$\sim$  For students and parents with foreign roots  $\sim$ 

### Informative Seminar of School System in Japan (Senior High School, University and Professional Training College) and Job in Japan

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### **GOAL OF TODAY'S SEMINAR**

YOUR PRESENT SITUATION-----What kind of schools and universities are available in Japan?

-How can I select school and university ?

-How much will it cost?

-How high should my Japanese ability be? **AFTER THE SEMINAR---**

- Got information of schools!
- Got information of how to enter schools!
- Got information of educational cost!
- Got information of how much study of Japanese language is needed!

# PART 1 System of senior high school

- 1 What kind of senior high schools are in Japan?
- 2 What is the procedure to enter senior high school?
- **3 How much is educational cost?**
- 4 How high should your Japanese language level be?

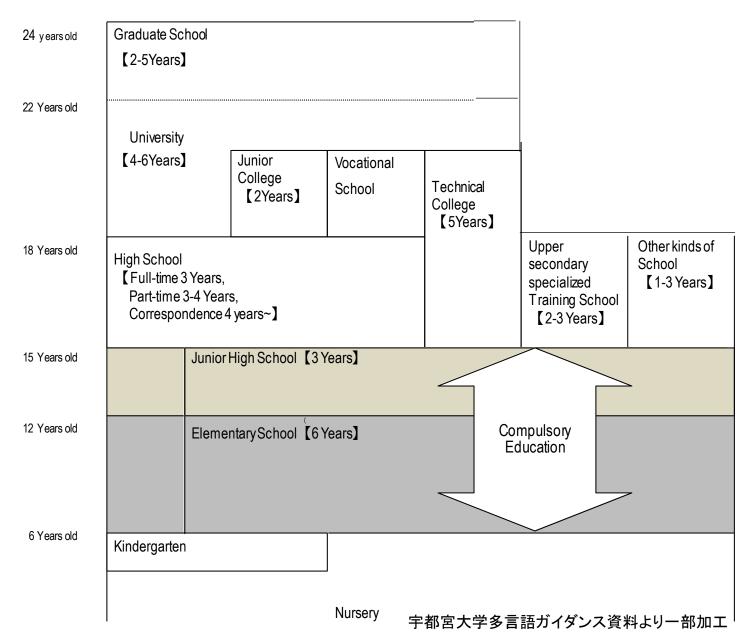
### What is Compulsory Education ?

- The education that parents has duty to have their child receive.
- The number of education year is different among countries.
- In Japan, 6years of elementary school, 3 years of junior high school and the total 9 years.
- Senior high school is not compulsory education.
   To enter or not to enter is decided by you.
- In Japan, 99% of junior high school students entered senior high school.

#### **School System of Each Country (Compulsory Education)**

	: Compulsor					
Country	Education System			Flunk	School Year	School Hours
Japan	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 3 years	High school 3 years	Not Exist	April ~ March	Full-time tuition
Brazil	Elementary school 9 years	S	High school 3 years	Exist	February ~ December	Half-day class system
Peru	Elementary school 6 years Junior high school 5 years			Exist	April ~ March	Half-day class system
Philippines	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high/ Hig	h school 6 years	Exist	June ~ March	Half–day class system
Vietnam		Junior high shool 4 years	High school 3 years	Exist	September ~ May	Half−day class system
China	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 3 years	High school 3 years	Exist	September $\sim$ July	Full-time tuition
Korea	Elementary school 6 years	Junior high school 3 years	High school 3 vears	Exist	March ~ February	Full-time tuition

#### **TheJapanese School System**



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### What is senior high school (Koukou)?

- Graduate of junior high school is eligible to enter senior high school or graduate of 9<sup>th</sup> school grade in any country is eligible.
- 2) Need to receive entrance exam.
- 3) In senior high school, more professional study is provided.
- 4) In some senior high schools, students can go for work after school.
- 5) Educational fee is needed to pay.
- 6) In some failure cases, student cannot go upper grade or cannot graduate.
- 7) Gradute of senior high school is eligible to enter Universty or Professional Training College.

Clasification of Senior High school (1)~ Time zone of study~

- Full Time .....Lessons are during daytime ( morning to earaly evening ). Usually 3 years for graduation.
- Part Time...... 3 parts(morning, afternoon, night). Usually 3-4 years for graduation.
- •Correspondence Course.... Not going to school everyday, but submit reports. At the earliest, 3 years for graduation or more in some cases.

### Clasification of Senior High School 2 ~Content of Study~

- General ..... Kokugo, English, Mathematics, Sciense, Social, etc. Advanced study from junior high school study.
- Commercial... Accounting, Logistics, Information, Business, etc.
- Industrial.... Mechanics, Electronics, Construction, Civil Engineering, etc.
- Agriculture......Farm Products, Farm Animals, Foods, Gardening, etc

Others ... variety of study courses.

### Clasification of Senior High school ③~Public school and private school ~

- Public ..... Prefectural, Municipal, e.t.c.
   Full-time, part-time, correspondence courses. Many kinds of courses are available.
   School fee is less expensive than private.
- Private .....Private person founded. Most of private school are full-time type(some are corresponding course). Many courses are general courses. School management is more flexible than public, and focusing on aiming for university or on sports. School fee is more expensive than public.

### Procedure to enter senior high school

- Application
- (Submitting application documents and Exam fee)  $\checkmark$
- Entrance exam (National language, math, English, sciense, social, short essay, interview, etc)
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- Announcement of test result
- $\checkmark$
- Enrollment ( Enrollment payment )
- XThe schedule of application and entrance exam is different between public and private.

# Application

#### $\langle { m Public} angle$

• 1 time exam in February.

Additional exam for some schools.

- Application is limited for one school with one course.
- Exam fee for 1 time: 2,200 yen for Full-time, 950 yen for Part- time and Flex schools.Free for correnspondence schools.

#### $\langle {\sf Private} angle$

- Scholarship, reccomendation, general.
- Application admitted for 2 shools or more.
- Entrance exam fee : about 15,000 yen

# **Cautions for foreign students(1)**

 Eligibility for taking entrance exam: The eligibility needed for foreign students who have no graduation cetificate of Japanese Junior High School

(1) 9 years educational career in your country is needed.
 ⇒ The certificate of completion and the certificate of academic performance are needed for application of taking entrance exam ( together with Japanese translation).

(2) Or, passing the national test of junior high school graduation certificate in Japan is needed.

⇒ The test is held once a year (October).
Kokugo, English, Math, Science and Social study.

**Cautions for foreign students(2)** 

- (1) For foreign studetns with less than 6 years(total) stay in Japan as of February 1, 2024.
- (2) For foreign students who receive individual learning support of Japanese laguage at the time of application or whose junior high school principal or Gunma Board of Education has recognized the need for individual support in learning Japanese.
- The students being applicable to above (1) or (2) are provided following measure by submitting the special application to the senior high school.

