan? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because I like the culture and lifestyle in Japan.
 2. Because I can use Japanese.
 3. Because I want to work for a Japanese-affiliated company overseas in the future.
 4. Because the salary is high.
 5. Because there are many days off.
 6. Because lifetime employment is guaranteed.
 7. Because of the high technical/sales ability of companies here.
 8. Because the company I want to work for is located here.
 9. Because it is difficult to find employment in my home country.
 10. Other ()
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[Q9-2] This question pertains to people who answered “2. Anywhere in Japan” to Q7 and who believe that it is not possible to work in Japan even though you want to do so.

Why is it not possible for you to work in Japan even though you want to do so?

(Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because I do not understand how to look for full-time employment.
 2. Because I am unfamiliar with the companies in Japan.
 3. Because there are no jobs that I want to do.
 4. Because it is difficult to write documents in Japanese.
 5. Because it is difficult to do interviews in Japanese.
 6. Because there are no job offers for international students.
 7. Because the required level of Japanese is too high.
 8. Because I have to return to my country.
 9. Because I cannot get used to the culture and lifestyle in Japan.
 10. Other ()
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[Q10] This question pertains to people who answered “3. Outside of Nara but within Japan” to Q7.

Why do you not want to work within Nara? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because there are no jobs that I am interested in.
 2. Because there are no companies that I know.
 3. Because there are many companies that have a small number of days off.
 4. Because the lifestyle and environment in Nara do not suit me.
 5. Because the salaries at companies in Nara are low.
 6. Because I have to return to my country.
 7. Because the work environment in Nara does not suit me.
 8. Because the company I want to work for is located outside of Nara.
 9. Other ()
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[Q11] This question pertains to people who answered “4. My home country” or “5. Another country other than Japan and my home country” to Q7.

Why do you not want to work in Japan? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. Because there are no jobs that I am interested in.
 2. Because there are no companies that I know in Japan.
 3. Because the lifestyle and environment in Japan do not suit me.
 4. Because it is difficult for me to communicate with other people in Japan.
 5. Because the salaries in Japan are low.
 6. Because I cannot get used to the culture and lifestyle in Japan.
 7. Because I have to return to my country.
 8. Because the work environment in Japan does not suit me.
 9. Other ()
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[Q12] What expectations do you have for support performed by universities and the government to help people who want to work in Nara find full-time employment? (Circle up to three answers.)

1. I want them to hold company information sessions.
 2. I want them to perform tours of companies.
 3. I want them to have interpreters at interviews and other such activities involved in looking for full-time employment.
 4. I want them to introduce companies that hire international students.
 5. I want them to hold consultations for statuses of residence.
 6. I want them to make it possible to do interviews with companies in Nara while I am in my home country by using Skype and similar technology.
 7. Other ()
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3. About Yourself

[Q13] What is your sex?

1. Male
2. Female

[Q14] How old are you?

() years old

[Q15] Where do you live in Japan (circle city, town, or village as appropriate)?

() City/Town/Village

[Q16] What is your nationality?

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[Q17] What is the name of your university as well as your department and year in this university?

University name ()

Department ()

Year ()

[Q18] What is your major?

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[Q19] How many years has it been since you came to Japan? How many years has it been since you came to Nara? In addition, when will you graduate university?

This is my () year in Japan.

This is my () year in Nara.

I will graduate in () (month) of () (year).

[Q20] Will you graduate from a Japanese university?

Or, will you graduate from a university in another country such as your home country?

(Circle one answer.)

1. Japanese university
2. University in another country such as my home country

[Q21] What is your level of Japanese proficiency? (Circle one answer.)

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

This completes the survey.
Thank you for your cooperation.