

Sign our Petition!

【Stop overprizing Medical Fees!】

Migrants and Refugees suffering under COVID-19 pandemic need Just and Humane system that protects lives.



The spread of COVID-19 has threatened lives of migrants and refugees.

More hospitals refuse to accept migrants and refugees without health insurance after the pandemic started.

Even when migrants and refugees without health insurance are accepted at hospitals, overprizing of medical fees are rampant.

Migrant communities, religious organizations, a small number of hospitals and NGOs have supported migrants and refugees without health insurance through charity works or “mutual cooperation” instated by a former Prime Minister. But, the scale of needs are far more serious than voluntary support can provide.

We are petitioning the Japanese government to implement systems stated below IMMEDIATELY!.

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1. Migrants and refugees who are on provisional release should be able to access medical services if needed. The Japanese government should issue a residence status that allows them to become members of the health insurance system. Otherwise, medical fees should be covered by the Immigration Bureau.
 2. Local and National governments should set budgets for uncollected medical expenses. With support from the government, hospitals can attend to the needs of patients and will not be compelled to turn away those without health insurance.
 3. Stop hospitals from overcharging foreigners without health insurance.

4. A public medical interpretation system is inevitable for patients with language backgrounds other than Japanese to communicate with medical professionals, for proper diagnosis, treatment and to consult regarding their livelihood.

We need to have a system where the life and well-being of every person is protected. This system should protect all people in the society regardless of nationality, residence status or health insurance membership.

Online Petition Form.

<https://www.change.org/EmergencyMedicalAid>



Japanese



English

Foreigners have rights to express their opinion through signing the petition!

The Japanese Constitution - Article 16 states “Both Japanese and foreign nationals may express their opinion to the Japanese government. “The statement warrants no harm nor disadvantage to those expressing their opinions. The Japanese government, politicians, public servants, police officers and judges have a responsibility to protect citizens’ rights stated in the Constitution.

Petition Campaign on medical services for all Migrants and Refugees under COVID-19 Pandemic

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