--- The exam is English, Math, short essay (SAKUBUN) instead of Japanese(KOKUGO) and interview instead of science/social study.

# **Contents of Entrance Exam**

#### 〈Public)

The exam in February..... 5 subjects and interview.
 Part-time school (March).. Short essay, interview (or subject exam)

"5 subjects" --- Kokugo, Math, English, Science, Social Study

The foreign students with less than 6 years stay in Japan can take special measure of reducing subject number from 5 to 2 and others ( please refer the previous page).

### **Contents of Entrance Exam**

#### $\langle$ Private)

- Special exam (January )....Written exam, interview (exclusive acceptance, multiple acceptance)
- Recomendation(January)..Written exam, interview ( only exclusive acceptance)
- General (Janua~February)..Written exam, interview (exclusive acceptance, multiple acceptance)

**Change of Entrance Exam of Public Senior High School** 

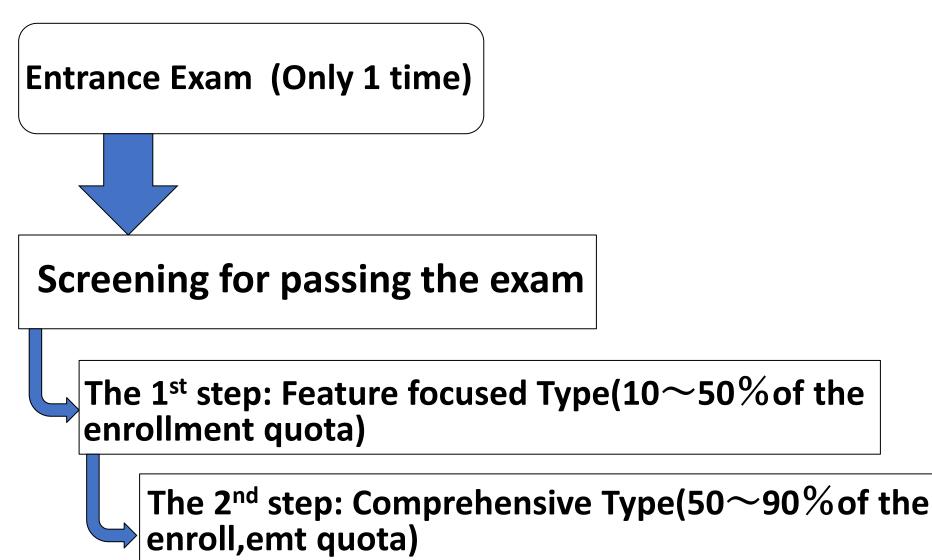
(from Exam in February, 2024)

- The 2 time exam system will become the 1 time system.
- New screening process will be done in 2 steps ...Feature Focused Type and Comprehensive Type.

[Feature Focused Type(TOKUSYOKU-GATA)] :
Focusing on activities at junior high school life, etc.

[Comprehensive Type(SOGO-GATA)] : Focusing on results of subject exam, etc.

#### **Procedure of New Entrance Exam**



## **Tuition Fees**

- $\langle$  Public  $\rangle$
- Entrance fee....Aprox  $20 \sim 200$  thousand yen • Monthly payment...Aprox 5,000  $\sim$  20,000 yen
  - $\langle Private \rangle$
- Entrance fee....Aprox 200  $\sim$  300 thousand yen
- Monthly payment ....Aprox  $30 \sim 40$  thousand yen (If parents annual revenue is less than the defined level, the monthly payment will be 5 – 20 thousand yen)
- **X**Other costs such as uniform and transportation are needed.

# Tuition Fees of Private Senior High School

From April, 2020, the national grant for tuition fee of private senior high school was increased.

Example:

If the annual revenue of a family with parents(one parent has a job), a senior high school student and a junior high school student is less than about 5.9 million yen, the maximum 396,000 yen (annual) is supported.

With the grant, most of tuition fee of private senior high school become the same amount with public school.

Difference between Scholarship and Bank Loan

### • Scholarship:

The child receives the scholarship and the child repays after graduation and starting working.

### Bank Loan:

The parent applies the loan and the parent repays.

## Scholarship

Various types of scholarships are available. Please consult with the school.

#### **Typical examples:**

- 1. "Gunma Ken Kyoiku Bunka Jigyodan Koutou Gakkou Shogakukin"
  - Foreigners--- Parmanent resident and spouse.
  - **Repayment is needed (no interest)** 
    - Monthly amount:
      - 18,000yen for public school student. 30,000yen for private school student.<sup>22</sup>

### 2. Isesaki City Scholarship

- For whom having difficulty to proceed to the next level of education due to economical reason.
- Condition: The resident in Isesaki City for 1 year or more. Both Eijusha and Teijusha are eligible.

#### 3. Ota City Scholarship

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- Condition: The resident in Ota City for
   1 year or more. Both Eijusha and Teijusha are eligible.

#### 4. Loan: Japan National Finance Corporation

- Loan Limit: Within 3.5 million yen for one child
- Interest(as of October 2, 2023): 2.25%
- Guarantor or affiliation to Guarantee Association is needed.
- Repayment period: Within 18 years
- Foreigners staying in Japan for repayment period can apply the loan.

#### 5. Loan: Private Bank

#### (1) Gunma Bank

- Foreigner--- Eijusya only.
   More than 1 year work at the same company.
   Annual revenue of the previous year is more than 1 million yen.
- (2) Chuo Labor Bank
  - Foreigner--- Eijusya or Tokubetsu Eijusya only. More than 1 year work at the same company. Annual revenue of the previous year is more than 1.5 million yen. Able to understand and read/write Japanese without interpreter.
- (3) IO Credit Union
  - Foreigner--- Eijusya only.

More than 1 year work at the same company. Annual revenue of the previous year is more than 1.5 million yen.

