

Words of the Month

It's not a failure unless you give up.

General Affairs Department

Changing a Name on a Vehicle

When you sell a car, there is no problem if you sell it to a dealer. But, troubles may occur when you sell it to a person. The most common case is that the name on the vehicle doesn't change after the sale. If you leave the name of the car unchanged, you will face the following problems. So, make sure to change the name to the new owner. If possible, it is also important to confirm the details like who pay auto tax by when and have the sales contract.



Problem #1 Payment of compensation/violation for traffic accident/violation

In the case of traffic accidents and traffic violations, the driver will normally be punished on the spot. But, if the driver isn't caught red-handed, it's another story. For example, a speed camera detects a speeding violation. The police will search for the offender based on the license plate number, and the violation notification will be sent to a person on the registration, which is the old owner. The same is true of parking violation. In addition, if a new owner car causes a big accident and kills someone, the old owner might have to pay enormous consolation fees.

Problem #2 Payment of automobile tax

The statement of automobile tax payment is sent to the owner on the registration. If you don't change the name on the vehicle, you keep receiving the statement even after selling a car to someone.

Stay Away from the Flu

1. **Flu Vaccine Shot**...Even if you get flu shot, you might still get sick. But, it is reported that the flu shot reduces the risks of severe symptoms. **Get the shot, and prevent spreading it to other people.**
2. **Handwashing**...Handwashing is the effective way to remove virus from your hands. It's the basic for any kinds of infection prevention.
3. **Proper Humidity**...Dry air weakens defense function of your throat and increases the risks of getting the flu. Humidifier can help maintaining proper humidity between 50-60%.
4. **Enough Rest and Balanced Meals**...Have enough rest and balanced meals on daily basis to boost your immune system.
5. **Avoid Crowds**...In the flu season, it's better to refrain from going out to crowded and busy places. If you need to go out, wear a mask and make it quick.



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Renewal of Valid Period of the Residence Card

On July 9, 2012, a new residence management system was introduced, and the alien registration certificate was switched to a residence card (*Zairyu Card*). The valid period of a permanent resident card is 7 years. Since this year is the 7th year, there will be some people who will expire. Check the expiration date of the residence card. In addition, check the same for your child's residence card. Please note that if your child becomes 16 years old, you need to renew his/her residence card before his/her birthdays. If you have renewed the expiration date or period of stay of the residence card, please be sure to give a copy of the residence card to Shin-Ei staff.