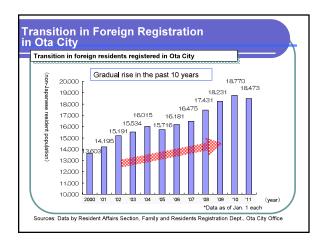
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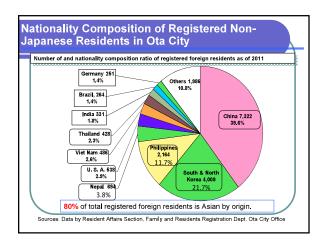
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# Partnership with Businesses, NPOs and Universities

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# Ota's Initiatives Aiming at Developing into an International City Building a Society of "International Exchange" and "Multicultural Cohabitance" Takayoshi Inoue Director Internationalization, Community Promotion, Ota City Office





#### **Roles of City Government**

- Creating a master plan, formulating policies and measures for promoting multicultural cohabitance practices. Management of their implementation
- Holding meetings for Ota Council of Multicultural Coexistence Promotion.
   Implementation of major policies such as operation policy planning for Interpeople Community Center (mics Ota) and others.
- Networking local resources

#### **Multicultural Cohabitance Practices of Ota City**

- Survey was conducted to study the current situation of foreign residents of Ota City in October 2009.
- Ota City's multicultural cohabitance plans were developed in March 2010.
- •Interpeople Community Center (mics Ota) was established in September 2010.
- Ota Council of Multicultural Cohabitance Promotion was set up in November 2011.

#### Interpeople Community Center (mics Ota)

"mics Ota" stands for Multilingual Information and Collaboration Square in Ota City.



Interpeople Community Center and Residents Activity Support Center Kamata were set up in mics Ota.

#### Operation policies of mics Ota

- Cooperation and collaboration with diverse activity groups
- · Facility open to local communities
- · Utilization of local human resources
- Function as a hub for operation of intercultural practices

#### Major Projects Entrusted to mics Ota

- 1) Multilingual advisory services
- 2) Japanese language classes
- 3) Multicultural exchange events
- 4) Volunteer programs for international exchange
- 5) Interpreter dispatch services to municipal facilities
- 6) Multilingual municipal information services
- 7) Japanese speech contest
- 8) Foreign residents' participation in disaster prevention drills conducted by local communities
- 9) Others

#### **Multilingual Consultation Desk**

Advisory desk provides foreign residents with information and consultations on daily-life issues.

Consultations for immediate problems are available in various languages.

60% of total advisory staff is registered foreign residents. Open from Sunday to Friday.

Problems other than daily-life issues can be undertaken by professionals with expertise.

[ Total consultations provided in 2011 was 731.]



#### Japanese Language Classes

### Survey on the current situation of multicultural cohabitance in Ota

 $55.2\ \%$  of foreign residents answered that they have language problems.

86.6% of the above answered that they want to learn Japanese.

Beginner-level programs are not available in Japanese language classes organized by volunteers in local communities

Japanese language classes were started with focus on beginner-level students. Students who complete beginner programs may continue to study Japanese at the classes organized by volunteers.

#### **Multicultural Exchange Events**

Multicultural exchange events aim at cultivating multicultural cohabitance consciousness, and are held twice a year, giving foreign and Japanese residents with opportunities to interact with each other and deepen mutual understanding.

Multicultural exchange events are held twice a year to provide people of various nationalities living in local communities with opportunities to understand each other beyond language and cultural differences.



#### Volunteer Programs for International Exchange

Cultivating resident volunteers who could help support foreign residents facing various issues.

Volunteer programs were conducted with focus on disaster prevention in the fiscal 2011.  $\label{eq:conducted}$ 

Cultivation of disaster-prevention consciousness among foreign residents is also undertaken by providing disaster prevention drills in cooperation with disaster-prevention volunteers.









