Our Coordinators from Overseas

Native speakers of English, Chinese and Vietnamese are available at TPIEF for consultation and to help foreign residents of Tottori with daily life in Japan, and to act as liaisons with appropriate agencies. Coordinators also provide regular updates to our Facebook page.

Coordinator Office Hours

Head Office	English Mon, Wed 13:30-17:30, Fri Chinese Tue, Wed 9:00-17:00 Vietnamese Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 8:45	
Kurayoshi	Chinese Wed 9:00~17:00	Vietnamese Fri 9:00~17:00
Yonago	Chinese Thu 9:00~17:00	Vietnamese Mon 9:00~17:00

A native speaker of Mongolian is also available at our Head Office.



Now that the pandemic has passed, lots of people who had been wanting to return to their home countries but couldn't before are now talking about making those trips. We've interviewed several about what they're buying to bring back, both to their home countries and to Japan.





What do people in your home country/most enjoy/receiving as gifts from Japan?

- Food (chocolate with almonds, matcha sweets, wasabi-flavoured snack mix, instant noodles)
- Japanese-language souvenirs (T-shirts, buttons, magnets)
- Cosmetics and skincare products (including sunscreen)
- Healthcare goods (stomach medicine, eye drops, pain relief patches)

Healthcare items were a very popular souvenir choice. The sense of concern for the recipient's well-being and the high quality of Japanese products made them appealing, although Japanese package design, including that for snack foods, was not as popular.



What do you always make sure to bring back to Japan from your home country?

- Seasonings and condiments
- Dried foods (shiitake and wood-ear mushrooms, dried fish, dried mango)
- Snack foods
- Coffee and tea

Many residents were eager for the taste of home and the sorts of foods they grew up eating. Enjoying the flavours you've missed seems to be great for relaxation while living in Japan.