

We are 法テラス

Houterasu aims to provide information and services that will help resolve legal problems all over the country. The official name of Houterasu is "Japan Legal Support Center". The name of Houterasu is derived from our wish to "light up society with knowledge of legal rights" and "provide a place where people can relax in comfort, just like reclining on a sunny terrace (terasu)".

Please feel free to call or e-mail Houterasu if you have any legal problems. Please access to the web site of Houterasu (<http://www.houterasu.or.jp/>), and click the icon right above FAQ on the web site. When calling from a landline/cell phone please dial

☎0570-078374

- ※Calls from landlines cost 8.5 yen nationwide for three minutes.
- ※"0570" is the number of an NTT Communications automated telephone service.
- ※When using a PHS/IP telephone please dial 03-6745-5600.

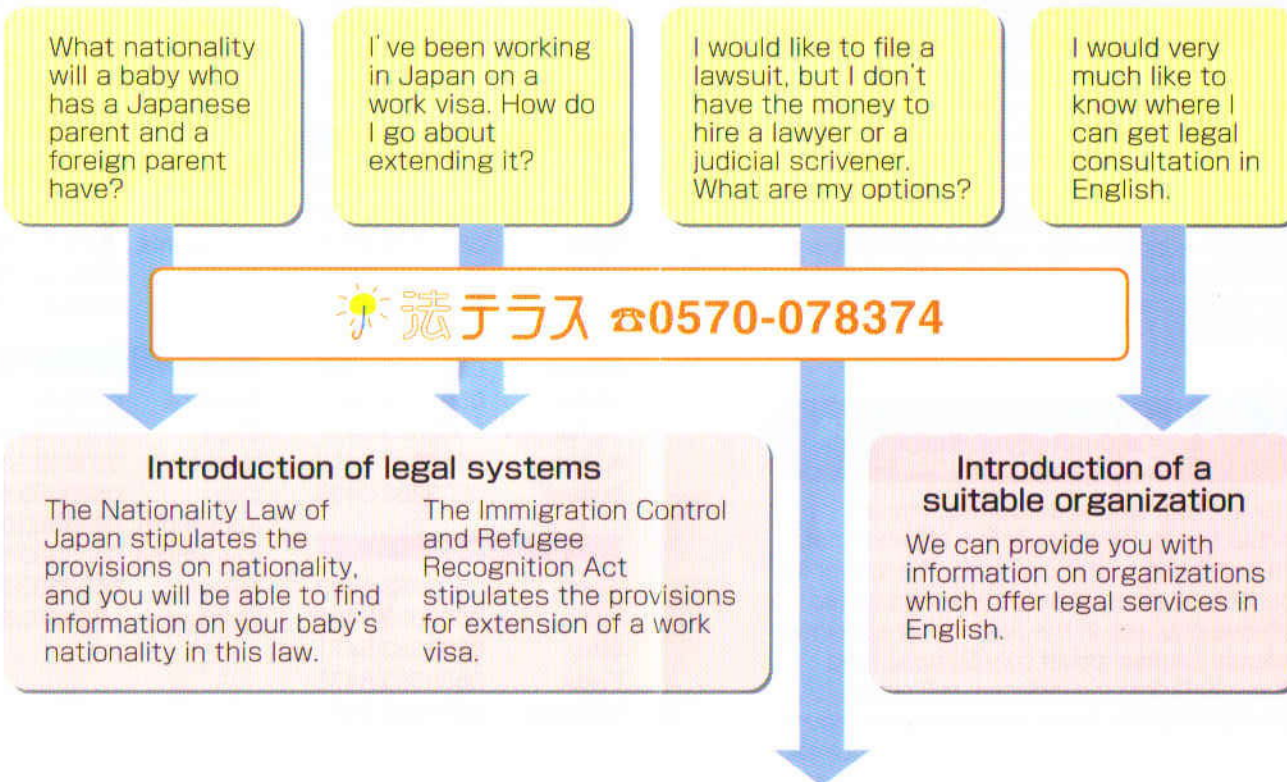


Main Services of 法テラス

① Information Services

Provides free information on national and local government organizations, bar associations, judicial scriveners' associations and related organizations which are responsible for providing information and legal services for resolution of legal disputes.

For instance, in the following cases.



② Civil Legal Aid

When people need assistance of legal experts but have limited financial resources, this service aims at offering free legal consultations, and where necessary referring their cases to legal experts and granting loans to cover the expenses of trials or lawyers and judicial scriveners.

The aid is subject to examination of the financial resources of the applicant.

- Aid for legal consultation (—provides free legal counseling)
- Aid for legal representation (—loans for attorney's fees)
- Aid for preparation of legal documents (—loans for the costs of making legal documents)