



# The *Paglalayag* Project: A Community-Led Model for Supporting Filipino Newcomers in Japan

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# IDENTIFYING THE NEED

## KAKEHASHI ORGANIZATION:

- ✓ Created a practical life guidebook for young Filipino migrants
- ✓ Built networks with Filipino communities across Japan

## CURRENT SUPPORT LANDSCAPE:

- **Workers/Technical trainees:** comprehensive support from sending/host organizations (pre-departure + after arrival)
- **Spouse visa holders • Nikkeijin families, permanent residents:** Only CFO pre-departure orientation; limited post-arrival support currently available

## COMMON CHALLENGES :

- Language barrier, cultural differences
- Settlement procedures

## OUR APPROACH:

- Safe and comfortable living support
- Social and cultural adaptation support

# Our Community-Led Solution - The *Paglalayag* Project

- 🚢 ***Paglalayag***, meaning "navigation" in Tagalog
- 🤝 Collaboration with SPF and CINGA
- 🕒 Content tailored for newcomers
- 🏠 Provides practical life info for successful integration

## 📖 OUR FOUNDATION



## 👥 COMMUNITY LEADERS:

- Gathered from across Japan with the help of the Philippine Embassy
- Shared migration experiences
- Participated as mentors in programs (Oct 2024, Feb 2025)

## ★ SKILLS THEY TEACH:

- ✓ Daily life navigation skills
- ✓ Relationship building strategies
- ✓ Cultural adaptation tips

# Real Impact



## **PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK:**

"Found resources I wouldn't have discovered otherwise"

"Warm leaders gave practical knowledge"

## **CHALLENGES → SOLUTIONS APPROACH:**

### **Language Barriers →**

- Online learning resources
- Free municipal classes

### **Employment →**

- Importance of community connections
- Language practice through volunteer opportunities



## **PROJECT GOALS:**

- Newcomers can connect to a network of Filipino community leaders
- Leaders can access updated and accurate information from government agencies & NGOs

# Scalable Model and Future

## Expansion to Other Communities:

Nepal and Uzbekistan communities have adopted similar programs

## Project Features:

- ✓ Community expertise + institutional partnerships
- ✓ Comprehensive support from pre-departure to post-arrival

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