

TEI GAKU KYUU FU KIN

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The Supplementary Income Payments (SIP)

The Japanese Government has started the process of offering Supplementary Income Payments (SIP) to help lift the economy out of recession. Okinawa City is going to dispense the funds, called Teigaku Kyuufu-kin (SIP), to all city residents at the end of May.

—Eligible persons and amounts—

Each resident registered in Okinawa City on February 1st, 2009 is eligible to receive a benefit of 12,000 yen (20,000 yen for people aged 65 or older or aged 18 or younger as of February 1st, 2009) from the city. The benefit is available not only to resident Japanese nationals but also to registered alien residents who have the status of residency or Special Permanent Resident (excluding those on short-term visas or staying illegally in Japan).

—How to receive—

There are three ways to apply for the SIP.

Apply via Mail	After filling in the application form sent to each householder from Okinawa City via mail, return your completed form with a copy of your own alien registration certificate in the enclosed envelope. The city will deposit the funds into the bank account which you wrote on the form.
Apply at Office	Fill in the application form sent to each householder from Okinawa City via mail and apply at the office in the city hall with a copy of your own alien registration certificate. The city will deposit the funds into the bank account which you wrote on the form.
By cash at Office	Fill in the application form sent to each householder from Okinawa City via mail and apply at the office in the city hall with a copy of your own alien registration certificate. The city will dispense the funds in cash at the office.

*The date to dispense will depend on each way to receive the funds.

*Receiving in cash is eligible for only such people who don't have any bank accounts.

—Application period—

You will receive the application form for SIP by mail at the end of April, 2009.

The SIP dispensing will start via direct deposit at the end of May, 2009.

*Only available for Japanese bank accounts.

*The city office is in the process of scheduling a receiving period for those who will receive their SIP by cash at the city office.

—**About the bank transfer scam (called Furikome-sagi in Japanese)**—

If there are any unclear points on your completed application form, we may contact you. However, the city will never ask all city residents to deposit any proceeding fee to receive the funds or for ATM operation. If you get any suspicious calls such as ATM operation, contact the police as soon as possible.

—**Other**—

Those who don't apply for the funds within 6 months from the application date will be regarded as the person who has cancelled his/her entitlement. The city will demand return of the funds if anyone obtains the SIP through illicit means. Each resident cannot collateralize or give his/her own right to receive the payments to another person.

Inquiries: SIP & Special Allowance for Child-Rearing Division

TEL 098-939-1212 (Ex. 3060—3062) **Only Japanese response.**

Announcement of The Special Allowance for Child-Rearing

Considering the burdens of early childhood education in multi-child households, an FY 2008 emergency measure provides ¥36,000 for each child of early childhood education age, beginning with the second.

Eligible Children: Children within three years of starting elementary school in FY 2008 (i.e., those born from April 2, 2002, through April 1, 2005) who are the second or later children in their families.

*Children will be considered as second children if they are second in age among children aged 18 or younger.

*Registered alien residents, only those who are staying in Japan legally.

The payment amounts: 36,000 for each child (only one payment)

Sending to: The head of household living with an eligible child. (The mailing information is based on the basic resident register and the alien registration on February, 2009.)

*The application period shall be 6 months, beginning on the first date applications are accepted. Eligible persons should make sure to apply.

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