

Act on the Promotion of the Elimination of Buraku Discrimination

(Act No. 109 of December 16, 2016)

(Purpose)

Article 1 Based on the fact that Buraku discrimination still exists today and the situation regarding Buraku discrimination is changing along with the progress of information technology, in accordance with the principles of the Constitution of Japan, which guarantees the enjoyment of fundamental human rights by all citizens, and in consideration of the fact that Buraku discrimination is unacceptable and that eliminating the discrimination is an important issue, the purpose of this Act is to promote the elimination of Buraku discrimination and thereby realize a society free from Buraku discrimination by prescribing the basic principles on the elimination of Buraku discrimination, clarifying the responsibilities of the national and local governments, and providing for the enhancement of consultation systems, etc.

(Basic Principles)

Article 2 Measures related to elimination of Buraku discrimination must be implemented in order to realize a society free from Buraku discrimination by endeavoring to deepen each citizen's understanding of the need to eliminate the discrimination in accordance with the principle that all citizens should be respected as irreplaceable individuals who equally enjoy fundamental human rights.

(Responsibilities of the National and Local Governments)

Article 3 (1) The national government is responsible for taking measures to eliminate Buraku discrimination, and for providing information, guidance and advice necessary to promote measures taken by local governments to eliminate the discrimination, in accordance with the basic principles set forth in the preceding Article.

(2) Local governments are to endeavor to take measures to eliminate Buraku discrimination depending on the actual conditions of the community concerned, based on an appropriate sharing of roles with the national government, and in coordination with the national government and other local governments, in accordance with the basic principles set forth in the preceding Article.

(Enhancement of the Consultation System)

Article 4 (1) The national government is to enhance the system for responding

appropriately to consultations regarding Buraku discrimination.

- (2) Local governments are to endeavor to enhance their systems for responding appropriately to consultations regarding Buraku discrimination, based on an appropriate sharing of roles with the national government and in accordance with the actual conditions of the community concerned.

(Education and Awareness-raising)

Article 5 (1) The national government is to conduct necessary education and awareness-raising in order to eliminate Buraku discrimination.

- (2) Local governments are to endeavor to conduct necessary education and awareness-raising in order to eliminate Buraku discrimination, based on an appropriate sharing of roles with the national government and in accordance with the actual conditions of the community concerned.

(Survey on the Actual Status of Buraku discrimination)

Article 6 In order to contribute to the implementation of measures related to the elimination of Buraku discrimination, with the cooperation of local governments, the national government is to conduct a survey on the actual status of Buraku discrimination.

Supplementary Provisions

This Act comes into effect as of the date of promulgation.