



Work Yamanashi

Gain skills and be part of a community in the heart of Japan



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Welcome to Yamanashi, home of Mount Fuji!

Located just two hours by train from Japan's capital, Tokyo, Yamanashi is a vibrant and beautiful prefecture that offers stunning natural scenery, delicious local produce and cuisine, and a rich, diverse culture.

Yamanashi is currently home to over 18,000 foreign residents, a thriving international community that continues to prosper and grow. There are plenty of exciting opportunities for foreign nationals in Yamanashi and so much to see and do in this amazing prefecture.

Seasonal delights

The picturesque landscapes, rolling mountain ranges, and changing seasons of Yamanashi offer something new to enjoy throughout the entire year.



- As spring rolls around and the flowers start to bloom, visit Yamanashi's famous cherry-blossom viewing spots, such as the famous Chureito Pagoda—a brilliant-red five-story pagoda set against the backdrop of the majestic Mount Fuji.
- Summertime in Yamanashi is refreshing and mild with lots of new experiences for you to enjoy. Relax as you dip your feet into a nearby crystal-clear river, or test your skill at stand-up paddleboarding on any of Yamanashi's many lakes. It is also the season to take on the challenge of climbing Mount Fuji. Will you make the trek to view the sunrise from Japan's highest peak?
- Autumn foliage is particularly magnificent in Yamanashi. See bright red and yellow leaves displayed against a towering Mount Fuji in the distance surrounded by clear blue skies.
- In winter, enjoy views of stunning snowscapes, and take advantage of Yamanashi's many ski resorts, ice-skating rinks, and onsen (hot springs).

Delicious local cuisine

Yamanashi is called the "kingdom of fruit" for good reason—local fruit producers boast a wide variety of fruit: grapes, peaches, plums, cherries, and more. Many local shops and restaurants sell tasty desserts that use just-picked super-sweet fruit, and the taste is unparalleled. Yamanashi is also a big producer of vegetables and high-grade meats; so, for delicious and wholesome fresh local food, it is one of the best places to be.

Restaurants in Yamanashi offer many tantalizing local specialties, such as thick and chewy Hoto noodles and rich, melt-in-the-mouth Koshu beef. There are also numerous international restaurants, so you can enjoy the flavors of home created by skilled foreign chefs.



Be part of a community

Residents of the thriving international community in Yamanashi live in close harmony with the region's Japanese residents. There are plenty of friendly community events, such as festivals, where everybody can participate and enjoy each other's company and culture. Foreign residents in Yamanashi hail from all over the world, with many people coming from China, Vietnam, Brazil, the Philippines, and South Korea. The peaceful countryside of Yamanashi is the perfect environment for making lifelong friends and forming deep connections with people from both Japan and abroad.



Working in Yamanashi

Given Japan's aging population and declining birthrate, foreign workers are a valuable part of the workforce and local industry in Yamanashi. Foreign residents contribute extensively to the smooth running of many booming sectors. Consequently, lots of companies are actively looking to hire more foreign employees into their workforce, who in return will receive valuable career opportunities and the encouragement that comes with belonging to an international community.

Job sectors actively recruiting foreign workers include the following:

- Manufacturing
 - Hospitality and service
 - Wholesale and retail
 - Hotels and restaurants
 - Farming and food production
 - Care work
 - Construction
- And more!



Feeling at home in Yamanashi

Yamanashi Prefecture is taking proactive measures to support its growing multicultural society. With a focus on acceptance and coexistence for everyone, the prefectural government strives to ensure not only a safe and secure working environment for foreign residents but also a safe and comfortable living environment. Numerous support programs are in place to promote the employment of foreign nationals, increase



opportunities to learn the Japanese language, and to include foreign voices in the local community. With so many useful resources available to foreign residents, Yamanashi will feel just like a home away from home, and help will always be readily available if needed.

Under the "Realization of a Multicultural Society in Yamanashi" Concept, the prefecture aims to make initiatives practical and sustainable. The aim is to realize a mutually-supporting society in which all residents respect each other's diverse values and everyone can play an active role in community life.

Getting a visa

There are different types of visas available for living and working in Yamanashi, many that come with exciting career opportunities.

Technical intern training visa

This visa is a good way into an entry-level job and can help you to level up your career with new knowledge and skills. Implementing organizations and companies grant this visa directly to new employees for the purpose of enhancing their expertise through training in new technology and other know-how. No university degree is needed for this visa, and many sectors are covered, including agriculture, manufacturing, and construction. While living in Japan, you will be trained with useful skills that will benefit your career long term, and you can enjoy working in a safe and well-regulated environment.

Skilled labor visa

Employees in specified industrial sectors including manufacturing and construction, as well as hospitality are some of the types of workers that can be accepted under the skilled labor visa. If you possess unique expertise, skills, and experience in a particular field, you may qualify for this visa.

