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The Basic Resident Registration Network System is a system that enables nationwide identity verification by putting the Basic Resident Registration (official proof of residence) on a network in order to increase convenience for residents and contribute to rationalized administration of the national and local governments.

In accordance with the commencement of operation of the Basic Resident Registration Network System, a Resident Record Code will be entered in the Resident Record of foreign residents and they will be notified of their Resident Record Code by their municipality of residence from July 8, 2013.

The Resident Record Code is a random 11 digit number that is essential in performing nationwide identity verification through the Basic Resident Registration Network System.

- Foreign residents will be eligible to receive the Basic Resident Registration Card at their municipality of residence from July 8, 2013.

The Basic Resident Registration Card is a highly secure IC card and the "Basic Resident Registration Card with Photo" can be used as an official document.

Examples of activities that will become possible from July 8, 2013

- Procedures will be simplified. For example, it will be possible to omit submission of a copy of the Resident Record at some administrative organs.
- It will be possible for copies of the Resident Record to be issued at municipalities other than your municipality of residence. (Note) Presentation of the Basic Resident Registration Card or residence card, etc. will be required.
- Special provisions for Move in Notification will be applied to those who have been issued the Basic Resident Registration Card which will allow them, by making Move out Notification by mail or other method, to appear only one time at the municipality of their new residence to complete the moving procedure.
- Online administrative procedure applications that require an electronic certificate for verification of identification will be possible by storing an electronic certificate on the Basic Resident Registration Card.
- It will be possible for those who have been issued the Basic Resident Registration Card to receive original services provided by municipalities such as issuance of certificates at convenience stores in some municipalities.