### 7 factors to select senior high schools

- ① Studies you want to do
- **2** Club activities
- ③ Time zone (full-time, part-time, correspondence)
- 4 Distance to school
- **(5)** Tuition fee
- **6** Actual results of entering universities
- ⑦ Deviation score ( Hensachi )

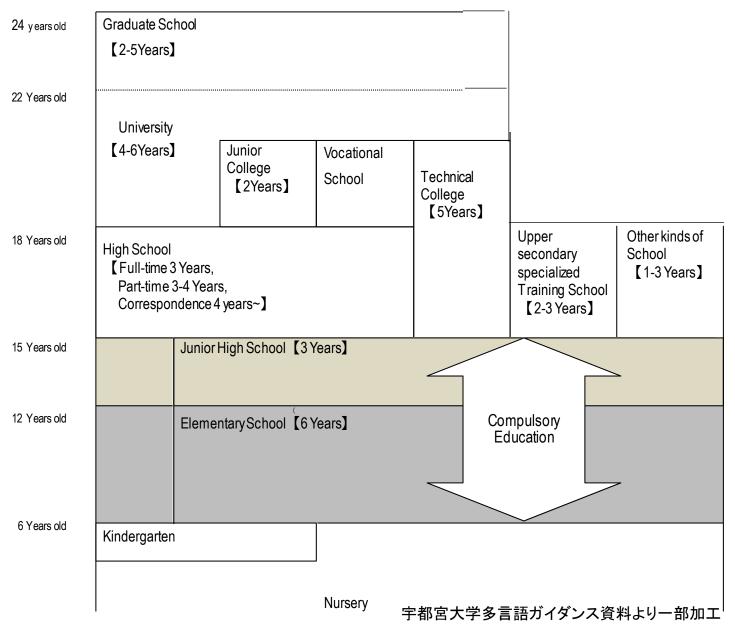
### 6 ways to obtain information

- 1 See homepage of the school
- 2 Obtain pamphlet of the school
- 3 Participate the school information session
- ④ Ask questions to senior students in the school
  - you want to enter.
- **(5)** Consult with NPO
- 6 See the home page of "Board of Education of Gunma Prefecture" to obtain information of entrance exam

## 2nd Part: Systems of university and professional training college

- 1 What are university and professional training college ?
- 2 How can you enter those?
- **3** How much is tuition fee?
- 4 How high should your Japanese language ability be?

#### **TheJapanese School System**



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### What is University?

- To enter university, eligibility of senior high school graduation is needed.
- The place to research and deepen any study you want.
- Depending on faculty, 4-6 years are taken for completion.
- Entrance exam system and tuition fee are much different between national/public university and private university.
- In some job, graduation of university is essential.

X For junior college, 2 years are taken for completion. There is no national junior college.

### What is Professional Training College?(1)

**Professional Training College is one of Specialized Training Colleges.** 

**Specialized Training College** 

- ① Postsecondary Course .... Eligibility of senior high school graduation is needed to enter
  - = Professional Training College
- ② Upper Secondary Course...Eligibility of junior high school graduation is needed to enter
  - = Upper Secondary Specialized Training School
- ③ General Course...To enter, irrespective of educational background.

### What is Professional Training College ?(2)

- Eligibility of senior high school graduation is needed.
- The place to brush up technology you want to acquire.
- More than 2years are necessary for completion.
- Variety of faculties are available. National qualifications are obtainable.
- Active support for finding employment.

## Difference between University and Professional Training College

- University = Liberal Arts + Specialized Studies 4-6 years required for graduation. The place to research and deepen any studies. Long school vacation( Approx. 2 months for summer).
- Professional Training College = Specialized Studies 2-3 years required for graduation. The place to brush up technologies. Duation of school vacation is different among schools(Approx 1 week – one or two months for summer)

### Next Course to Senior High School Graduates

Number of senior high school graduates was approx 1 million and 120 thousand at March, 2022.

①University and Junior University...
 Approx 680 thousand (Approx 60%)
 ②Professional Training College....
 Aprox 230 thousand (Approx 21%)
 ③Employment..... Aprox 160 thousand (Approx 15%)

4Others...... Aprox 50 thousand (Approx 4%)

# **Cautions for foreign students(3)**

Eligibility for taking entrance exam(1):

The eligibility for taking entrance exma of Japanese university and professional training college needed for foreign students who have no graduation cetificate of Japanese Senior High School:

(1) 12 years educational career in your country is needed.

⇒ The certificate of completion is needed for application of taking entrance exam. Also, Many universities require test result of EJU(Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students).

- (2) Or, passing the national test of senior high school graduation certificate in Japan is needed.
- (3) Or, completion of Junbi Kyouiku Katei (Preparatory Education Curriculum) approved by MEXT.

# **Cautions for foreign students(3)**

Eligibility for taking entrance exam(2):

(4) Completion of senior high school course of foreigners school approved by MEXT(Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan).

Example of the foreigners school in Gunma prefecture— (Oizumi)

- Instituto Educacional Gente Miúda
- Escola Paralelo (Ota)
- EAS Rede Pitágoras (Ota)

**Example of the foreigners school in Saitama prefecture---**

- Instituto Educacional TS Recreação (Kamisato)
- Escola Intercultural Unificada Arco Íris (Honjo)

# **Cautions for foreign students(3)**

- Eligibility for taking entrance exam(2):
- (5) Some countries have 11 years completion system
  - of senior high school education. Among them, the following countiries systems are approved by MEXT of eligibility to receive entrance exam of Japanese university and professional training college.

Peru	Russia
Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Belarus	Sudan

### **New Entrance Exam**

From Exam in 2021, new entrance exam has been applied.

Until 2020 ----

" Exam of University Admission Center". Concept--- Knowledge is important.

From 2021---

" Common Exam of University Admission " Concept--- Thinking ability is important.

### **Three Types of Entrance Exam**

- Exam for candidates recommended by high school principals.. Recommendation by high school principals is required. Most of exam consists of School report + Short essay + Interview ]
- Comprehensive exam... Short essay for self presentation and interview. Eagerness and motivation are important to pass the exam.
- General exam ... The exam is mainly written test.
   National Laguage(Japanese), Math, Foreign
   Language, Science, Social.

### **Entrance Exam of University**

< National and public university>

- Main exam is general exam. Two times of exam, national Common Exam and University's exam(2nd exam). Most of universities have 5 subject exam.
- Recommendation exam and comprehensive exam has low numbers of acceptance and the exam is rather strict.
   < Private university >
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### Entrance Exam of Junior University and Professional Training College

 $\langle$  Junior university  $\rangle$ 

Approximately 80 % is recommendation exam and comprehensive exam. General exam is a few.

#### $\langle$ Professional Training College $\rangle$

- More than 80% is recommendation exam and the rest is General exam, comprehensive exam and practical exam(such as sports, arts).
- Less competition than university and junior university, it is relatively easy to enter.

### Fee of Entrance Exam

National/public university...
 Center exam, approx. 18,000 yen.
 2<sup>nd</sup> exam, approx 17,000 yens.
 Total approx 35,000 yen.

Private university ... Approx 20,000 - 50,000 yen.

Junior university .. Approx 25,000 - 30,000 yen.

Professional Training College ...
Free – approx. 35,000 yen

### **Cost from Admission through Graduation**

Education cost = Enrollment + Tuition + Facility, etc

National/public university... Approx 2,500,000 a 3,500,000 yen Private university ... Approx 4,000,000 a 6,000,000 yen Private medical • private dental (approx 30,000,000 yen) Junior university ... Approx 1,500,000 a 2,500,000 yen Professional Training College... Approx 2,000,000 a 3,500,000 yen (Hari, moxa and massage 5,000,000 yen) X Living cost (rent, transportation, food, etc) is not included 43 above.