Engineer / Specialist in humanities / International services

This visa is perfect for people in careers that require a high level of specialist knowledge, such as mechanical engineers, translators, designers, and those working in public relations or advertising.

Business manager

This visa is for people who are presidents or executive managers of a company in Japan or who want to start their own business in Japan.

There are of course other working visas available, such as those for graduates of Japanese universities or for intracompany transfers. Many foreign nationals have come to Yamanashi on different visas and followed different career paths, and they are now thriving in their work life. Read their stories in the following pages!



Find the Job that is Right for You

Yamanashi is home to a thriving foreign community who are making use of the many great career opportunities available. A variety of sectors in Yamanashi are on the lookout for new foreign workers, who in turn will get to work in a safe, progressive and rewarding environment. Are you ready to make a smart career move by working in Yamanashi Prefecture? Read on to find out which sector may be the perfect fit for you.

Hospitality and Service Sector

Thanks to Mount Fuji, Yamanashi enjoys a high amount of tourism – both domestic and international. The picturesque Fuji Five Lakes region around the base of Mount Fuji is a hub for hotels, restaurants and other tourist facilities that are actively recruiting foreign workers. The international mindset that foreign workers bring to the job is highly appreciated in this sector that often deals with large numbers of foreign tourists.

Job options in the hospitality and service field can include:

- Hotel front desk staff
- Hotel housekeeping staff
- Hotel baggage porters
- Waiters
- Food servers
- ...and more.

If you are sociable, organized, empathetic and keen to learn, the hospitality and service sector could be a great career move.

Interview with Peia from Cambodia

Workplace: Hotel

What do you like about Japan?

Japan is a clean, safe country and the people here are so polite.

What do you think of Yamanashi Prefecture?

Firstly, being able to see Mount Fuji up close every day is very special! The seasons in Yamanashi are also beautiful. In springtime, many cherry blossom trees bloom in Kawaguchiko, so every year I go to Oike Park and Yagizaki Park with my friends to take photos of the scenery. The air in Yamanashi is always so clean and the food is delicious.

Please tell us about your job in Yamanashi.

I work as a hotel receptionist in Kawaguchiko, showing guests to their room and serving them food. I love my job as it teaches me valuable communication and service skills that will be useful in working towards my future goal of attending a vocational hospitality school in Japan.

What is the biggest challenge in your job?

At first, occasionally I couldn't always understand exactly what guests are saying because I don't speak fluent Japanese. However, the hotel staff are always so kind in teaching me, so I am gaining confidence every day and my Japanese language and hospitality skills are always improving.



Manufacturing and Construction

Yamanashi is fast-growing as a major manufacturing location for medical, healthcare, semi-conductors, and next-generation energy sectors. Many companies are building factories around the Kofu area, to coincide with the opening of the new Linear Chuo Shinkansen line, which will dramatically improve travel times to Tokyo. As more people flock to these innovation hubs, demand for construction work in Yamanashi has started to increase, and there are many exciting jobs available for foreign workers.

Manufacturing and construction roles can include:

- Production workers
- Machine operators
- Quality control checkers
- Builders
- Technicians
- ...and more.

If you are a strong and healthy team player who enjoys hands-on work, the manufacturing and construction industry could hold the key to unlock career growth for you.

Interview with Alis from Indonesia

Workplace: Steel foundry

What do you think of Yamanashi Prefecture?

I love living in this beautiful place and have made some wonderful memories here. Since Mount Fuji is so close, I decided to make the climb to the peak during the summer hiking season and I felt a huge sense of accomplishment.

How would you describe working in Yamanashi?

My working environment feels like one big family. My co-workers gave me extra training in quality control, and I felt fully supported as I learned.



Interview with Pujianto from Indonesia

Workplace: Scaffolding yard

How would you describe your Japanese language level?

I arrived in Japan six months ago. I studied a little Japanese by myself before I came to Japan, and these communication skills helped when I was settling in. Thanks to my ongoing studies, I can use Japanese with my coworkers. I hope to keep studying to reach N3 level, so I will have wider career opportunities in Japan.

What is your advice for others looking to work in Yamanashi?

Don't worry about not being able to speak perfect Japanese, just do your best, study by yourself and keep trying to improve.



Interview with Nguyen from Vietnam

Workplace: Ice cream factory

Please tell us about your job in Yamanashi.

I started working here as a forklift driver, but my company offered me extra training, so I am starting to learn the basics of how to manufacture ice cream to a high standard.

What have you learned from working in Yamanashi?

I have new respect for the "Japanese way" of doing things carefully and I have learned a lot about the importance of safe working conditions.



