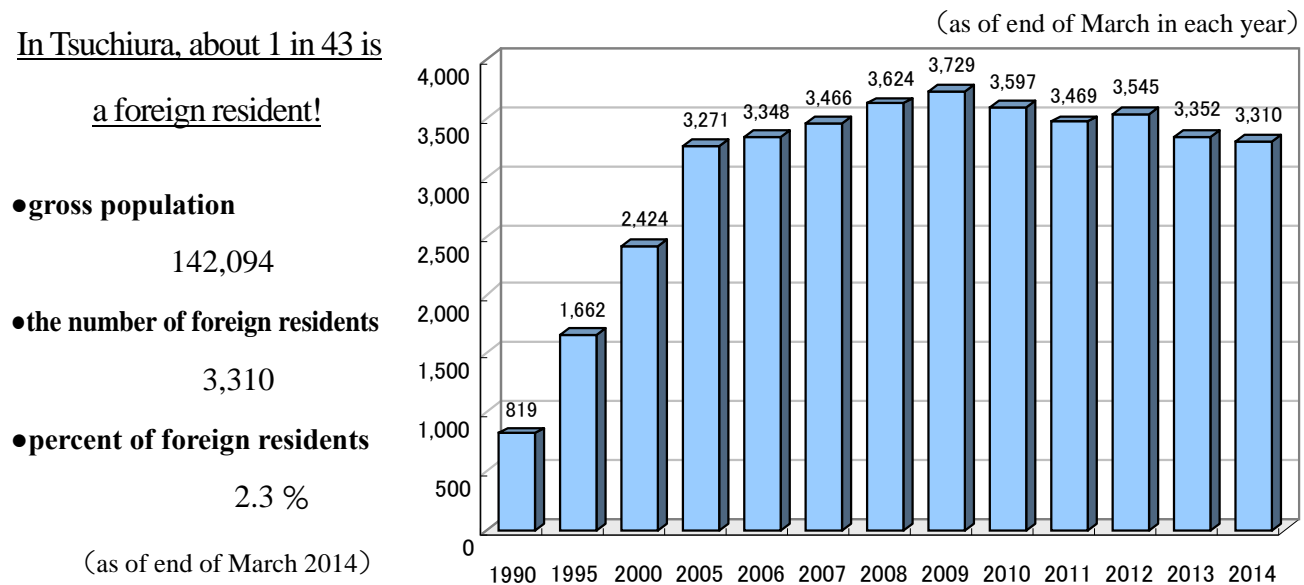
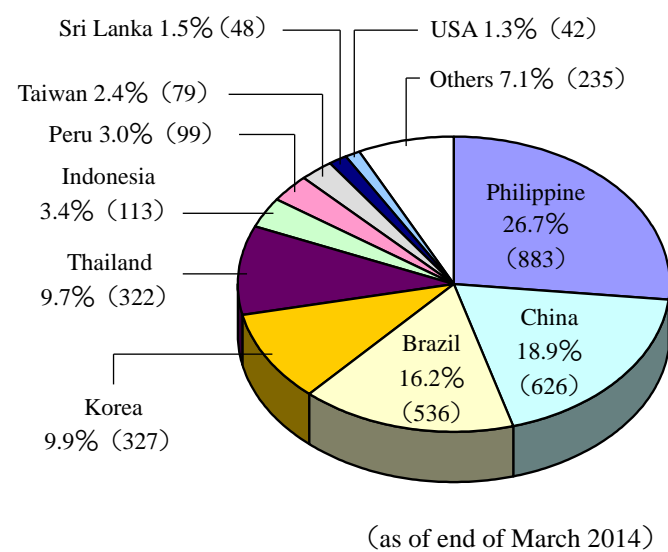


## The state of foreign residents in Tsuchiura

### < Trends in the population of foreign residents in Tsuchiura >



### < The number of foreign residents by nationality in Tsuchiura >



The number of foreign residents in Tsuchiura increased rapidly since the revision of the Immigration Control Law in 1990, and it reached 3,729 at a peak period. Deteriorating employment situation in the later recession and the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake decreased its number. At present, there are many foreign residents in Tsuchiura, which number is about 4 times increase compared with 1990.

The trends of foreign residents by nationality show that the Philippines and Chinese nationals have been increasing recently. Including the Brazilian nationality, the three nationals compose about over 60% of foreign residents.

