

# ◆ Voluntary Guardianship Support

(任意後見サポート)

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## What is voluntary guardianship support?

We all have a possibility of losing the decision-making ability due to aging, dementia and other diseases and injuries. “Voluntary guardianship contract system” is to prepare you for such a situation on your own will.

You decide what kind of support you want and write it down in the “Advance Directive on the Performance of Guardianship” (“Guardianship Notes”): e.g. “I want to live in my own house as long as feasible”, “There is a senior residence of my favorite. I want to move in there when I have a problem.” “I want to live comfortably even when I lose my memory”, etc. etc.

Based on your desires expressed in the “Guardianship Notes”, Liss System provides support so that you can live well and in peace even after your mental capacity is impaired.

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## Steps to make the voluntary guardianship contract effective and to start the service

When your memory loss gets aggravated, the mandatory requests the family court to select a “Voluntary Guardianship Supervisor” Only when the supervisor is appointed, the contract becomes effective. The voluntary guardianship contract with the supervisor appointed needs to be registered as such in the Legal Affairs Bureau.

You may worry that anybody could have an access to the registered guardianship contract in the Legal Affairs Bureau and obtain a certified copy of register as is the case with the registration of companies, lands and buildings. Rest assured that this is not the case. Those who can have an access to the information are strictly limited to you, your close relative within the 4th degree of kinship, your guardians, etc.

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## Steps to start using the service of the voluntary guardianship contract

- ① The mandatory requests the family court to appoint a voluntary guardianship supervisor.
- ② The family court appoints a voluntary guardianship supervisor.
- ③ Liss System begins its work as a voluntary guardian in accordance with the contents specified in the contract.