

## IV-5 Death Notification

### 1. Death Notification

In the event that a non-Japanese dies in Japan, the legal requirements are the same as for Japanese citizens: notification must be submitted to the local municipality office and this must be done within seven days of confirmation of death. A licensed physician or medical examiner must essentially confirm death in Japan, whatever the case may be.

It is necessary to receive confirmation of death by a physician and have a death certificate prepared. This death certificate should be submitted to the authorities in the municipality of the deceased or the individual submitting the certificate. In addition to submission of the death notification, return the deceased person's alien registration card to the municipality office to close that person's registration. Also, please take necessary procedures required by the deceased person's country of origin. Necessary procedures differ from depends by country, so please check with the respective embassy or the consulate in Japan of the deceased (Appendix page 89 Ⅹ—5).



### 2. Burials

In densely populated Osaka Prefecture, there are virtually no cemeteries that will allow burials. Consult the respective consulate or equivalent (Appendix page 89 Ⅹ—5) when the deceased person's cremation is not allowed because of his/her religion, beliefs or conventions and s/he must be buried. Also consult the consulate or equivalent of the deceased when you are searching for a cemetery for a non-Japanese or if you are planning to transfer the body to the native country of the deceased.