



# Chosen City Osaki By Foreigners Developing App for International Students

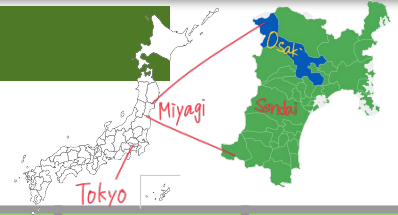
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## Background of this Research



### About Osaki Japanese Language School

Osaki City plans to open a public Japanese language school in 2025, which will be the second case of such language school in Japan. The school will be housed in the former Nishi-Furukawa Elementary School. The school will accept students from Vietnam, Indonesia, and Taiwan. The city is promoting initiatives to revitalize the community by utilizing foreign human resources and to create a society of diversity.

(From Osaki Japanese Language School Information Materials)

### From the Summary of the Residents' opinions

- Worry about when the international students' participating in Community Events and how to respond to them in emergencies.

Comparison of public Japanese language schools	The purpose of establishing a school	Initiatives for residents of status	Initiatives for local residents
Osaki city Osaki Japanese language school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The labor shortage is becoming more prominent</li> <li>→ They want a talented foreign talent to become a new vitality of the region and settle down. (1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating pamphlets about life and manners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An explanatory meeting</li> </ul>
Higashikawa city Hokkaido Higashikawa Japanese language school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreigners migrate temporarily.</li> <li>→ They want to spread the charm of the town at home and abroad and revitalize the region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange meeting (2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event management planned by international students</li> <li>• Exchange meeting (2)</li> </ul>

### At the Multicultural Understanding Course for the Residents

In order to be settled, Osaki City's unique initiative, which is different from Higashikawa Town, is also necessary!

### Interviews with international students about problems they had when they first came to Japan

→○ There was no culture of making breakfast, and I was worried because there were no stores in Japan that sold hot breakfast.

○ I didn't know where to go to worship.

### Result

○ From an interview with the principal of Osaki Japanese Language School

→ There is a demand for map apps for international students

### Methods to Solve

We are developing an App designed for international students from Vietnam, Indonesia, and Taiwan

<Map App>

#### • In-app information

- Stores that sells breakfast
- Stores that sells halal food
- General stores and restaurants for young people
- Places where you can worship
- Shelters in case of disaster

→ We are designing an App based on information about Osaki City (especially the Nakazato area)

### Perspective

Organize the information of the app

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