

## Registration of Birth

The Japanese babies born in the Philippines must be registered in Japan. The registration may be executed in Japan, or through the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, Consulate-General of Japan in Cebu or Davao, within 3 months from their birth to prevent loss of their Japanese nationality.

(e.g., if baby was born on February 3, birth must be reported until May 2)

Who has to be registered?	Who may report? (Notifying personnel)
A baby from a married couple, wherein either one or both parents are Japanese Nationals	Either the father or the mother
A baby whose mother is a Japanese National	Mother
A baby who was acknowledged by the Japanese national father prior to his/her birth	The mother of the baby

### What documents are necessary for the registration?

1. Birth notification form available at the Embassy of Japan. – 2 original
2. Certified true copy of the child's birth certificate issued by the city hall or PSA and its Japanese translation – 1 original and 1 photocopy each
3. In case the notification of acknowledgement was made in Japan, Certificate of acceptance of acknowledgement of embryonic child – 1 original
4. Photo ID, e.g., Passport, Driver's License, or Government issued ID of the informant
5. For illegitimate child, Father's passport, two photocopies of the Bio page and its Japanese translation. The original passport must be presented. If passport is not available, Certified true copy of father's birth certificate issued by the city hall or PSA and its Japanese translation – 1 original and 1 photocopy each

※ When establishing a new domicile address (honsekichi) different from the father's or mother's domicile, it is necessary to check with the city hall in Japan if the nominated domicile address is available (including domicile number and branch number).

## **When should you register a new born baby?**

The new born baby between Japanese and Philippine couple must be reported no later than 3 months after birth directly to the Japanese city hall or through the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines, Consulate-General of Japan in Cebu or Davao. The Article 12 of Nationality Act stated that:

A Japanese citizen who acquired the nationality of a foreign country through birth and who was born abroad shall retroactively lose Japanese nationality at the time of birth, unless he/she indicates an intention to reserve Japanese nationality pursuant to the provision of Family Registration Act (Act No. 224 of 1947).

【Nationality Act Article 12】

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