To everyone who moved from abroad

－Your children can go to school here－

１　The Japanese School Education System

　○Education before Starting School

　　　Before starting school, children can receive education in kindergartens or other authorized child institutions from age 3 until they reach school age.

○Compulsory education

　　　Compulsory education at elementary schools, junior high schools, compulsory education schools and special needs schools (elementary department and junior high department) is for children aged 6 to 15 for a total of 9 years. Children enter elementary school (shogakko) in the April following their 6th birthday and study there for 6 years. After graduating from elementary school, they will enter junior high school (chugakko) for an additional 3 years of education.

２　Procedures for Starting School(Elementary and Junior High School)

○Submit a notification of moving in (tennyuu todoke).

**① City/Town/Village**

**Resident registration counter at the municipal office**

○Go to the Board of Education of your City/Town/Village

　 Place:

Phone number:

　 電話番号：

○Receive information about schools.

○Tell them about how you want to enroll your child in a school.

○Learn about which school to go to.

**②Board of Education of the City/Town/Village**

○Go directly to the school and talk about school life.

〈 What to bring 〉

・Documents from the child’s previous school.

（Like a certificate of enrollment and transcript/grades）

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**③School**

School:

Place:

Phone Number:

３　School Expenses

* Tuition

There is no tuition fee for public elementary, junior high schools, and special needs schools (the elementary and junior high departments).

* Textbooks

Textbooks used in elementary, junior high schools, compulsory education schools and the elementary and junior departments of special needs schools are given to each student free of charge at the start of each school year in April.

* Other expenses

Expenses for additional learning materials that are used in school, school events, or school lunches must be paid by the guardian.

* Financial Assistance

If you find it difficult to enroll your child in a public elementary or junior high school for financial reasons and the board of education of the city, town or village officially recognizes this, you may receive financial assistance for school supplies and school lunches.

**Please contact your local municipal board of education for details**