### **Support for Tuition Fee of University and Professional Training College**

- From April, 2020, for resident-tax-exempted households, the national grant for tuition fee was started.
- **Reduction of enrollment fee and tuition fee:**
- Ex: For private universities, enrollment fee reduction up to 260,000yen and tuition fee reduces up to 700,000yen.
- Grant-type scholarship(Paying-back is not required):
- Ex: For private universities, max 460,000yen(annual) is awarded to students commuting from home and max 700,000yen(annual) to students commuting from outside home.
- ⇒ Semi-resident-tax-exempted household is eligible for the grant with different amount based on household income.  $\Rightarrow$  For foreign students, Eijusha and Teijusha are eligible.

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- 1. 「Nihon Gakusei Shien Kikou (JASSO) Shogakukin」 JASSO: Japan Student Services Organization
  - Loan type requires pay back.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> category/ Dai Isshu ( no interest ) monthly... National/public university 45,000 yen, Private university 54,000 yen
  - 2nd category/ Dai Nishu ( with interest ) monthly... 30,000 to 120,000 yen
  - Benefit type started in 2020.

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### Japanese Language Ability for Entrance Exam

- University and junior university: High ability is needed to understand question in Japanese language.
- Even for Japanese students, it is not easy to read Japanese question in short time.
- The Japanese language of "Tensei Jingo" (Voice of Heaven and Word of Human ) in Asahi Newspaper is the level of entrance exam of University.
- Equivalent to the 1st level (N1) of JLPT(Japanese Language Proficiency Test)

# Japanese Universities having courses to get degree by taking classes held in English only:

The University of Tokyo(Tokyo) Sophia University(Tokyo) Waseda University(Tokyo) **University of Tsukuba**(Tsukuba) **Tohoku University**(Sendai) **Osaka University** (Osaka) **Doshisha University(Kyoto)** Kyushu University(Fukuoka)

Keio University(Tokyo) Meiji University(Tokyo)

Nagoya University(Nagoya) Kyoto University(Kyoto) Ritsumeikan University(Kyoto)

**Red** letter: National university, Black letter: Private University

# Job in Japan

# Proceeding to the next level of education and job

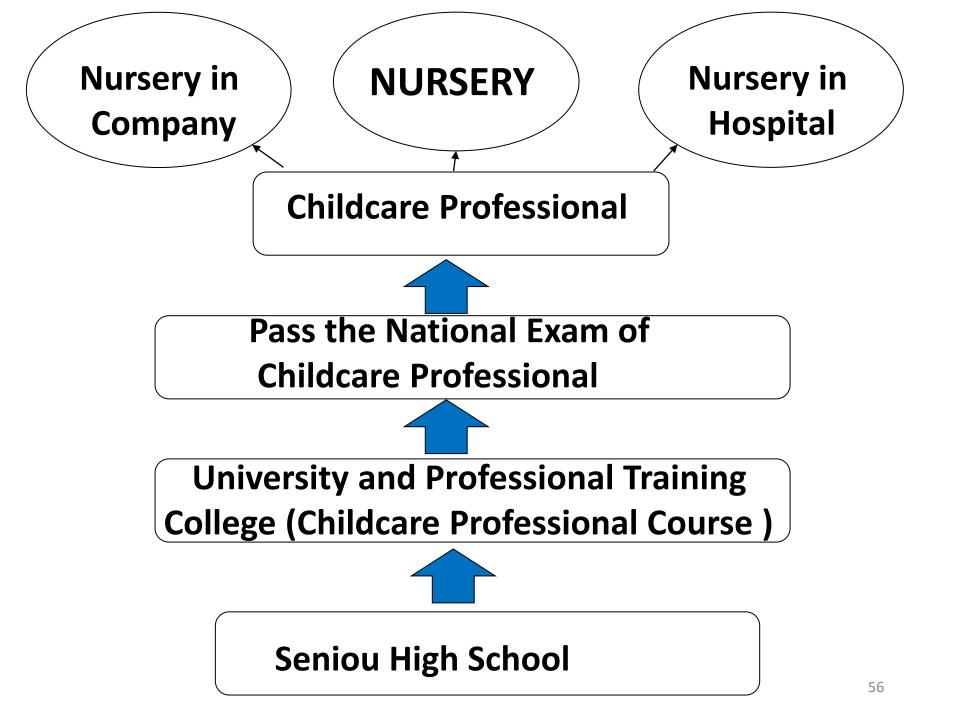
• Several examples are shown here to describe proceeding to the next level of education and job.

It does not mean the proceeding course is limited to the course shown here. There are various courses you will find in your life.

#### Childcare Professional (Nursery Teacher, HOIKU-SHI)



--- takes care and educates children aged from less than 1 year old to 5 years old about daily life habits and supports for growing healthy mind in nurseries (daycares).



# Hairstylist (BIYOU-SHI)



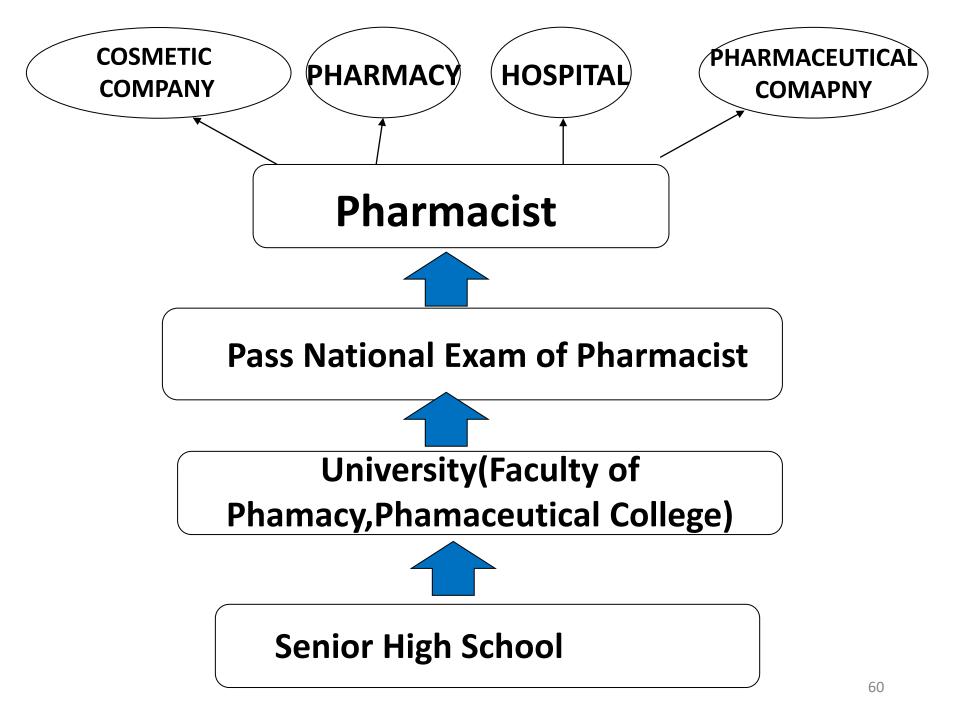
--- sets hair to match customers' taste or to follow the trend by hair cutting , shampooing, perm and coloring.



