

Labor Shortage in Japan

Japan's population is expected to decline from about 127 million to about 88 million by 2065, according to the National Institute of Population and Social Security.

According to a survey of global employers carried out by the Manpower Group, 81 percent of Japanese firms reported having difficulties in filling jobs in 2014. This is the highest number amongst all the countries surveyed and more than double than the global average of 36 percent. Furthermore, the same survey, which has been conducted since 2006, shows that labor shortages as measured by this indicator have significantly increased in Japan in the last decade (from about 60 percent to about 80 percent), Japan has ranked consistently at the top in terms of reported labor shortages, and the latter are now significantly higher in Japan compared to other advanced countries.

Onocco – Ichiban Nihongo Academy is looking for students for the 14 industries that have been affected the most by the labor shortage:

- 1) Nursing care for elderly
- 2) Building cleaning
- 3) Farming
- 4) Fishery
- 5) Food and beverage production
- 6) Food service (such as restaurants, cafes, bars)
- 7) Material fabrication (such as metal casting)
- 8) Industrial machinery production
- 9) Electronics and electric appliance related
- 10) Construction
- 11) Ship building and marine equipment
- 12) Automobile maintenance
- 13) Aviation service
- 14) Lodging (hotels)

