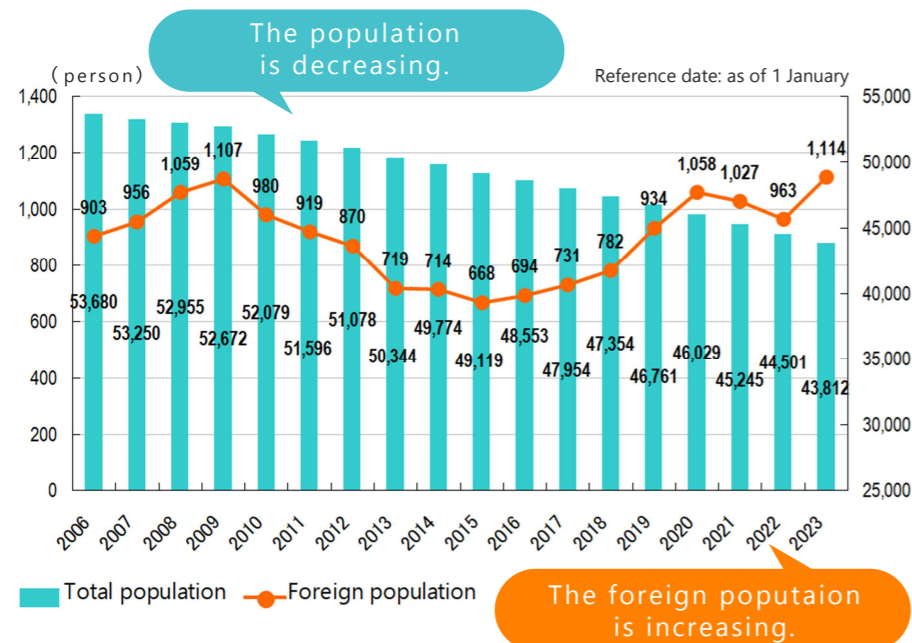


## What is intercultural symbiosis?

Many people from various backgrounds live in our city. They are from different countries, regions and ethnic groups with various races, various religions, languages, historical perspectives and cultures.

Intercultural Symbiosis is the idea that all people should recognize each other as members of the community living together, without being bound by their differences, and work together to develop the community.

## Why do we need intercultural symbiosis?



The population of Shinshiro has decreased by 9,868 people over the 17 years from 2006 to 2023.

On the other hand, the foreign population has been on an increasing trend since 2015.

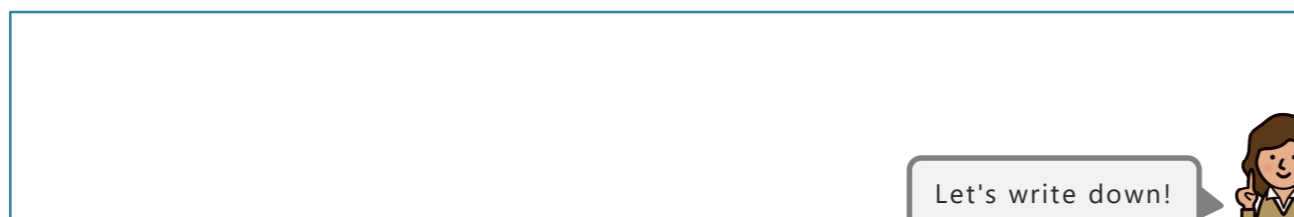
This trend is expected to continue in the future for both Japanese and foreign population.



Intercultural symbiosis is becoming more and more necessary.

- To keep local strength (company, land use, local community, etc.) while the population decreases
- For both foreigners and Japanese to live in peace as the number of foreigners increases.

## What I can do for intercultural symbiosis



Let's write down!



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Summary

## Intercultural Symbiosis Promotion Plan

2024 - 2028

~ Accept each other as members of the community.

That diversity will create Shinshiro ~

People living in the community, whether Japanese or non-Japanese, have different circumstances and backgrounds. The first step toward intercultural symbiosis is to accept both Japanese and non-Japanese as members of the community, regardless of nationality or ethnicity, in a community where many different people live. The diversity that emerges from this will create Shinshiro City, our city of tomorrow.