Agriculture

Yamanashi is renowned throughout Japan for its amazing agricultural sector. The prefecture produces many delicious fruits and vegetables, using some of the best, most innovative crop production and farming technology in the world. Thanks to Yamanashi's four beautiful seasons and the rolling countryside, there are many top agricultural ventures in the prefecture searching for motivated foreign workers.

Roles in the agriculture sector can include:

- Fruit and vegetable growers
- Farm workers
- Agricultural equipment operator
- Warehouse workers
- ...and more.

If you love nature and want to learn skills from one of the most efficient and technologically skilled agricultural markets in the world, this could be the sector for you.

Interview with Nguyen from Vietnam

Workplace: Vegetable greenhouse

What brought you to Yamanashi?

I was looking for opportunities to advance my career and salary. I had never worked in a greenhouse before I came to Japan, but my company were extremely supportive and gave me lots of training.

What is your job like?

The greenhouse I work in uses some of the newest Japanese technology for tomato cultivation. It is a clean and calm working environment and I enjoy working here very much.

What do you do in your spare time?

I am enrolled in a Japanese language program supported by Yamanashi Prefecture, which will no doubt help me in working towards my goal of passing the Specified Skilled Worker No. 2 examination.



Care Work

The care work industry in Japan is booming due to the rapidly aging population. Many care homes and children's centers are in urgent need of staff, and the recruitment drive for foreign workers is increasing year on year. Care workers in Japan are held to a high standard, so employees at these facilities will learn many useful skills relating to Japanese hospitality and nursing care.

Typical care work roles can include:

- Nursing home workers
- Disability home workers
- ...and more.

If you are caring and compassionate with good attention to detail, this industry may be for you.

Interview with Zar from Myanmar

Workplace: Nursing home

What brought you to Japan?

I studied Japanese and nursing care at college in Myanmar, so I searched for jobs in Japan where I could use my skills. Since Japan is a strict country with many laws and regulations to protect workers, I felt safe applying to work here.

Please tell us about your job in Yamanashi.

I work in a nursing home for the elderly. I care for the elderly, talk to them and write care reports. Thanks to my daily interactions with Japanese people, I feel that my Japanese language abilities and overall skills are always improving.



The future of Yamanashi

Yamanashi is blessed with clear, pure water; long hours of sunshine; and rich, fertile soil—all of which contribute to the high quality of its agricultural, livestock, and fish products. Prompted by the looming threat of climate change, however,

• Leading in its approach to climate change

Yamanashi was the first prefectural government in Japan to join the international “4 per 1000” initiative, which proposes to reduce the increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by increasing the amount of carbon stored in agricultural soils.



Biochar made from grape pruning branches as part of the “Yamanashi 4 per 1000 Initiative” .

• Using the finest Japanese technology to achieve sustainability

Grain harvesters and fruit pickers can improve their efficiency by using state-of-the-art technology, such as smart glasses developed using AI technology in collaboration with veteran farmers.



Grape growing using smart glasses.

Yamanashi is developing other technology for its “data-led agriculture” technology program, which aims to extensively improve agricultural output by analyzing the factors that lead to a higher yield.

• Improving treatment of livestock

Yamanashi’s Livestock Industry Division was the first in Japan to establish a certification system for animal welfare. Chickens are kept free-range, and cows graze in Yamanashi’s wide-open pastures.



Animal-first feeding management systems as part of the “Yamanashi Animal Welfare” program.

A hub for innovation

The growing industries of medical equipment, healthcare, semi-conductors, and next-generation energy are steadily building hubs in Yamanashi Prefecture, coinciding with the anticipated opening of the Linear Chuo Shinkansen line, which

• The medical-device corridor

Medical-device companies are gathering in the Kofu basin, taking advantage of Yamanashi’s capabilities as a leader in the machinery and electronics industries in an area becoming known as the “medical-device corridor.”



• Hydrogen and fuel-cell industries

Yamanashi Prefecture, in collaboration with the private sector, developed a power-to-gas (P2G) system that uses electricity from renewable-energy sources, such as solar power, to produce green hydrogen from water.



the Yamanashi Prefectural Government is taking steps, in line with the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, to protect the environment and the residents of Yamanashi from the effects of this threat.

• Protecting Yamanashi’s pure and delicious water

Yamanashi produces the largest volume of mineral water in Japan and has many famous onsen. The prefectural government works closely with local companies to preserve and protect its abundant water resources for future generations.



Nishizawa Gorge Nanatsugama five-tiered waterfall (Yamanashi City)

• Preserving forests with smart-forestry initiatives

Yamanashi prefecture is one of the most forested prefectures in Japan, with approximately 78 percent of its land area covered by forests. The prefectural government recognizes that preserving the earth’s forests is particularly important for reducing carbon emissions—Yamanashi was the first prefecture in Japan to be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.



Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified larch timber from Yamanashi Prefecture used in the large roof structure above spectator seating in the Japan National Stadium.(Photo courtesy of the Japan Sport Council)



will dramatically shorten travel times to Tokyo. The prefecture is becoming a hot spot for innovation and cutting-edge technology, with many exciting job opportunities bringing more and more people to the area.

• Open-platform Yamanashi

The prefectural government provides full support to start-up companies for demonstration experiments in order to resolve local issues using cutting-edge technology.



The progressive, innovative, and welcoming prefecture of Yamanashi has so much to offer foreign nationals. Start your wonderful new life in Japan by working in Yamanashi Prefecture!

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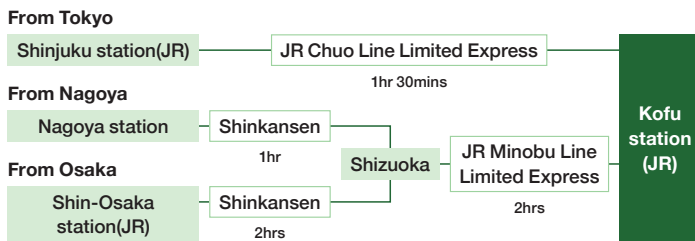
Yamanashi Prefecture is located in the center of Japan with Mount Fuji partially within its southeastern border and Japan's capital city, Tokyo to the east. A number of international airports, including Narita and Haneda, are within easy reach, and high-speed trains and highway buses connect Yamanashi to major transportation hubs like Shinjuku and Shizuoka.



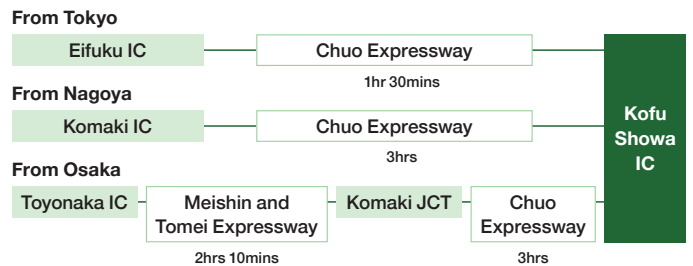
Kofu City

Kofu is the largest city in Yamanashi Prefecture and is the gateway through which most visitors and prospective residents enter the prefecture. The historic city boasts rich culture, great food, and fun nightlife.

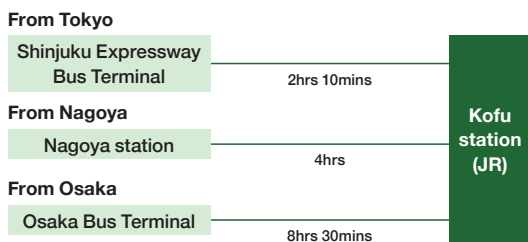
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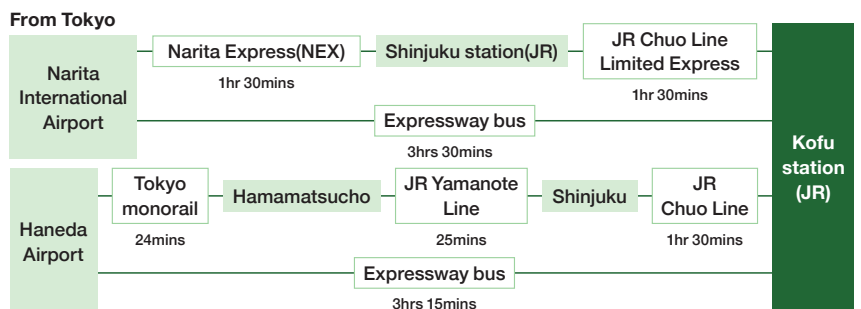
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▶ Yamanashi Prefectural Foreigner Consultation Centre

At the friendly and free Yamanashi Prefectural Foreigner Consultation Centre, international residents can get help with common concerns and questions. Staffed by Japanese coordinators and foreign counselors, support is available in sixteen languages, and the staff can handle everything from small questions about daily life to more serious matters involving work, family, or education. For any help you need to get your life in Yamanashi off to a great start, feel free to get in touch.



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▶ Yamanashi Prefecture's Japanese Language Programs

Yamanashi Prefecture offers extensive language programs to help international residents improve their Japanese and get more out of their life in Japan. Currently, in 2023, there are 22 public and private Japanese language programs in convenient locations across Yamanashi. Most of the classes are offered for free or a very low fee (for example, ¥500 per class). Classes are available for all learner levels, from beginners and those wanting to practice simple daily conversation skills to those seeking Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) qualifications to further their careers. These classes are also a great way to connect with people from similar or different backgrounds and to get in touch with Japanese culture.

