

## « Introduction »

### — To all foreigners arriving in Japan to work —

Welcome to Aichi Prefecture! How excited you must be to get started fulfilling your hopes and dreams for your life in Japan. Though I'm sure some are also experiencing tremendous anxiety and confusion about living in the country with its own cultures, customs, and rules.

Japan's culture, work, and life rules are very different from the ones in your country. Whether or not you've done your research and/or studied up before coming to Japan, you're likely to find that many things are not as you understood them to be. Reading about them and actually living and experiencing them are two very different things.

We all want the same thing - to live and work happily. For that reason, we, the Japanese, need to know more about you and your culture, so we can learn to understand the differences. At the same time, you need to timely put forth the effort to learn the rules of local life and work so you can begin applying them to your daily life.

We want everyone to quickly become accustomed to living in Japan and interacting with its many people, like Aichi Prefecture. This guidebook explains the most important take-aways after first coming to Japan. We will support you in your desire to live your dreams and hopes in Aichi Prefecture, while enjoying your life with peace of mind!

## « Symbols and signs in the guidebook »



. . . Video learning material available



. . . A piece of advice (shown with the Aichi Prefecture Multicultural log)

One-point advice

<"Nihongo" - let's use it!>



. . . Recommended Japanese expressions related to the chapter

## « Characters »



**Mr. Htin**

Age 21

Young Junior



**Ms. Thao**

Age 25

Reliable Senior



**Mr. Yamada**

Age 45

Plant Manager



**Mr. Nguen**

Age 32

Married with  
Children