

# Survey on how to improve the living condition of Filipino migrants in Japan

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## Objectives and Purpose:

We are members of Japan Lawyers International Solidarity Association (JALISA), which was established in 1957 to build international solidarity for peace and human rights. JALISA has around 400 members mostly lawyers, paralegals and ordinary citizens. One of our current campaigns calls for uplifting the living conditions of Filipino migrants in Japan; and protecting and promoting their human rights. We are pushing this campaign in partnership with the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers (NUPL), a group of human rights lawyers in the Philippines, Migrante International, the global alliance of migrant Filipino organizations and grassroots organizations of Filipinos in Japan, namely KAFIN and Migrante Japan.

In order to accomplish our goals, we are conducting this survey to learn more about your current situation and realities of your day-to-day life in Japan

We shall not use any of your personal information for any purpose other than this survey. We shall treat the information you will give with utmost confidentiality and promise not to make them available to the public, most especially to the Immigration Bureau. Also, you need not write down your name if you wish so.

If you decide to fill out this questionnaire, you will be given the chance to consult any of your legal problem/s with our JALISA lawyers, free of charge.

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## Survey Questionnaire

### I. Personal Information

Q1 What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_ (You may leave this blank)

Q2 Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female Age: ( ) years old

Q3 Address in Japan: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prefecture

Address in Philippines \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Province

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Q4 When did you come to Japan for the first time? 19\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_

Q4-1 How many years have you been living in Japan? ( ) years

Q5 Do you have a valid visa? ( )Yes ( )No

\* You can trust that we will not inform the Japan Immigration about your visa.

Q5-1 If you have a valid visa, what kind of visa is this?

( ) Permanent visa

( ) Long-term visa as \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Special permit visa as \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Work visa as \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Temporary visa as \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other type of visa \_\_\_\_\_

Q5-2 Was it easy for you to get the visa? ( )Yes ( )No

Q5-3 How did you apply for your visa?

( ) By myself

( ) Through an agency

( ) Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Q5-4 How much did you pay for your visa? ¥\_\_\_\_\_ / PHP \_\_\_\_\_

Q6 If you don't have a valid visa, why?

( ) Illegally entered Japan

( ) Overstay

( ) Expired already

Q6-1 Did you use a fake passport? ( )Yes ( )No

How much did you pay for the passport ¥ \_\_\_\_\_ / PHP \_\_\_\_\_

Q6-2 How did you enter Japan?

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Q6-3 Why did you enter Japan illegally when you know it is risky?

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Q7 What is your purpose in coming to Japan?

- Marriage to Japanese
- To work
- To support family in the Philippines
- Other reason, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Problems about Family/Marriage

Q9 Are you married?  Yes  No

Q10 If not married, do you have a live-in partner?  Yes  No

Q11 What is the nationality of your spouse/live-in partner?

- Japanese
- Filipino
- Other nationality, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Q12 Where did you meet your spouse/live-in partner?

- Japan
- Philippines
- Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Q12-1 How did you meet your spouse/live-in partner?

- Introduced by family/friends
- At work
- Internet
- Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Q13 Are you and your spouse/live-in partner having problems now?

- Yes
- No

Q14 If Yes, what kind of problems are they? (*multiple answer is okay*)

- Cultural difference
- Language /Communication
- Lack of information on living in Japan
- Finance/Income/Cost of living
- Discrimination
- Visa
- Child recognition or child rearing
- Divorce
- Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Human trafficking

“Human trafficking” constitutes a crime. For example, Japanese organized crime syndicates (e.g. Yakuza) are believed to be involved in many human trafficking cases in

Japan. They recruit young Filipino women in poor provinces in the Philippines and force them into prostitution. But many victims do not speak out for fear of retaliation.

Q15 Do you know anyone who is a victim of human trafficking?

Yes       No

Q16 Do you know any victim who wants to consult with a Japanese lawyer?

Yes       No

#### IV. Labor Problems

Q17 Are you working in a Japanese company?

Yes       No. please specify owner of company: \_\_\_\_\_

Q18 What kind of job are you engaged in?

Construction       Manufacturing

Household Work

Service (retail clerk, restaurant, customer service, etc.,

please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Entertainer (singer, dancer, others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing a business

Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Q19 How much is your salary? ¥ \_\_\_\_\_

Q20 Is your salary enough to live decently in Japan and support your family in the Philippines?     Yes     No

Q21 Do you have a work contract?     Yes       No

Q21-1 Do you receive the contracted salary and overtime pay from the company?

Yes       No

Q22 How did you get the job and who introduce you to the company?

By myself

Through a broker

Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Access to Legal Support/Assistance

Q23 Have you encountered any legal problem in Japan? (*multiple answer is okay*)

Immigration problem

Marriage procedure

Social/welfare services

Labor-related problem

- Family-related problem  
 Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Q24 Whom do you consult with when you have problems?  
 None/Oneself  
 Family  
 Friends (Japanese, Filipino, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Philippine Embassy/Consulate  
 Japanese government/agency  
 Priest/Religious groups  
 NGO       Lawyer  
 Internet  
 Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Q25 What sort of legal advice do you need/expect from a Japanese lawyer? Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Q26 Do you know of any Japanese lawyer you may consult with?  
 Yes       No)  
 If Yes, what is his/her name? \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. Immigration Bureau

- Q27 How many years is the validity period of your visa?  
 Years       Months
- Q28 How often do you visit the Immigration Bureau?  
 in a month       in a year
- Q29 What is your purpose of visit?  
 Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Q30 What is your impression of Immigration Bureau Officials?  
 Normal  
 Courteous  
 Rude  
 Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Q31 If you have seen the Immigration Bureau website, how is your impression of it?  
 Useful Information  
 Difficult to understand because of language  
 Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. The Philippines Embassy**

Q32 Have you been to the Philippines Embassy or Consulate?

- Yes             No

Q33 Is it easy for you to contact and access the services of the Philippine Embassy or Consulate?

- Easy to contact, difficult to access services  
 Difficult to contact, easy to access services  
 Easy to contact and access services  
 Difficult to contact and access services

Q34 How will you describe the way Philippine Embassy or Consulate treats Filipinos like you?

- Very good  
 Good  
 Not good  
 Bad  
 Others, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation. Whenever you have legal issues or problems, you may ask for a free consultation with any of our JALISA lawyers nearest to your area. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

What is your opinion about this survey and JALISA?