



# Niigata English Journal

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## Foreign Language for Kids: English for Kids and Easter Craft

This is the first event of a brand new event series introducing foreign languages to kids!

This time will be English. Your American CIR will share a bit about what Easter is like in the U.S. and give a simple English lesson. Then we'll use what we learned while we decorate Easter egg decorations!



- Date:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sat) 10:30–12:00  
**Place:** CrossPal Niigata 5<sup>th</sup> fl. Exchange Hall  
**Fee:** 500 yen/person (300 yen/person for NIEF Supporters)  
**Spots:** 10 families with elementary school children (first come first served)  
**Sign-up:** Call 025-225-2727 or E-mail [kyokai@nief.or.jp](mailto:kyokai@nief.or.jp)

### Spring Japanese Classes

Applications for the spring session Japanese classes are now open! Morning and evening classes are available in various beginners to intermediate levels.



Classes begin March 29<sup>th</sup> and plan to end in August. Come to the Friendship Center or see the website (listed at the top of this page or scan the code) to get more information and to sign up.



### Exchange Salon Exhibit: Culture City of East Asia



Through video and photos, this exhibition, the Culture City of East Asia exchange events with Qingdao, China and Cheongju, South Korea will be showcased.

- Date:** March 7<sup>th</sup> (Mon) – 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 9:00–17:00  
**Closed:** Sun., Holidays, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. each month  
**Place:** Niigata International Friendship Center (CrossPal 2F)  
**For more info:** 025-225-2727 (NIEF)

### Volunteer Interpreter Seminar

If you are interested in volunteer interpretation or translation or want to improve your translation skills, join this seminar to learn about the world of community interpreters. The second half of the seminar with on interpretation practice (notetaking, roleplays, etc.).

- Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 13:30–15:30  
**Place:** Online via Zoom  
**Fee:** Free  
**Spots:** 40 people  
**Contact:** 025-290-5650 or  
[nia21c@niigata-ia.or.jp](mailto:nia21c@niigata-ia.or.jp) (NIA)

**Sign-up:** By March 14<sup>th</sup> (Mon). Scan the code or visit <https://forms.gle/cSt87fpXr5smDyAz7>



### “Skill-up” Lecture for Japanese Teachers

This lecture is provided for teachers who teach Japanese to non-native speakers. The topic this time is kanji learning. Attendance possible in person or via Zoom.

- Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 13:30–16:30  
**Place:** CrossPal Niigata 5F Exchange Hall  
**Fee:** ¥500  
**Participants:** 30 (first-come first-served)  
**Sign-up:** Please make a phone call or send an email  
**For more info:** call 025-225-2727 or email [kyokai@nief.or.jp](mailto:kyokai@nief.or.jp)



### “Iroha” Japanese Volunteer Teachers Seminar

If you're interested in teaching Japanese to non-native speakers, this 10-part seminar is for you.

- Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. April 10<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Times:** 13:00–15:00  
**Place:** CrossPal Niigata  
**Fee:** ¥1,000 first session (¥500 time/each after)  
**Participants:** 15  
**Sign-up:** By phone by March 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Contact:** 080-4058-6640 (Mr. Hasegawa)

### Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents


- Date:** April 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 13:00–17:00  
**Place:** CrossPal Niigata 2nd floor  
**Languages:** English, Chinese, Korean, Russian, and more  
**Consultations:** 5 spots. 40 min./person  
**Sign-up:** 025-225-2727 or [kyokai@nief.or.jp](mailto:kyokai@nief.or.jp)





## Classes

## Japanese Courses offered by the Niigata City International Exchange Foundation

Beginner through Intermediate 2	-Classes of varying difficulties are available at different times throughout the week. -Pricing info & the Spring Session Schedule are available on the NCIEF website: <a href="https://www.nief.or.jp/">https://www.nief.or.jp/</a>		Ms. Kiyoko Tanaka Tel: (025) 225-2727
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## Japanese Study Support Group for Children &amp; Students: NicoPal Club (Free of charge)

Day of the week & Hours	Room No.	Content	For more info.
Every Sat 10:00 – 12:00 (but March 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> )	4F Seminar room	This Japanese study circle offers support to children in the international community who are struggling with Japanese and other school studies.	Ms. Kiyoko Tanaka Tel: (025) 225-2727
Every Wed 9:30 – 11:30 (but March 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	308	To help students get the Japanese language skills needed to go to school in Japan.	

