外国人 登録法 第十三案 第三項 外国人は、民国審整官、民国 響備官(民管法に定める民国警備管をいう)、警察管、海上保安管 その他法務省等で定める国党は 地方公 異団体の職員がその職務の 報行に当だり登録証明書の掲示を求めた場合には、これを掲示しなければならない。

What you choose to show as I.D. is your decision. But some places demand you display your passport or Gaijin Card just to receive service. That is against the law.

1) IF SOMEBODY ASKS FOR YOUR "Gaijin Card"): a hotelier, a JR staff member, etc., tell them that only the police can demand it, under

"The Foreign Registry Law, Section 13, Clause 2. Foreigners, when asked to show their Gaijin Cards by immigration investigation officials (as outlined in separate laws), police, coast guard, or any other national or local public official or group empowered by the Ministry of Justice as part of the execution of their duties, must show."

警察管職務執行法 第三家 警察管は、異常な挙動その他開館の事情から合理 断に判断して何らかの犯罪を犯じ、若じぐは犯答うとしていると疑うに足りる相当な理由のある署
支は既に行われた犯罪について、者じぐは犯罪が行われようとしていることについて知うていると認められる署を停止させて質問することができる。

Meaning that there must be a *specific crime* or *suspicion of a crime* before questioning can occur. Just being a foreigner is insufficient probable cause, and without a good reason a policeman's arbitrary questions to a stranger are against the law.

2) If the Police ask for your I.D.: ask why. Because, under Police Execution of Duties Law Section 2: "A police officer is able to ask for a person's ID, but only if based on a reasonable judgment of a situation where the policeman sees some strange conduct and some crime is being committed, or else he has enough reason to suspect (utagau ni tariru soutou na riyuu) that a person will commit or has committed a crime, or else it has been acknowledged that a particular person knows a crime will be committed. In these cases a police officer may stop a person for questioning."

外国人登録 法 第十三条 第三項 前項に規定する職員は、その事務所以外の場所において登録証明書の掲示を求める場合には、その身分を示す証票を携帯し、請求があるときは、これを掲示しなければならない。 If you really want to get serious about this, audio/video record the conversation, and make sure the cop sees you are doing so.. Note that legally, the cop only has to show I.D. if he stops you on the street, or anywhere other than the Kouban (Police Box). So, to avoid showing I.D, they may try to take you to the Police Box...

3) IF THE POLICE COME UP WITH A REASON FOR DEMANDING I.D.: such as, if you are riding a bicycle, stopping you on the suspicion that you may have stolen it then, as a foreign resident you will ultimately have to show your I.D. BUT, under The Foreign Registry Law, Section 13, Clause 3. "Public officials governed by the previous clause, if asking for the Gaijin Card outside of their workplace, must carry a certificate of their identity and present it if asked."

Then, write his info down, because he will take yours down.

警察管職務 執行法 第二条 第二項 その場で箭項の質問をすることが某人に対して未利であり、芝は交通の筋害になると認められる 場合においては、質問するため、その者に附近の警察署、振出所*芝は駐茬所*に同行することを策めることができる。

4) If the Police try to take you to the Police "Box" (kouban):

they cannot do so against your will, unless they formally arrest you, under the

Shokumu Shikkou Hou Article 2 Clause Two: "It is possible to ask a particular person to accompany the lipolicel to a nearby police station, police branch [i.e. kouban], or any police administration area for questioning if it is determined that this place is unsuitable for questioning because it obstructs traffic or is disadvantageous to the questionee." and Clause Three: "Unless there is a regulation relating to criminal action, officials may not confine, bring back to any police administration area, or else coerce a person to reply to questions against his will."