The number of permanent residents has been increasing, showing tendency of their lengthening of residing. There are also many trainees from Asian countries including China and Indonesia.

Please visit the city information disclosure office, city library, and city website if you are interested in full version of Tsuchiura City Multicultural Society Improvement Plan.

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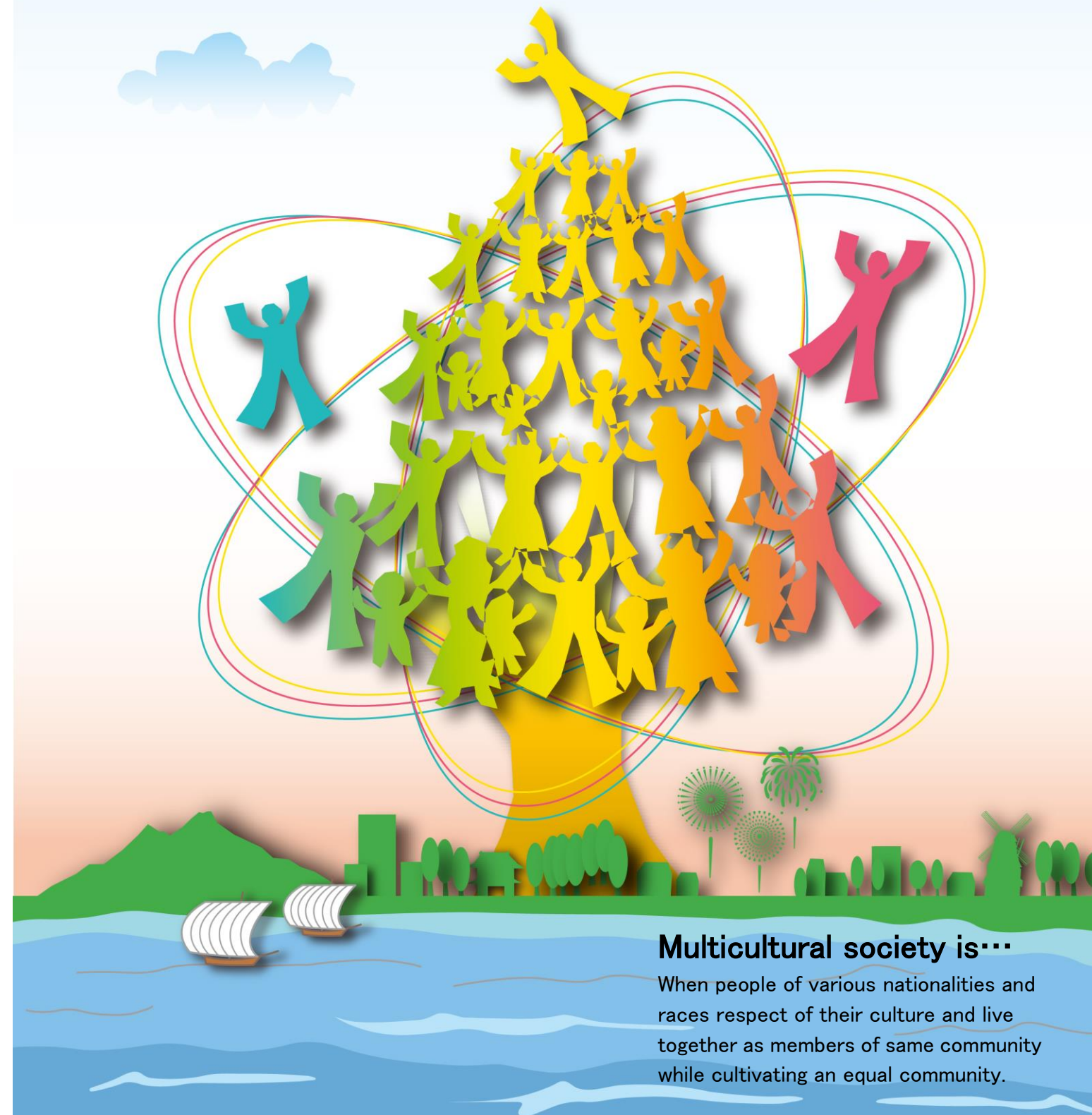
## Tsuchiura City

# Multicultural Society Improvement Plan

~Multicultural Society Development with Civic Cooperation~

FY 2015~2024

Digest Version



**Multicultural society is...**

When people of various nationalities and races respect of their culture and live together as members of same community while cultivating an equal community.

