

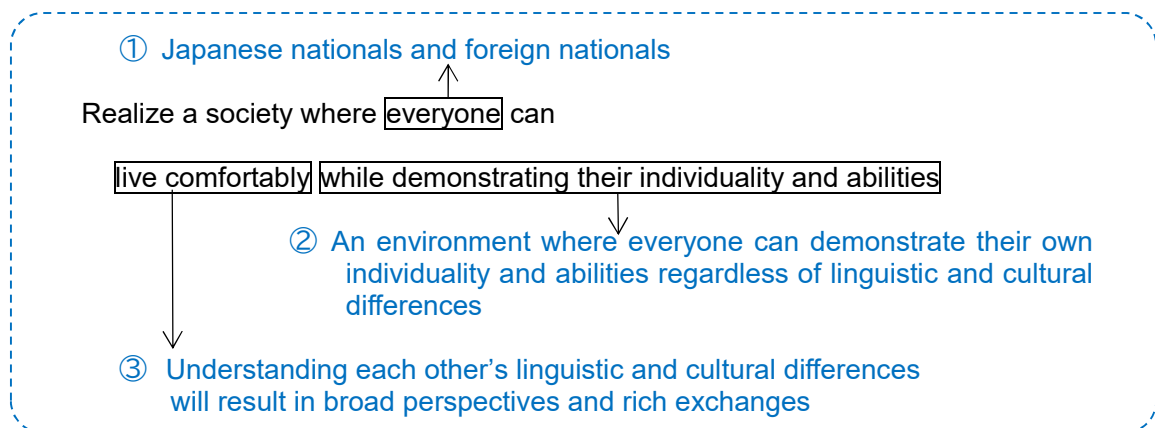
Niigata City Intercultural Cohesion Strategy Overview for 2025-2030 (Tentative)

1 Plan Objectives

The number of foreign nationals residing in Japan as of late June 2024 is approximately 3,580,000 and the number continues to surpass past records. Similarly, in Niigata City, late December 2024, the number of foreign residents is 7,119 and the number marks record highs. This number is anticipated to continue to increase and with this, the challenges associated with living together with foreign nationals have become more diverse and complex. As such, there is an urgent necessity to spread awareness regarding coexisting with foreign nationals and to put systems in place. This strategy was created as a road map to represent the ideal model and direction of the city's efforts towards realizing intercultural cohesion.

