

③ Measures for areas with limited judicial services

For areas where it is difficult to receive legal services due to a lack of lawyers or judicial scriveners, **Houterasu** will provide legal services at an appropriate cost through staff lawyers who work for **Houterasu**.

④ Victim Support

For crime victims and their families, **Houterasu** provides information on available victim aid systems, such as procedures for participation in criminal proceedings or recovery of damages for victims and other related persons. Information is also provided on victim support organizations and lawyers with expertise in the field of victim support. The telephone number for crime victims is 0570-079714

⑤ Court-Appointed Defense Counsel Services

If, owing to financial difficulties, you are unable to pay for a lawyer in a criminal trial, the court (the state) can appoint a lawyer for you. This is the system of court-appointed defense counsel. In the past, court-appointed defense counsel could only be appointed after a defendant is indicted, but since October 2006 in some serious cases, court-appointed defense counsel can be appointed for a suspect undergoing investigation before indictment.

Houterasu swiftly and reliably enlists candidates for court-appointed defense counsel, provides assistance in arranging court-appointed defense counsel right from the investigation to the trial, and provides support for implementation of the saiban-in (lay judge) system.

※The legal experts comprised of lawyers and judicial scriveners perform their duties independently, and do not receive orders or instructions from **Houterasu**.

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Fukushima	0503383-5540
Yamagata	0503383-5544
Iwate	0503383-5546
Akita	0503383-5550
Aomori	0503383-5552

Kanto

Tokyo	0503383-5300
Kanagawa	0503383-5360
Saitama	0503383-5375
Chiba	0503383-5381
Ibaraki	0503383-5390
Tochigi	0503383-5395
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Aichi	0503383-5460
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Ishikawa	0503383-5477
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Osaka	0503383-5425
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Nara	0503383-5450
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Tokushima	0503383-5575
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Our offices are no bilingual staff present at these offices, these services are only provided in Japanese. Foreign applicants who would like to avail themselves of these services will need to bring their own translator.

Open on Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

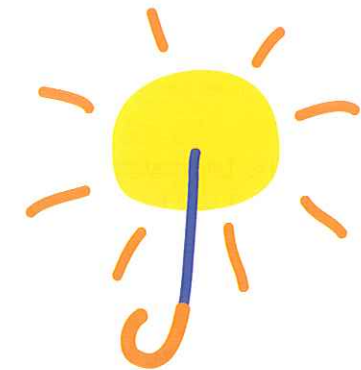
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(81 is Japan's country calling code)

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English-speaking bilingual
operators are present during these hours.

Japan Legal Support Center

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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

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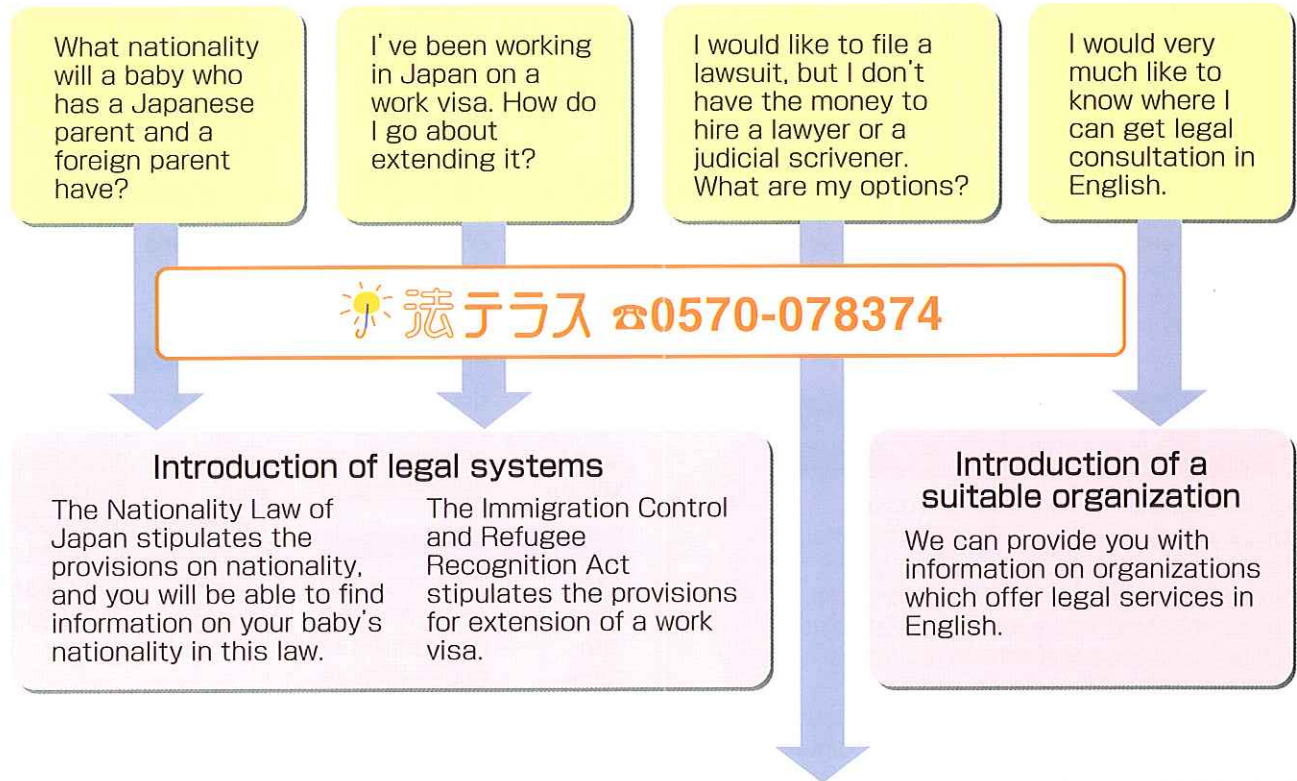


Main Services of 法テラス

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)