

Scheme of International Promotion Program of Kyoto's Traditional Cuisine

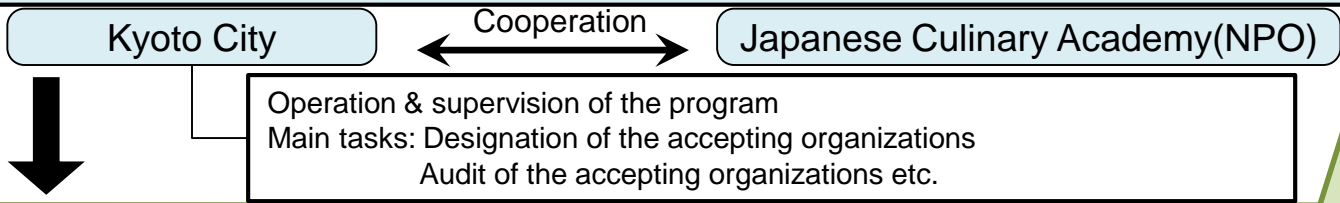
Background

The conventional Immigration Control Act does not allow foreigners to work at Japanese cuisine restaurants in Japan. Those who want to work at such restaurants had to enter Japan with the "cultural activity" resident status which does not allow the holders to be paid, to serve dishes to customers or to be eligible for social security.

Program Overview

Now solely in Kyoto City, *foreign chefs** can work at Japanese cuisine restaurants thanks to the special measures of the Comprehensive Special Zones law!

Foreign chefs are approved to work at restaurants in Kyoto city temporarily to learn the art and techniques of Japanese cuisine so that they can introduce it to the world after they return. This will lead to the promotion of Japanese cuisine abroad.



Overseas

Restaurants etc.



Introduce Japanese cuisine after their return

Learn the art and techniques of Japanese cuisine



Inside Kyoto City

Accepting organizations (e.g. "Ryotei")

On the basis of labor contract, accepting organizations pay *foreign chefs* at least the same as Japanese and train them in the art & techniques of Japanese cuisine

- <Requirements for accepting organizations>**
- Accepting organization and the restaurants that *foreign chefs* belong to shall reach an agreement with the following points. The agreement should be clearly expressed on documents that are exchanged.
 - *Foreign chefs* should be sent to Japan as a part of their jobs in their original restaurants etc.
 - After working in Japan, *foreign chefs* have to go back to their original restaurants
 - ※ An exception: The *foreign chefs* qualified as silver or gold certificate in accordance with "guidelines for Certification of Cooking Skills for Japanese Cuisine in Foreign Countries"
 - *Foreign chefs* and accepting organizations shall exchange labor contracts
 - Accepting organization can let *foreign chefs* work at longest five years
 - One organization can accept up to three *foreign chefs*
 - Accepting organizations have to be qualified that they have not committed illegal acts in the past three years regarding accepting foreigners and their labor



- <Requirements for "foreign chefs"*>**
- Certified to have cooking skills and with a good character
 - Motivated to learn Japanese cuisine and to introduce it to the world after their return