

9. Career Development and After Graduation

Besides already being busy with your final papers and exams, even before your graduation there are plenty of things you have to decide about and take care of. The most important question you have to ask yourself is whether you would like to stay in Japan or not after you graduate.



In case you wish to stay in Japan for a short period only (for some traveling or need more time for organizing things before you completely leave the country), you need to take care of your status of residence in order to not violate Japanese immigration laws.

If the period of stay of your status of residence expires just before you planned to depart from Japan, you may apply for an extension of period of stay to prepare for your departure. The documents indicated in chapter “4-6 Renewing your status of residence” are required to apply for extension.

If your period of stay already extends beyond the planned graduation/completion date to allow for a period of time to prepare to leave Japan, changing status of residence to a “Temporary Visa” to prepare for departure will in principle not be permitted. However, if you change your status of residence from “Student” to “Temporary Visa” to prepare for departure after your graduation, you will no longer be considered a mid- to long-term resident. Please ask the city office beforehand whether you will lose your right to receive benefits from city office and take care of insurance matters in case you are not eligible to receive National Health Insurance services any longer.

Once your status of residence has been changed to a temporary visa, you are not allowed to change your status of residence again to any other type.

Alumni Network - *Jukuin*

Those who graduate from a degree course at Keio are called *jukuin* (alumni). After graduation, it is highly recommended that you contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, located on the second floor of the North Building on Mita Campus, in order to register and stay in touch with the university after graduation. The website for Keio Alumni is: <http://www2.jukuin.keio.ac.jp/index.html>, Email: infoalumni@info.keio.ac.jp. Every year, reunions are held for 25th anniversary *jukuin* at Spring Commencement, and for 50th anniversary *jukuin* at the Spring Entrance Ceremony. As such, *jukuin* get to experience the thrill of each ceremony twice in their lives. In addition, there are reunions held for *jukuin* who have graduated 51 years ago or prior.

Mita-kai (Alumni of Undergraduate and Graduate Schools)

The Mita-kai is an alumni association managed voluntarily by Keio alumni. The term "Mita-kai" is generally used for Keio alumni organizations, with the name taken from the Mita area of Tokyo where Keio University originated. Keio is particularly proud of the strong ties between the university and its graduates. The Mita-kai promotes the exchange of information and the sharing of mutual interests between the university and alumni, as well as among alumni. An umbrella organization, called the Keio Federation of Mita-kai, exercises general control over a large number of alumni organizations.

Nearly 910 organizations are registered with the Keio Federation of Mita-kai, and many of the approximately 350,000 members belong to more than one organization. Included are alumni Mita-kai formed by year of graduation, regional Mita-kai (also overseas), and Mita-kai by profession. Each group plans its own activities to foster stronger ties among members.

The Keio Federation of Mita-kai holds a general Mita-kai meeting yearly in the fall, which is attended by alumni active in society who want to retain close links with their alma mater. For each meeting, attended by some 30,000 alumni and their families, a variety of events, lectures, symposiums, concerts, and even a lottery are organized. The Federation also publishes the Mita Journal in Japanese every other month for the promotion of information exchange among alumni. The Office of Alumni Affairs will provide you with relevant information on the Mita-kai after you have registered.

Keio Online Internet Service

Please also use Keio Online, which is a website to help *jukuin* keep in contact with each other after graduation. Currently, over 70,000 *jukuin* have registered with this service. This service enables you to register a forward-only email address, receive email magazines, and search for other registered alumni. Additionally, members can create and participate in alumni communities divided by interest and topic. Register for this service from the following URL: <https://www.jukuin.keio.ac.jp/> (Japanese language only).

Keio Global

Keio Global is a platform for current and prospective students at Keio and Keio alumni who live and work globally. The Keio Global website provides up-to-date information about Keio, while our growing Facebook community offers a place for students and alumni alike to connect and reunite. Alumni and students are also invited to keep in touch with Keio by registering in the Keio Global database. Members receive a globally-oriented quarterly e-newsletter featuring the latest news and events at Keio and may be invited to actively participate in Keio's international outreach activities.

<https://ja-jp.facebook.com/keioglobal/>

SFC Home Coming Day

SFC Home Coming Day is a one-day event for the Keio SFC alumni. This event is also open to current students, faculty and staff members who would like to (re)connect with the alumni. The first event was held in 2002, and has been held regularly since.

GIGA Alumni

In September 2011, the Faculty of Environment and Information Studies launched the Keio University GIGA Program. From Fall Semester 2015, the Faculty of Policy Management also began to offer the GIGA Program. It has been steadily increasing and the GIGA alumni have been playing an active role on the global stage. Upon your graduation, you will be asked to take a survey and answer some questions to help improve the GIGA Program, SFC, and Keio University in the future.

If you move to overseas after graduation, take a look at Mita-kai in overseas.

Eikoku Mitakai (UK): <http://www.mitakai.co.uk/>

Geneva Mitakai (Switzerland): http://www.geocities.jp/geneve_mitakai/hajimeni.html

New York Mitakai (US): <http://www.nymitakai.com/>

Los Angeles Mitakai (US): <https://www.lamitakai.com/>

Taiwan Mitakai (Taiwan): <http://www.taiwan-mitakai.com.tw/>

Shanghai Mitakai (China): <http://mitakai.sh/>

Singapore Mitakai (Singapore): <http://www.singapore-mitakai.com/>

Saigon Mitakai (Vietnam): <http://blog.livedoor.jp/saigonmitakai/>

and more. Please access to the Keio Alumni Association website and find your area.

<Keio Alumni Association> <http://www.rengo-mitakai.keio.ac.jp/search/index.html>