

Request for Cooperation with the Nationwide Survey on Occupation and Daily Life

Our research group, Research Group on Social Stratification and Social Mobility (PI: Sho Fujihara and Kikuko Nagayoshi, Professor at Institute of Social Science, the University of Tokyo), is carrying out a nationwide survey on work and daily life among people aged 20 to 79 with a grant from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The survey aims to understand the realities of Japanese society, characterized by aging population, increasing diversity and a declining birthrate.

We, therefore, have sent you this questionnaire and request that you take part in this survey. This questionnaire form is intended for non-Japanese nationals. The respondents were chosen at random from the "Basic Resident Registers" of all municipalities in Japan, using a lottery-like method. The access to the Basic Resident Registers is conducted with the permission of each municipality in accordance with the Basic Resident Registration Law.

This is a 20-page survey and will take about 30 minutes to complete. If you are willing to participate in the survey, please fill out the enclosed survey form and return it in the enclosed envelope by **Sunday, October 19**. There is no need to affix a stamp. You may also complete the survey online. Besides the language of the enclosed survey form, we also provide survey screens in Indonesian and Nepali. Please refer to "How to Answer the Survey Online" enclosed herewith and answer the survey. For those who complete the survey, you will get a **QUO card or Digi-co** (a digital gift card that can be exchanged for items such as Amazon gift cards or PayPay Money Lite) worth **1,000 Yen**. We understand that you are extremely busy, however, we sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation for the purpose of this survey.

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Q&A

Q1. Where did you get my name and address?

A1. We randomly selected individuals from all residents in Japan according to the Basic Resident Registers. First, we randomly selected a municipality. Then, we explained the outline and purpose of the survey to the municipal office of the selected municipality, and through a formal procedure, we were allowed to access the Basic Resident Registers.

Q2. Will my privacy be ensured?

A2. Yes. The responses to the survey are converted into numerical values and are statistically processed by computer. Therefore, it is impossible to extract personal information from the survey data. The survey data will not be used for any purpose other than academic research. The address and name of the person who submitted the survey shall be discarded after the survey is completed.

Q3. Do I have to answer questions that I don't want to answer or don't understand?

A3. No. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to answer

Q4. Can I have a family member answer for me?

A4. No. Please answer the questions by yourself (the person to whom the survey is addressed) as you are the subject of this survey.

Q5. Do I have to answer the survey?

A5. You are not forced to answer this survey. You are free to make your own decision. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation for the purpose of this study.

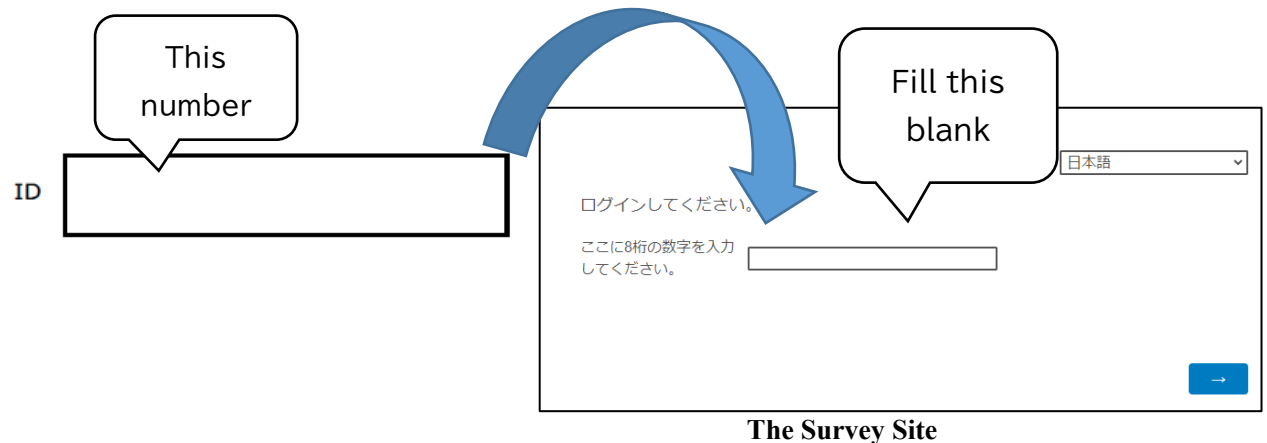
Q6. How will the survey results be used?

A6. The survey results to date have been used in various books and articles, including those listed below, and have also been reported in the media, contributing to a better understanding of the realities of Japanese society. The survey results will be available on the website of the Research Committee on Social Mobility and Stratification (<https://ssm2025.jp/>).



How to answer the survey online

- ① Please access the survey site by the QR code or URLs on the “How to Answer the Survey Online” we sent to you. You can access the site from your PC, tablet, or smartphone
- ② Please enter the 8 numbers on the “How to Answer the Survey Online” in the blank space on the ID (access code) entry screen.



- ③ Please follow the guidance on the screen to answer the survey