



April 16, 2026

**To: All Prospective Students Interested in the Specified Skilled Worker Program of  
MANABI Japanese Language Institute, Tokyo Campus**

**Subject: Notice Regarding the Suspension of the Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) Food  
Service Program**

Dear Prospective Students,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding the Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) program in the Food Service industry at MANABI Japanese Language Institute, Tokyo Campus.

On March 27, 2026, the Immigration Services Agency of Japan issued an announcement concerning the maximum acceptance capacity for the Food Service sector. In accordance with this directive, transitions to the Specified Skilled Worker (i) visa within this field have been temporarily suspended as of April 13, 2026.

Regrettably, there is currently no official timeline for when the program will resume. Consequently, we must inform you that recruitment for our SSW Food Service Employment Program will be suspended for the 2026 academic year.

We sincerely apologize for any disappointment this may cause and appreciate your understanding regarding these changes in government regulations.

Sincerely,

**Shinichiro Tokoku**

Principal

MANABI Japanese Language Institute, Tokyo Campus

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