

Legalization

Japanese documents

Japanese documents intended for Belgian authorities (ministries, local authorities, etc.) must be legalized in Japan. This is done by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Gaimusho*) by means of the "apostille" (an authentication stamp according to the Convention of The Hague of 1961). More information on the website of the *Gaimusho*: [Certification](#)

Non-Japanese documents

Kindly check with the requirements with the Embassy of Belgium competent in that country.

[Embassies and Consulate Abroad](#)

Translation

Translation in Belgium

Once the document has been legalized with an apostille by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it must also be translated into the language of the administration you will contact in Belgium (Dutch, French or German). Please contact a "**sworn translator**" in Belgium. See the list of sworn translators for Japanese language on the website of the Embassy of Japan in Brussels: [Consular Translator](#)

Translation in Japan

Translating documents in Japan is more complicated because there is no system of "sworn translators" in Japan.

Once the document has been legalized with an by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has been translated, the Japanese translating company must send the translator to the **notary public** for the declaration and the legalization of his/her signature. This declaration and legalization of signature must then **also** be legalized by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs by means of an apostille.

It might not be easy to find a translation company that will accept to undertake this whole procedure. If you cannot find an appropriate translation company, we suggest that you contact:

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