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The number of foreign residents in Japan tends to increase and has exceeded 2% of the total population of Japan since 2017; Although this number has decreased due to COVID-19 last year, this is anticipated to continue to grow in the future. In addition, there are about 81,000 illegal stayers in Japan as of early 2020, marking an increase for the sixth consecutive year.

As for security impact of the growing number of foreign nationals, no significant increase in crimes committed by foreigners has been reported thus far; however, there are daily life trouble like garbage collection schedule-related issues, noise problems and others between foreign and Japanese residents due to differences in language, culture and customs. Furthermore, the out-of-school rate, high school dropout rate and non-regular employment rate of foreign juveniles are high, which may lead to juvenile delinquency. In a previous case, children of Japanese returnees from China who could not adapt to Japanese society formed an origin of criminal gang called “Chinese Dragon.” In addition to crime control, the Japanese police also promote measures to achieve an inclusive society, such as raising public awareness of crime prevention, patrolling and door-to-door visits with interpreters, and providing correctional guidance for foreign juveniles, for the sake of ensuring the safety of foreign residents in Japan. The Japanese police are expected to steadily ascertain the situation of foreign nationals and ensure the achievement of a safe and secure society.