

2025 Shizuoka Intercultural Month  
Shizuoka Intercultural Symposium

# Shizuoka Prefecture's Initiatives for Intercultural Cohesion

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# Overview and administrative system of Shizuoka Prefecture



Mt. Fuji World Cultural Heritage Site



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Southern Alps

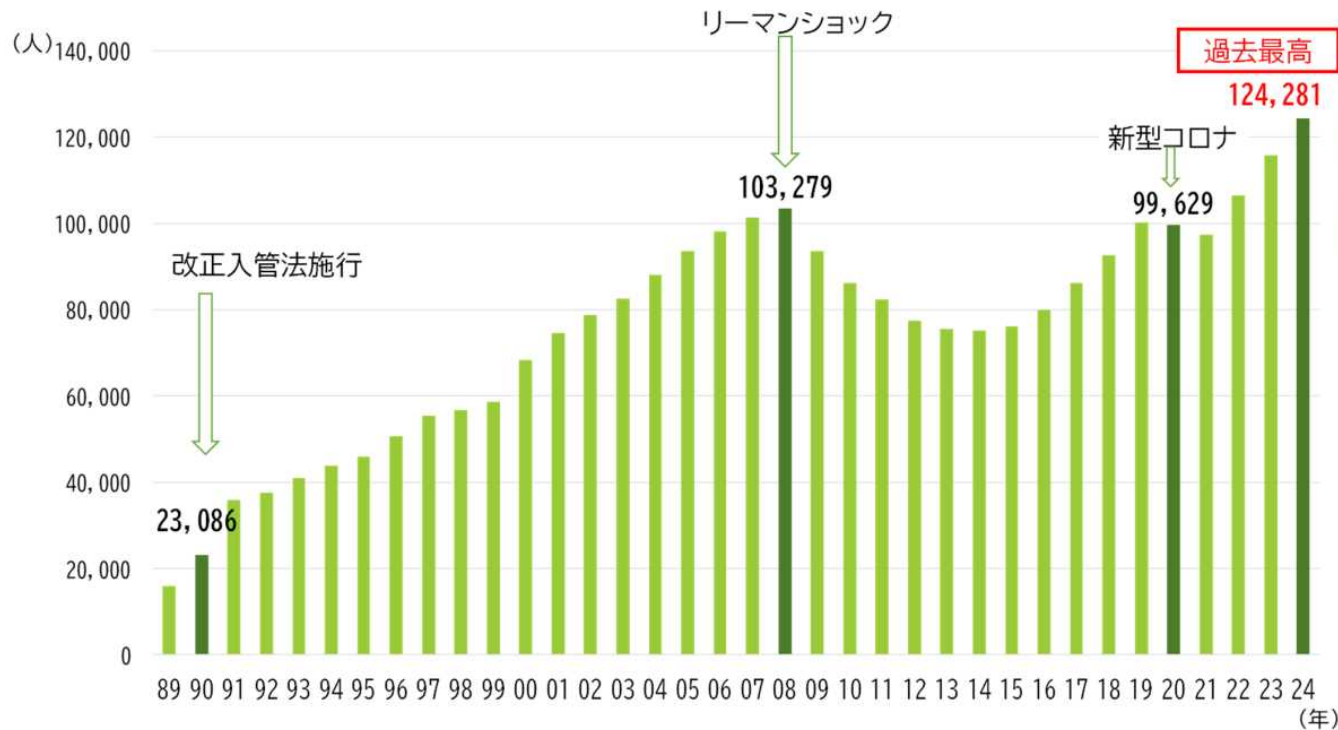


Izu Peninsula

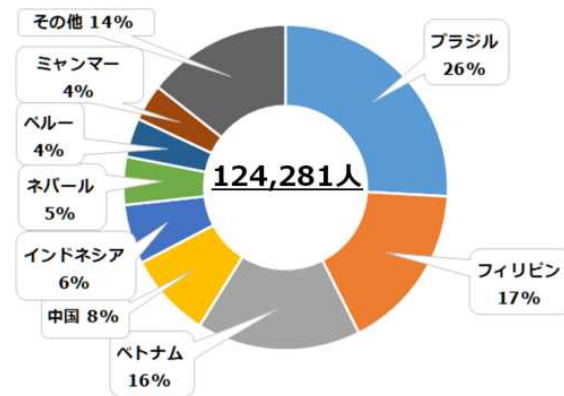
municipal governments (cities)	Regional governments (prefecture)
<p>Essential Public Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resident registration</li><li>• Waste management</li><li>• Childcare and welfare</li><li>• Firefighting</li><li>• Operation of elementary and junior high schools</li><li>• <u>Direct support for foreign residents</u></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wide-ranging coordination and planning</li><li>• Liaison and coordination between the prefecture and local municipalities</li><li>• <u>Prefecture-wide planning and promotion related to Intercultural cohesion</u></li></ul>