# Plan Overview

## Basic Principle

### Multicultural Society Development with Civic Cooperation

In Tsuchiura, the number of long stay foreign residents, including permanent residents, long-term residents, etc. has been increasing. Basically foreign residents should have rights and duties to receive appropriate administrative services as Japanese, and it is needed to consider them as the same Tsuchiura residents.

The time has come to develop mutual communication, provide an environment for foreign residents to participate in community development as members, respecting diversities of nationalities, culture, and lifestyle, and multicultural community development will be developed in cooperation with residents, enterprises, relevant organizations and the city.

### What people will do to promote multicultural society

**What communities will do**

Residents' activities in communities, neighborhood/local associations are essential. Since there is no such thing as local community organization abroad, it is especially expected to promote awareness/understanding these organizations to foreign residents and their voluntary participation to exchange events as community members.

**What NGOs & enterprises will do**

NGOs/enterprises are expected to conduct events including international exchange/understanding, foreign residents' self-dependence support, and coordinate between residents and administration. Enterprises are also expected to contribute to the community including foreign residents' employment opportunities, Japanese learning to foreign employees support, and backup/cooperation for understanding multicultural society.

**What administration will do**

The city is required to provide administrative services to support foreign residents and establish guideline/plan related to multicultural society improvement for realizing multicultural society in cooperation with each relevant organization, while taking into consideration of each community.

#### Basic Objectives I Community development that foreign/Japanese residents share in harmony

##### Communication Support

Necessary information will be provided to foreign residents in multiple languages and 'basic Japanese' as well as communication support to prevent their isolation from communities. Learning opportunities will also be provided to them for their acquiring knowledge including Japanese culture and custom.

**Information by multiple languages**

- Issuing city newsletters & brochures in multiple languages
- Improving counter service by multiple languages and basic Japanese, etc. (total 7 plans)

**Support for Japanese learning**

- Holding and improving Japanese Class
- Securing and fostering volunteer Japanese teacher (total 2 plans)

**Support for learning Japanese society**

- Conducting guidance related to life for foreign residents
- Promoting Japanese society understanding in cooperation with enterprises (total 2 plans)

#### Basic Objectives II Community development that foreign/Japanese residents make secure life

##### Life Support

To provide foreign residents equal opportunities for secure life in the community as a residents of Tsuchiura as well as Japanese, support system will be provided to them to create their basic environment related to life, house, education, work, medical/health care, crime/disaster prevention and so on.

**Daily life**

- Providing advice desk for foreign residents, etc. (total 2 plans)

**Housing**

- Providing housing related information and housing support, etc. (total 2 plans)

**Education**

- Providing substantial information for foreign students parents, etc.(total 5 plans)

**Work**

- Providing working consultation desk in cooperation with relevant organizations, etc. (total 6 plans)

**Medical/health care, welfare**

- Creating a system for foreign residents' secure consultation opportunities at medical institutions, etc. (total 4 plans)

**Crime/disaster**

- Conducting fire drills for foreign residents, etc. (total 9 plans)

#### Basic Objectives III Community development that foreign/Japanese residents work together

##### Community development for multicultural society

From essential point of understanding diverse culture and custom among foreign/Japanese residents, environment will be created for both residents to work together as community members by fostering multicultural society awareness through events including international exchange programs and international understanding classes.

**Improvement of multicultural society awareness**

- Improving education for international understanding
- Organizing international exchange events
- Improving multicultural society awareness to people/staff of the city etc. (total 7 plans)

**Self-dependence of foreign residents and their participation in the local communities**

- Improving foreign residents' participation to community associations and their activities
- Discovering and fostering human resources to improve multicultural society (total 2 plans)

#### Basic Objectives IV Community development that diversity is utilized as vitality

##### Framework establishment for multicultural society improvement

A framework for multicultural community development will be established in cooperation with communities, relevant organizations, and local municipalities. Role-sharing, cooperation and networking among relevant organizations will be therefore established.

**Framework establishment by local municipality**

- Establishing Tsuchiura multicultural society improvement administrative liaison meeting
- Ensuring opportunities to adopt foreign residents' perspective/idea, etc. (total 4 plans)

**Each organization's role-sharing and liaison/cooperation in communities**

- Establishing Tsuchiura multicultural society improvement liaison meeting
- Cooperating with Tsuchiura International Association
- Cooperating with residents in the communities, etc. (total 6 plans)