## Pharmacist (YAKU-ZAI-SHI)



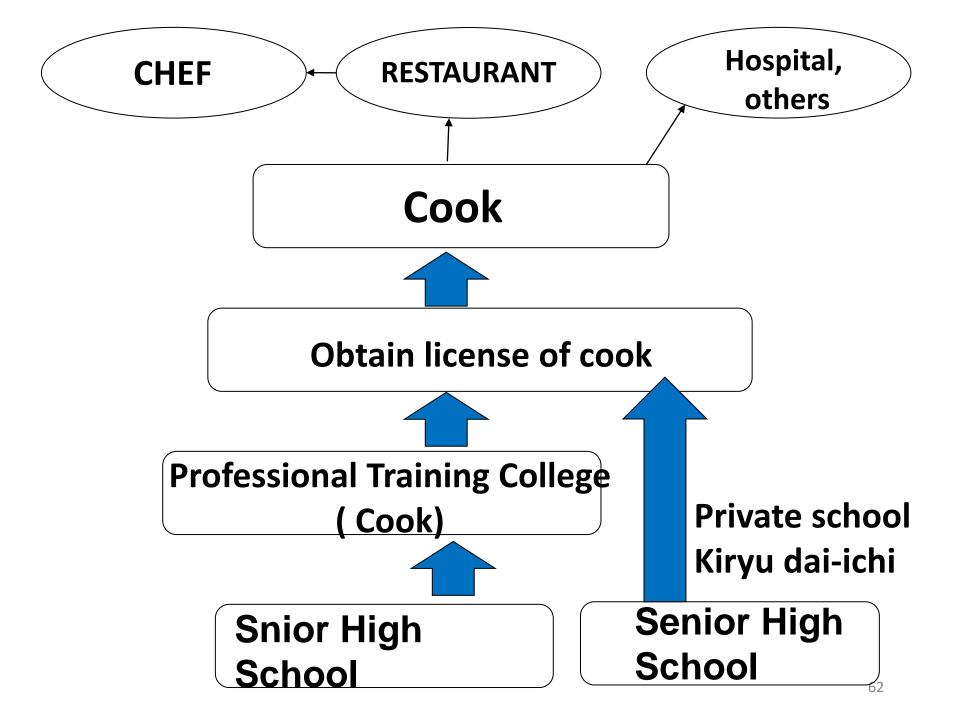
---- delivers the appropriate medicine by preparing it according to doctor's prescription, and instructs correct way to take the medicine.



# Cook (RYOU-RI-NIN)



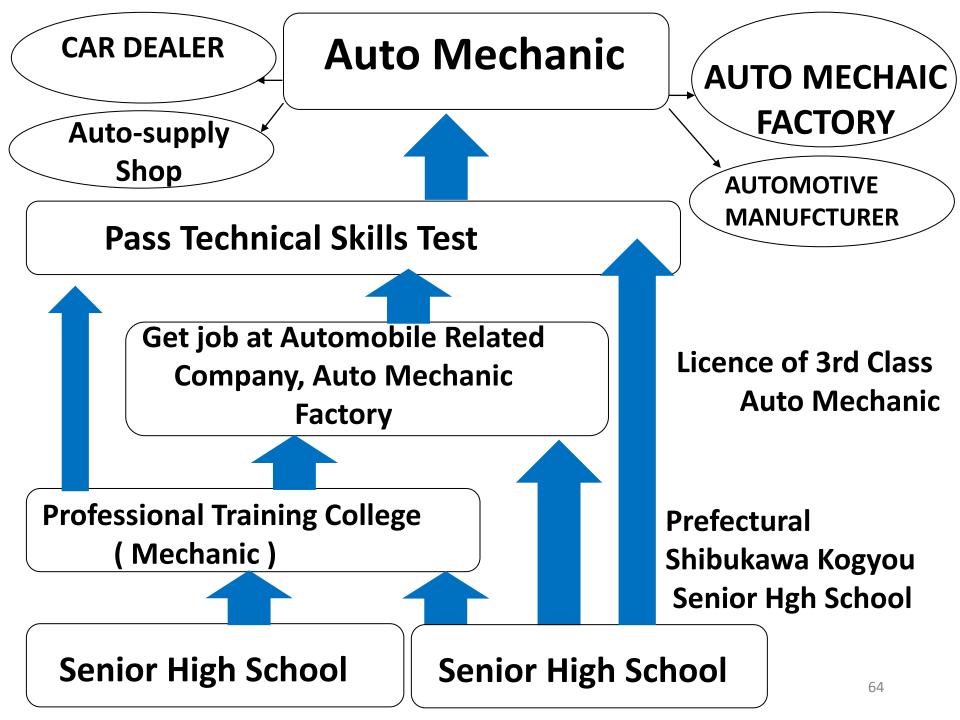
---- makes meals at restaurant or hotel. Cook develops new dishes, purchases materials, cooks and presents dishes.



