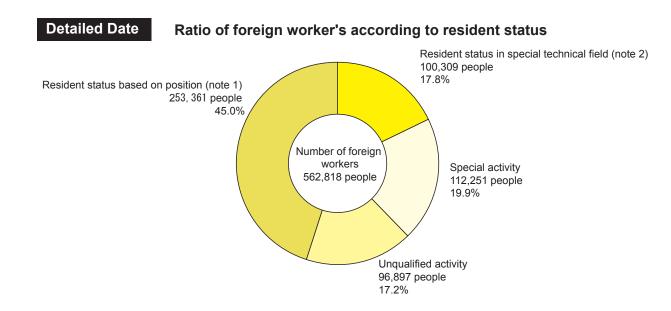
Overview

Basic concept of measures for employment of foreign workers

he existing laws	[Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act] Acceptance range of foreign workers is decided considering "impact on the industries of Japan, the people's life, etc. " comprehensively.
	(Employment Countermeasures Act) (revised in June, 2007, enforced on October 1, 2007)
The framework of the existing laws	 Measures that the government must take are clarified as follows. Promotion of employment of foreign workers in specialized and technical fields Improvement of employment management and promotion of reemployment for foreign workers Employers are obliged to make efforts to improve employment management and support reemployment for foreign workers, and to report the situation of employment of foreign workers. Alien Workers Guidelines based on Employment Countermeasures Act that employers are obliged to follow have been stipulated according to the notification by Minister of Health, Labour and welfare.
Present basic concept	[Basic principles of the employment policy (Notification by Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in February, 2008)] From the viewpoint of the interna- tional competitiveness intensifica- tion, employment of foreign workers in specialized and technical fields in Japan is to be promoted positively.
	[Support for foreign workers in specialized and technical fields] [Measures for appropriate and stable employment of foreign workers]
Concrete measures	 Promotion of employment of foreign workers in specialized and technical fields by utilizing the nation-wide network of Employment Service Centers for Foreign Workers (Tokyo, Aichi Osaka). Promotion of employment of foreign students in Japan in collaboration with college graduates sections and concerned sections of colleges. Implementation of internship programs for foreign students. Promotion of employment foreign students. Promotion of employment of foreign students.
	Notification of the reporting system that all employers are obliged to report the situation of foreign workers employment (part of the employers' compliance)



Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare "Report situation of foreigner employment situation" (October, 2009)

- (Note) 1 "Resident status based on position" includes "Permanent resident status", "Japanese consort", and "Consort of permanent resident status" and "habitant"
 - 2 Residence status of professional and technical field includes "professor", "art", "religion", "news", "investment / management", "law / accounts duties", "medical care", "research", "education", "technology", "humanities knowledge / international business", "Intra-corporate transferees", "performance" and "skills"