2 Basic Principles (Ideal Model)

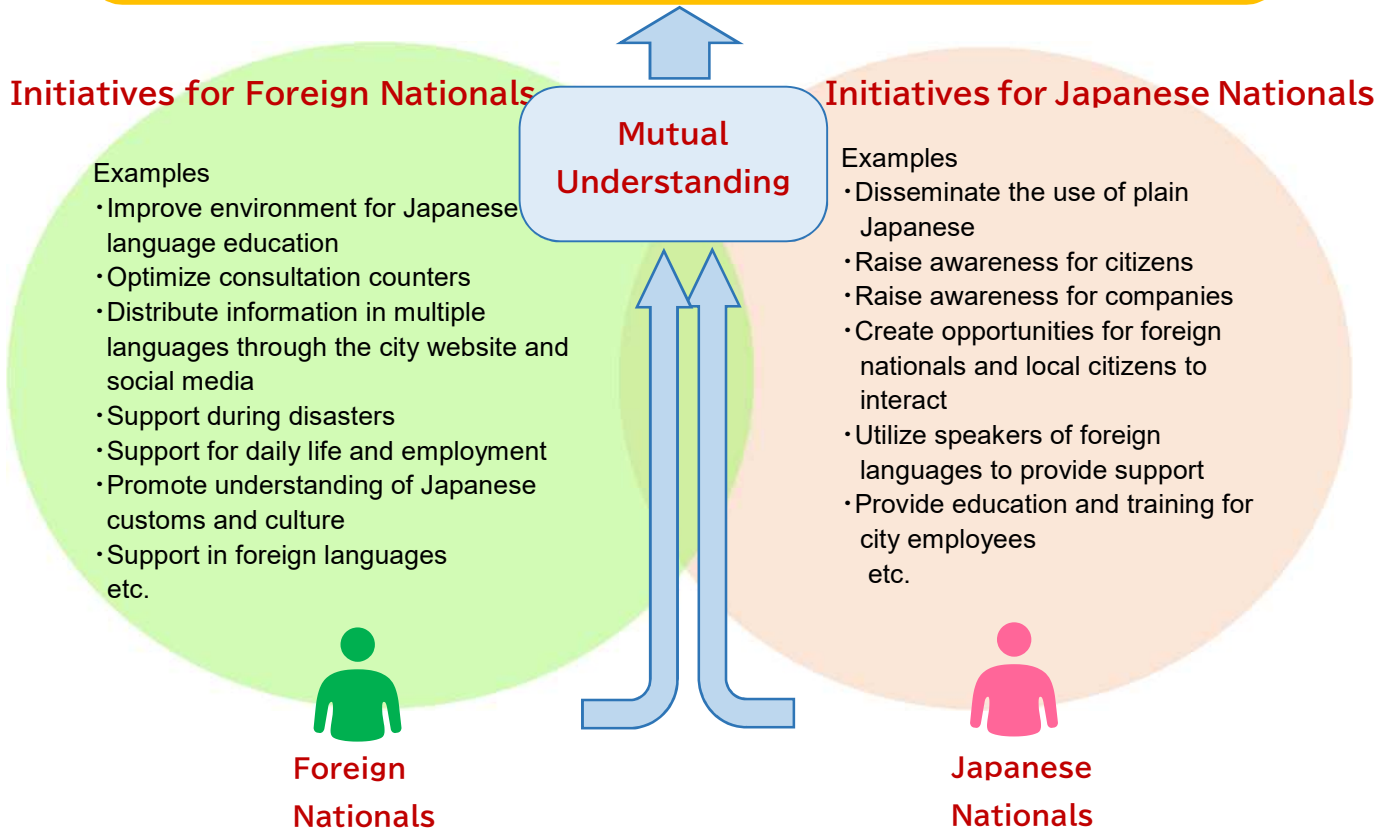
Six Important Strategies of the 2030 Niigata City Overall Plan



3 Two Perspectives to Promote Our Goals

In order to realize an intercultural society with foreign nationals, two initiatives are necessary: Initiatives for Foreign Nationals and Initiatives for Japanese Nationals. By working with both foreign nationals and Japanese nationals, the two groups can meet each other half way and reach mutual understanding, which will lead to the realization of the intercultural society with foreign nationals that this city is striving towards.

Realization of a society where everyone can live comfortably while demonstrating their individuality and abilities



4 Four Important Points for Developing the Policy

Area 1 Communication Support

By working to provide opportunities and to improve the quality of Japanese language education for foreign nationals, while simultaneously spreading the awareness of plain Japanese among Japanese nationals, the city is striving for smooth and fast communication between both groups.

Area 2 Distribution of Information and Consultation System

The city is promoting the distribution of information in plain Japanese and multiple languages, while strengthening the system for multiple language consultation counters for foreign nationals experiencing problems in their daily lives. Furthermore, the city is establishing a system to support foreign disaster victims by providing necessary information during times of disaster and an information system so that foreign nationals can evacuate quickly.

Area 3 Support for All Life Stages

The city is revising its distribution of information and application processes in order for foreign residents to properly receive the necessary support for entering school, finding employment, and more during all stages of life, including infancy, school age, adulthood, and old age.

Area 4 Infrastructure for Intercultural Society

By closely cooperating with regions that foreign nationals live in, as well as companies, schools, and relevant institutions, the city will promote an environment for foreign nationals to live, work, and learn in. Furthermore, through awareness and support for both Japanese nationals and foreign nationals, the city will foster a consciousness for realizing an intercultural society.