## Contents of the plan

While the Japanese population of Shinshiro City continues to decrease, the foreign population tends to increase. In order to maintain the vitality of the local community under such conditions, it is important to recognize foreign citizens as local residents living in this city just like Japanese citizens, to provide comprehensive support to them, and at the same time to create a system to connect them with the local community.

This plan outlines Shinshiro City's basic approach to the creation of an intercultural society, as well as a plan for the initiatives that Shinshiro City will pursue.

# Overall diagram of the plan

# Support for foreign citizens according to their life cycle

Basic principles	The 3 pillars of the plan	Implementation measures	Infancy Generally up to 5 years old	Childhood Generally 6 - 14 years old	Adolescence Generally 15 years old - early 20s	Adulthood Generally late 20s - 64 years old	Old age Generally 65 years old and over	
Accept each other as members of the community. That diversity will create Shinshiro.	<b>01</b> ~communicating with each other~ Communication support	<b>Education of Japanese language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Education of Japanese language for children</li> <li>● Education of Japanese language for adults</li> <li>● Providing information on studying Japanese and training people to teach Japanese</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Japanese language class for beginners "Kibo"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Early Japanese language classes</li> <li>● Japanese class</li> <li>● Providing information on studying Japanese and training people to teach Japanese</li> </ul>			
		<b>Multilingual support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Automatic translation of the official website</li> <li>● Multilingual pages in PR papers</li> <li>● Disseminating multilingual information via Social Media</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Automatic translation of city website</li> <li>● Multilingual pages in PR papers</li> <li>● Multilingual Facebook</li> <li>● Facebook in easy Japanese</li> </ul>				
		<b>Promoting easy Japanese</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Promotion of easy Japanese to citizens (including municipal employees)</li> </ul>						
	<b>02</b> ~helping each other~ Livelihood support	<b>Improvement of the living environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consultation service for foreigners</li> <li>● Multilingual dissemination of information and life rules for foreigners</li> <li>● Dissemination of information on disaster prevention</li> <li>● Multilingual information on insurance systems, taxation, medical care, etc.</li> <li>● Portuguese psychological counselling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consultation service for foreigners</li> <li>● Leaflets distributed to foreign residents when they move in</li> <li>● Information page for foreigners</li> <li>● Improving welfare counselling service</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Living orientation video</li> <li>● Raising awareness of waste separation</li> <li>● Improving information of public transportation</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enhancing support at evacuation sites</li> <li>● Raising awareness of disaster prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multilingualization of tax payment schedule</li> <li>● Publicizing the insurance and pension system</li> <li>● Improving support for welfare of the disabled</li> <li>● Improved support for addressing the public assistance system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multilingual support at City Hospital</li> <li>● Application form for certificates in Portuguese language</li> <li>● Multilingualization of vaccination procedures for rabies, etc.</li> <li>● Satisfaction surveys for foreign residents</li> </ul>	
		<b>Support for childcare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multilingualization of childcare-related materials</li> <li>● Application of maternal and child health handbook ("boshitecho")</li> <li>● Intercultural Piazza for parent-child interaction ("Tabunka Oyako Fureai Hiroba")</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application of maternal and child health handbook ("boshitecho")</li> <li>● Multilingualization of health check-ups, vaccinations, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multilingualization of documents from elementary schools (kodomoen)</li> <li>● Intercultural Piazza for parent-child interaction ("Tabunka Oyako Fureai Hiroba")</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multilingualization of children's club materials, etc.</li> </ul>			
		<b>Improvement of the educational environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● support for foreign children and their parents</li> <li>● Providing information on post-secondary education</li> </ul> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supporting education of Japanese language for foreign pupils, etc.</li> <li>● Consultation of education</li> </ul>				
		<b>Awareness-raising and understanding promotion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Awareness-raising on intercultural symbiosis</li> <li>● Promoting cross-cultural understanding</li> </ul>						
	<b>03</b> ~understanding each other~ Awareness-raising and social participation support	<b>Support for interaction and social participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interaction between Japanese and non-Japanese</li> <li>● Promotion of administrative district membership</li> <li>● Identification of key persons</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Projects and events for interaction</li> <li>● Promotion of administrative district membership</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identification of key persons for intercultural symbiosis</li> <li>● Creating a home base for interaction of foreign citizens</li> </ul>		