# Foreigners residing in Shizuoka pref. Record high **124,281人**

- 3.53% of Population
- Since 1990, the number has increased mainly in Brazil
- In recent years, the number of countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia, and Nepal has also increased.
- 127 countries and regions and multinationalization



	nationality	Number
1	Brazil	32,151
2	Philippines	20,737
3	Vietnam	20,277
4	China	10,555
5	Indonesia	7,356
6	Nepal	5,944
7	Peru	4,805
8	Myanmar	4,546
9	Korea	4,179
	other	13,731
	sum	124,281



# Relationship with the ICC

Hamamatsu mayor era (2007-2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ International Symposium on Intercultural Cities Tokyo (2012)</li><li>➤ Japan-Korea-Europe Intercultural City Summit 2012 Hamamatsu</li><li>➤ Japan-Korea-Europe Intercultural City Symposium 2013 Ansan Summit</li><li>➤ World Democracy Forum 2016</li><li>➤ Joined the ICC and held international symposiums (2017)</li><li>➤ International Summit for Intercity Cooperation 2019 Hamamatsu</li><li>➤ Online participation in the "25th Anniversary of Japan's Accession to the Council of Europe Observer" (2021)</li></ul>
Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture (2024-)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <u>The first prefecture in Japan to join the ICC (2025. August)</u></li><li>➤ <u>Shizuoka Intercultural Symposium (2025. December)</u></li></ul>





## Past Efforts

Hamamatsu mayor era (2007-2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Hamamatsu Intercultural City Vision(Phase 1 2013-17, Issue 2 2018-22, Issue 3 2023-28)</li><li>➤ Hamamatsu City's "Zero School Refusal Campaign" → Achieved Zero School Refusal in 2013</li><li>➤ Multilingual information provision (foreign language version of public relations messages, welcome packs, etc.)</li><li>➤ Opening of the Hamamatsu City Intercultural Center (2008)</li><li>➤ Establishment of the Hamamatsu City Foreign Study Support Center (2010)</li><li>➤ Hamamatsu City Intercultural Activity Commendation System (2018)</li><li>➤ Certification System for Declaring Active Participation of Foreign Human Resources (2021)</li></ul>
Governor of Shizuoka Prefecture (2024-)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Establishment of a project team for "Accepting Foreigners and Realizing a Intercultural Society" at the National Governors' Association (2024)</li><li>➤ Formulation of the Shizuoka Prefecture Comprehensive Plan (2025) → Incorporating Intercultural Perspectives</li><li>➤ Formulation of the 4th Shizuoka Prefecture Intercultural Cohesion Promotion Basic Plan (2026-2028)</li><li>➤ Establishment of Shizuoka Prefecture Intercultural Month (2025)</li></ul>

# Shizuoka Prefecture's Intercultural Cohesion measures

## Building momentum

### Building momentum for intercultural

- Intercultural Month (December)
- Membership in the ICC

### Establishment of a sense of Intercultural Cohesion

- Promoting exchanges between foreigners and Japan
- Dissemination activities in collaboration with university students

### Communication support



地域日本語教室での交流促進 多文化共生わかものフォーラム

## Improvement of the environment that supports daily life

### Enhancement of consultation desks for foreign nationals

- Shizuoka Assistance Center for Foreign Residents "Kameria"
- Municipalities through sharing consultation information, etc.
- Strengthening the consultation desk

### Strengthening the provision of information to foreigners

- Strengthening the dissemination of disaster prevention and daily life information
- In the event of a disaster, the "Multilingual Support Center in the event of a disaster"

## Supporting the active participation of foreigners

### Improvement of the educational environment for children with foreign roots

- Zero school absenteeism operation
- Support for career choice and career development
- Special curriculum and Japanese instruction
- Placement of coordinators, etc.

### Creating a comfortable working environment

- Dissemination of the Charter for Foreign Workers
- Nursing facilities that jointly provide Japanese language education aid