Points-based preferential treatment for Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals in immigration procedure

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The points-based system that provides Highly Skilled Foreign Professional (HSFP) with preferential immigration treatment has started since May 2012. Under the system, admitted HSFPs can enjoy the preferential treatment in immigration procedure.

Points of the policy

The points-based system has started in order to promote immigration of highly skilled foreign nationals who have advanced abilities.

Those foreign professionals are expected to contribute to economic growth and creation of new demand and employment in Japan.

Under the points-based system, foreign professionals who earn points more than a certain number, will be admitted as "Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals (HSFPs)," and will be able to enjoy the following preferential treatment.

Preferential Treatment for HSFPs

- Permission for multiple purposes of activities during the stay in Japan
- Grant of the "5 years" period of stay
- Relaxation of requirements for being legal permanent residents

- Preferential processing of paper works
- Permission for a spouse of an HSFP to work
- Permission for bringing parents of an HSFP (Some conditions are applied.)
- Permission for a domestic worker (Some conditions are applied.)

For more detail



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