

Setagaya Intercultural
Cohesion Leaflet

Setagaya is the World



**—Meeting, Getting to Know,
and Connecting with Each Other—**

This leaflet was created based on discussions held by Setagaya residents during the “Setagaya Meeting - An Intercultural City for Everyone to Think Together” (opinion exchange sessions with foreign residents) in FY2023 and 2024, with the hope of promoting awareness about intercultural cohesion.

Residents shared their ideas on “catchphrases to clearly express the idea of intercultural cohesion,” “how to make the city more livable for foreign residents,” and “recommended spots in Setagaya City.”

The Story Behind This Catchphrase

By incorporating the character “世” (world), we created a memorable catchphrase that sticks in people’s minds.

Setagaya City is home to people from many different cultures and backgrounds—like a microcosm of the world itself. This catchphrase captures our belief that meeting, getting to know, and connecting with one another are truly meaningful.



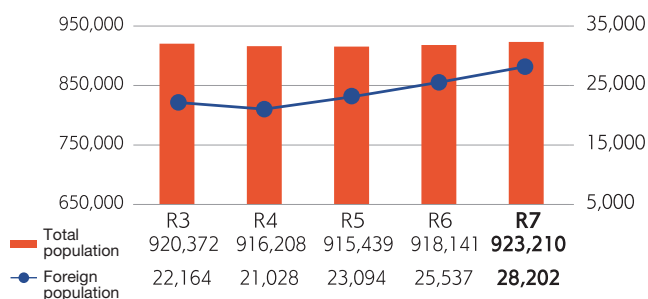
How can we make our community more livable for foreign residents?



Data on Foreign Residents in Setagaya City

① Number of foreign residents living in Setagaya City Five-year trend

(As of January 1, 2025)

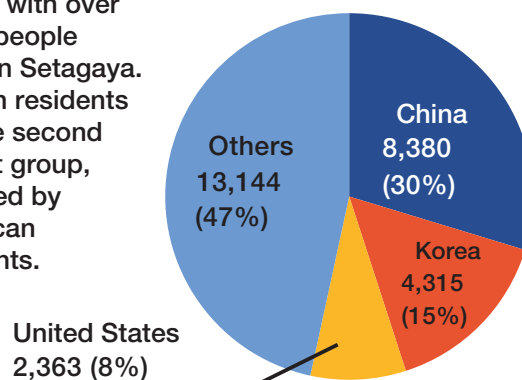


While numbers decreased during the COVID pandemic, they have been steadily increasing since then. 2025 marks the highest number of foreign residents on record.

② Foreign residents by nationality/region (Top 3 countries/regions)

(As of January 1, 2025)

Chinese residents represent the largest group, with over 8,000 people living in Setagaya. Korean residents are the second largest group, followed by American residents.



Setagaya City Initiatives

In March 2024, Setagaya City established the "Setagaya City Secondary Intercultural Cohesion Plan." We are implementing various initiatives to create a cohesive intercultural community where everyone can live safely and with peace of mind.

● Japanese Language Classes for Foreign Residents

These classes provide learning opportunities for foreign residents who are beginning to study Japanese.

● Multilingual Interpretation Services Using Tablets

Tablets equipped with video interpretation applications enable smooth communication with foreign residents at service counters and other facilities.

● Setagaya International Messe

Working with local embassies, universities, and international organizations, we host this vibrant festival featuring cultural booths, stage performances, and hands-on activities to celebrate our community's diversity.

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Setagaya Intercultural Center (Crossing Setagaya)

What is Setagaya Intercultural Center (Crossing Setagaya)?

We provide useful information for foreign residents and organize events and programs that bring together foreign and Japanese residents.



● Japanese Language Exchange Sessions

You can talk with people who have roots abroad, using plain Japanese.

● Community Walking Tours for Foreign Residents

These are tours where foreign and Japanese residents walk around Setagaya City together.

● Multicultural Understanding Course

Learn about cultures from various countries and different ways of living and thinking.

Hours	Tuesday through Sunday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Location	Carrot Tower 2F, 4-1-1 Taishido, Setagaya City, Tokyo
Languages	Japanese and English *Translation devices are available for other languages.

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Setagaya Meeting —An Intercultural City for Everyone to Think Together— (Opinion Exchange Meeting with Foreign Residents)

This platform brings residents together to share their everyday experiences and ideas for creating a community where everyone can live comfortably. It provides opportunities to share challenges and information while fostering connections among participants.

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Top 3 Recommended Spots in Setagaya City



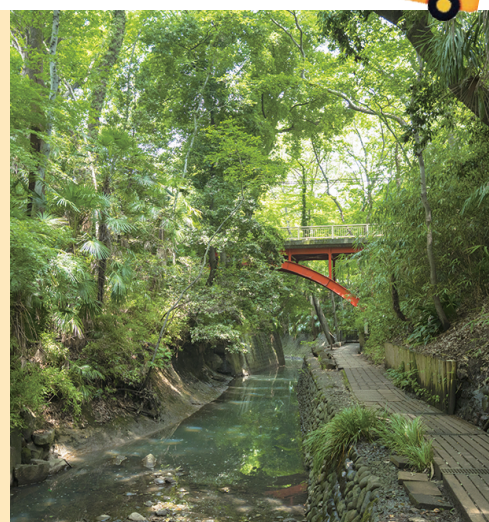
We asked foreign residents to share their favorite places in Setagaya City to help more people discover the highlights of our area!

Todoroki Valley

(1-22-26 Todoroki)

Tokyo's only natural valley in the 23 wards—a peaceful gorge with lush greenery and a gentle stream running through it.

Comments: “It’s amazing to experience such beautiful nature in the heart of Tokyo” / “So much greenery!”



Gotokuji Temple

(2-24-7 Gotokuji)



Famous for its beckoning cats (Manekineko), this temple offers seasonal beauty with cherry blossoms in spring and colorful foliage in autumn.

Comments: “Easy for foreigners to understand and appreciate” / “Such a unique and distinctive place”

Kinuta Park

(1 Okura,
1 Okamoto)



This spacious park is spectacular during cherry blossom season and perfect for picnics, hanami parties, or simply relaxing in nature.

Comments: “So many peaceful spots where you can unwind and relax”

And many more...



Hanegi Park, Setagaya Art Museum, Setagaya Park, Setagaya-Hachiman Shrine, and much more!
Setagaya City has numerous wonderful places to explore!



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