## Auto Mechanic (JIDOUSHA-SEIBISHI)

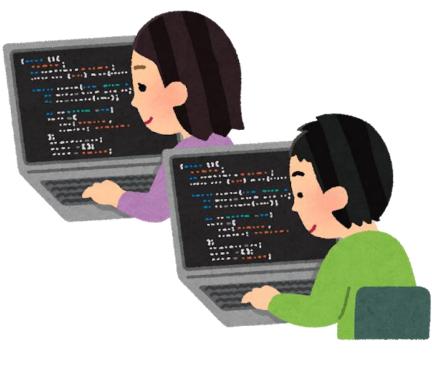


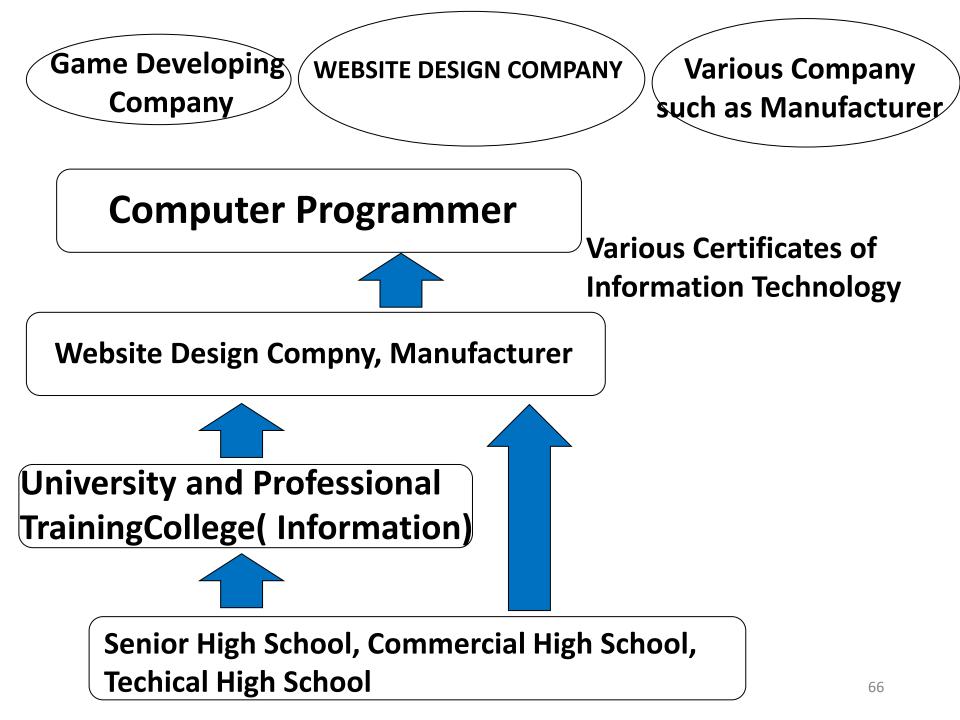
--- inspects and repairs cars to maintain safe driving. Since the electric vehicle will increase, wider area knowledge about technology will be required for auto mechanic.



### **Computer Programmer**

--- writes program. The computer works with instructions and rules written in program.

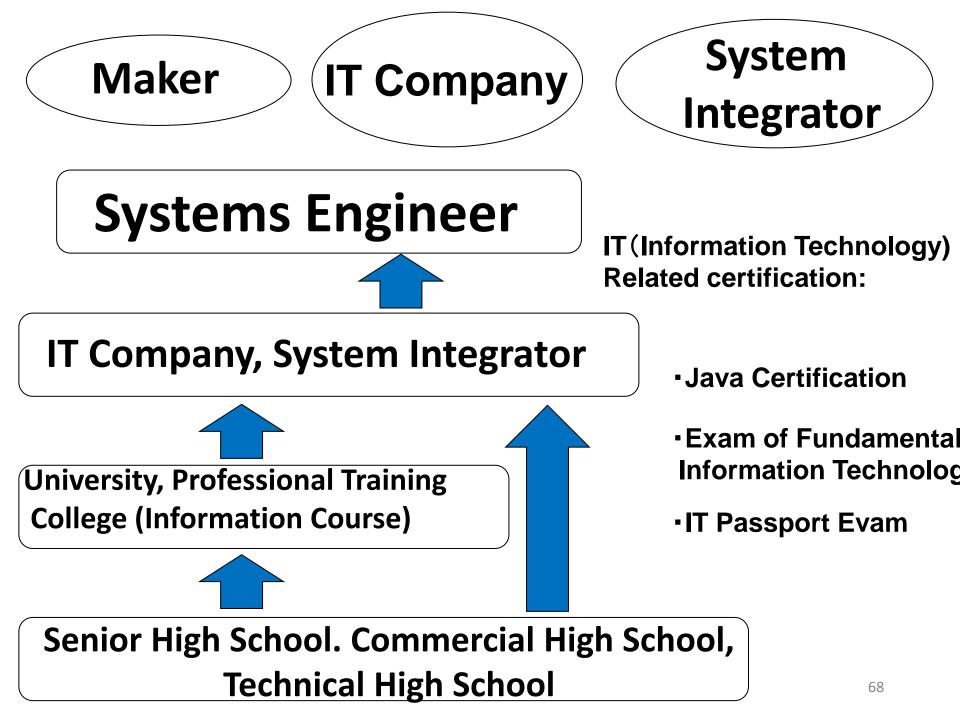




# **Systems Engineer**



---- designs computer systems to meet customer company's requirement to realize ideas. **Communication ability**, technological ability and project management ability are required for system engineer.



### Illustrator



--- draws illustration for books, magazines , advertisements, posters and products by orders from publishers and advertising agencies.



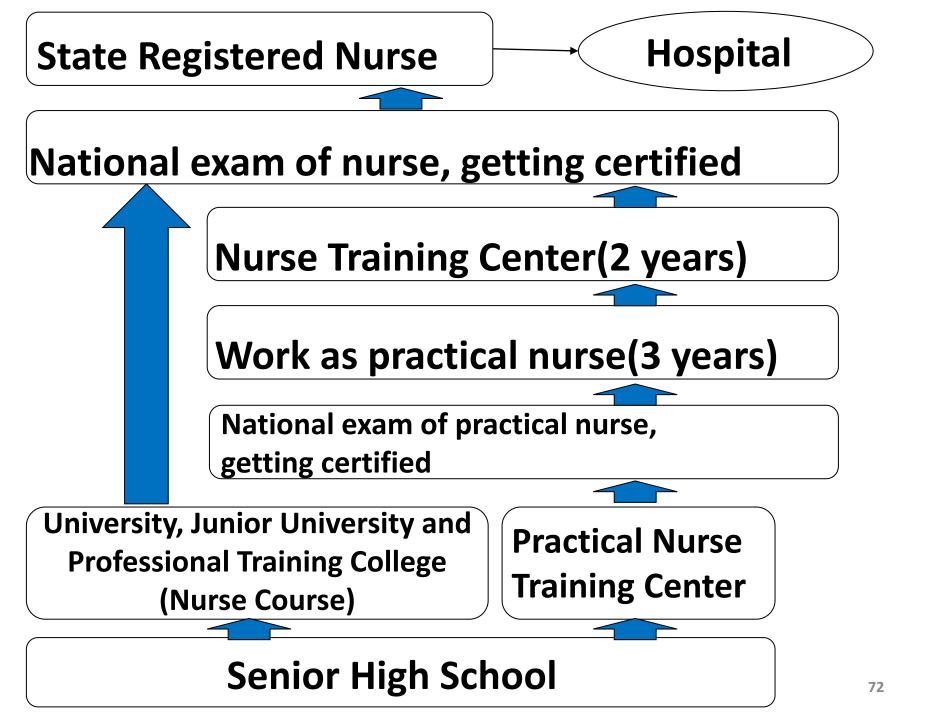
### Nurse (KANGO-SHI)

