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On July 9, 2012, the Alien Registration Act will be abolished and registration procedures for foreign residents will change.

Foreigners who legitimately stay longer than 3 months (not including temporary visitors, such as tourists) and reside in Japan will not only be able to issue a copy of their residence record, but the Basic Resident Registration Act will be applied to them as

In order to facilitate a smooth transition, a temporary residence record will be sent during the beginning of May to foreigners who apply under the Basic Resident Registration Act. When you receive your temporary resident record, please confirm the information on it. Please go to the Okinawa City Hall City Residential Division to apply for any corrections that need to be made.

For more information regarding the new system, please visit the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications English website:

- http://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/jichi_gyousei/cgyousei/zairyu english.html
- http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/en/index.html City Residential Division Foreign Registration Administration ₽ 939-1212 (ext. 3118)

FY 2012 Revision of Child & Special Child Rearing Allowance

The amount of child rearing allowance (for children raised by a single parent) and special child rearing allowance (for children with disabilities raised by a single parent) for FY 2012 is based on the provision of the law (Act No. 9, 2005) pertaining to it. The revision is as follows:

		FY 2011 (per month)	FY 2012 (per month)
Child Rearing Allowance	Full Amount	¥41,550	¥41,430
	Partial Amount	¥9,810~¥41,540	¥9,780~¥41,420
Special Child Rearing Allowance	Level 1	¥50,550	¥50,400
	Level 2	¥33,670	¥33,570

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Okinawa City Population Statistics

> **Total Population:** 136,613 (+88)

Male:66,120 (+69) Female:70,493 (+19)

Households:54,407 (+81)



Foreign Residents: 1,249 (+8) (From a total of 48 countries)

> Male:695 (+6) Female:562 (+2)

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