---- inspects patients' health condition, assists to doctors, gives intravenous drip and gives injection. Nurse watches patients in 24 hours system by night shift work. **Besides hospital, welfare** 

facilities are also workplace

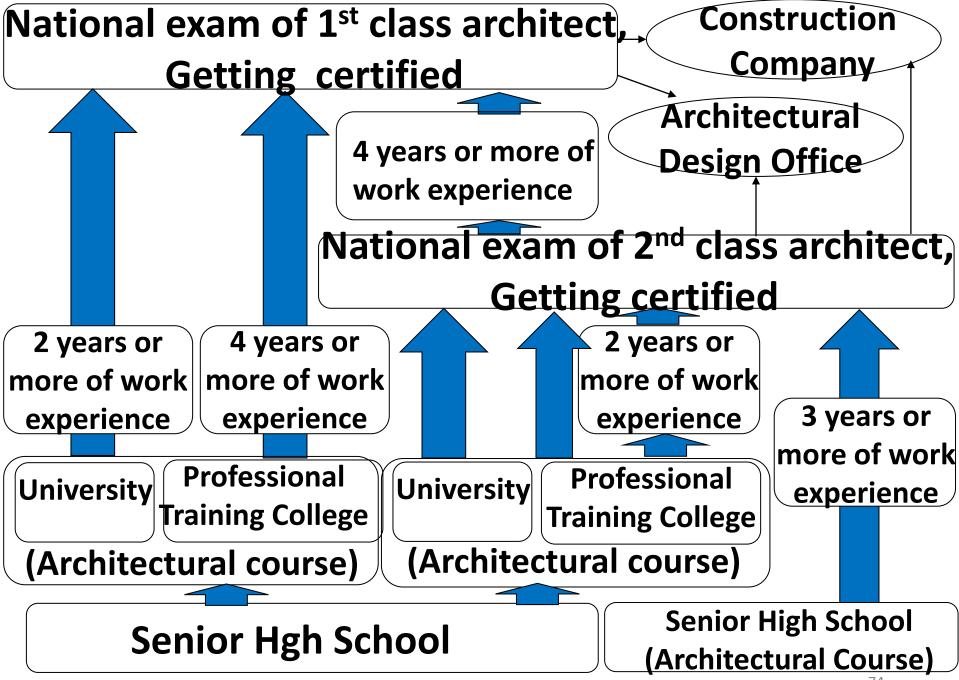
For nurse.





# Architect (KEN-CHIKU-SHI)

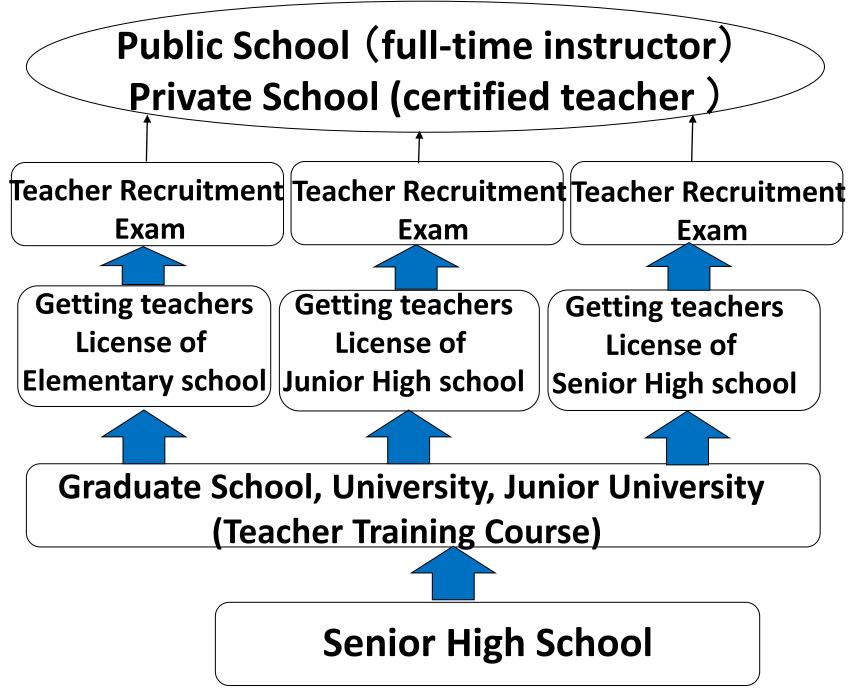
--- designs buildings.Architect **Draws blueprint in consideration** with appearance, structure and safty in disaster, and makes architectural model. Architect arranges craftspersons based on the budget and supervises schedule of construction work.



# **Teacher (SEN-SEI)** (Elementary, Junior High, Senior High School)



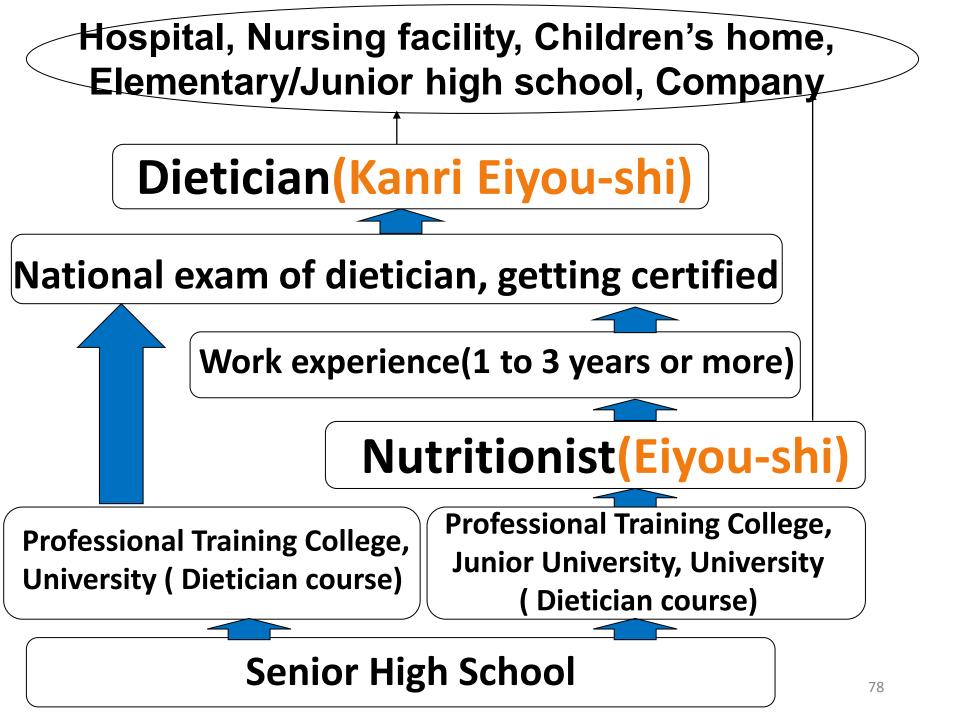
--- Foreigners cannot work in administrative position (principal, head teacher) at public school, but can work in teaching students. No such restriction in private school. In University of both public and private, no such restriction



## Dietician(KANRI EIYOU-SHI) Nutritionist(EIYOU-SHI)



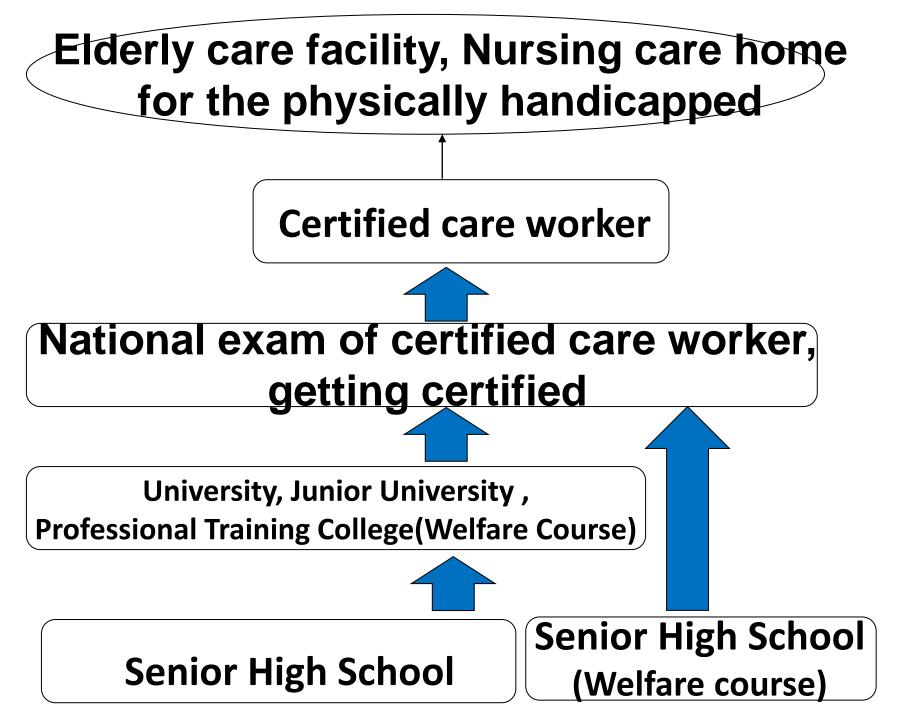
Dietician gives guidance and control on nutrition for the sick and healthy people. Nutritionist gives guidance on nutrition mainly for healthy People.



## Certified Care Worker (KAIGO FUKUSHSI-SHI)



--- cares person who has difficulty in living by oneself, such as the elderly, the physically or mentally handicapped. --- assists with eating, excreting, bathing and changing clothes.

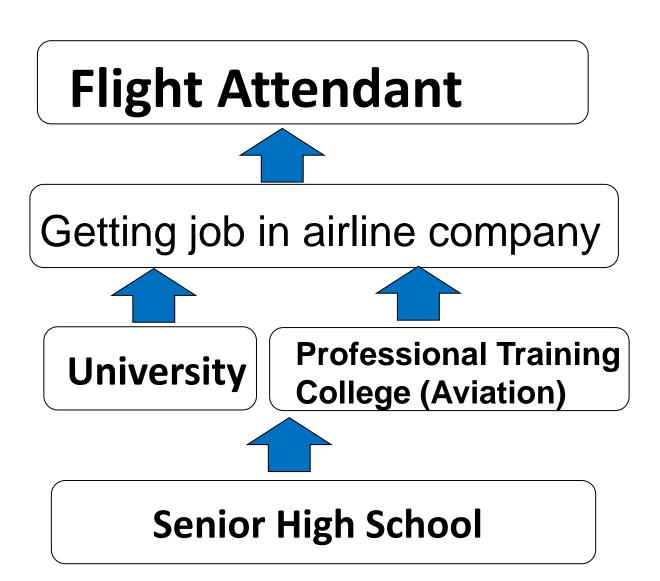




# Flight Attendant/Cabin Crew



--- provides in-flight service,
such as serving inflight meal
and beverage.
--- confirms safety and
guides passengers to
evacuate in emergency.



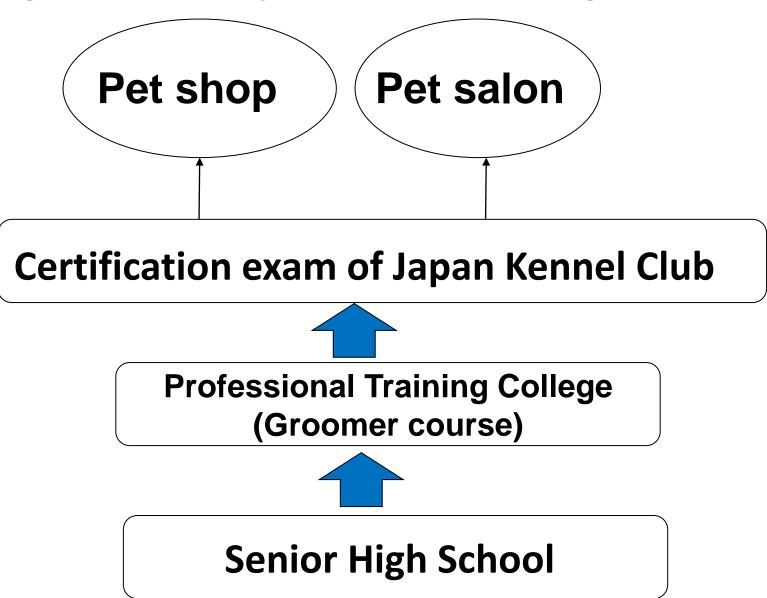


# Pet Groomer (TORII-MAA)

--- gives full body treatment for dogs or cats by shampooing and trimming pet's fur. To prevent diseases, groomer cleans ear and clips nails of pets for keeping clean.

#### **Pet Groomer**

#### gives full body treatment for dogs or cats.



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### Full-time Employee, Part-time Worker, Part-time Job(ARUBAITO) Full-time employee:

- --- can continue working until retirement age (Ex. 60 years old)
- --- works full-time a day(Ex. 8 hours)
- Part-time worker :
  - --- works for shorter period(Ex. 6months, 1 year)
  - --- works for shorter time a day(Ex. 4 hours)

### • ARUBAITO :

- --- Same meaning with part-time worker.
- --- Student part-time worker is often called.

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## **Difference of Annual Income by Work Style**

**Example Case: Working for 35 years** 

- Average annual income
  - Full-time employee... 4,000 thousand yen
  - Part-time worker... 1,220 thousand yen
  - Lifetime accumulated income :
    - Full-time employee... 140 million yen
    - Part-time worker... 42 million yen
      - ⇒ causes difference of 1000 million yen.