## Volunteer Japanese Classes

<https://www.nief.or.jp/en/jcvlg>

## International Cooking Class

**When:** March 24<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat) & 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 11:00–14:00**Fee:** Foreign residents, students- ¥1,800

Japanese citizens- ¥3,800

**Menu:** Springtime Bento

Koji-marinated salmon, arare fried shrimp, stew, grilled stuffed chicken, mixed rice and more

**Where:** Ms. Ueno's residence (3-4-16 Ogijima, Akiha Ward)**For more info/sign-up:** TEL: 0250-24-6859 (Ms. Ueno)

## International Cooking Class for Foreigners

**When:** March 12<sup>th</sup> (Sat) & 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 11:00–14:00**Fee:** ¥1,600**Menu:** Cookies to give as a present, cafe-style pasta and salad

\*Must apply in a group of 2 or more



Please sign up at least three days before class

## Notices

## COVID-19 Vaccines &amp; Boosters

Vaccines are available and free for all residents. Check the city website for the current vaccination information

Starting in Jan. people 18+ who got 2 doses will get a coupon for the **3rd dose**. They will arrive 7 months after your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. Some people are eligible to get their booster shot sooner. More info on the website. Info current as of February, 2022

Niigata City website (English):

[www.city.niigata.lg.jp/iryoku/kenko/yobou\\_kansen/coronavaccine/en.html](http://www.city.niigata.lg.jp/iryoku/kenko/yobou_kansen/coronavaccine/en.html)

Niigata City COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center (Japanese): 025-250-1234

For coupon reissue or to cancel a same-day appt. (venue): 025-250-0080



## About the Quasi State of Emergency

In January, a quasi-state of emergency was declared in Niigata, and it was extended in February to last **until March 6<sup>th</sup>**. With this, most public services and facilities are unavailable or limited. Additionally, restaurants have been asked to close at 8 pm (or stop serving alcohol at 8 and close at 9).

If you are a close contact\* of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please quarantine to the best of your ability for 10 days. If you feel unwell, call the hotline and/or your doctor.

\*Spend at least 15 min with no mask on less than 1 meter apart, live together, etc.

## Niigata Pref. Multilingual COVID-19 Hotline

Available 24/7, every day. 025-256-8573 (In English and others)

## Consultation Services

<b>Niigata Help Association</b> TEL: 025-228-2212	Everyday 10:00 – 23:00 English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Filipino, Thai, etc.
<b>Niigata International Association</b> TEL: 025-241-1881 Email: <a href="mailto:nia21c@niigata-ia.or.jp">nia21c@niigata-ia.or.jp</a> URL: <a href="https://www.niigata-ia.or.jp/">https://www.niigata-ia.or.jp/</a>	Weekdays 10:00 – 17:00 English, Chinese, Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese, Spanish, Portuguese
<b>Helpline for Foreigners</b> TEL: 0120-279-338 (toll-free)	Press 2 after the Japanese guidance
<b>Niigata Medical Care Information Network</b> URL: <a href="http://qq.niigata-iyaku.jp/">http://qq.niigata-iyaku.jp/</a>	English, Chinese, Korean
<b>Hello Work, Foreigner Advisory Service</b> TEL: 025-280-8609 Niigata Misaki Godo Chosha #2 (1-2-1 Misaki-cho, Chuo Ward, Niigata City)	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 13:00 – 16:00 English & Chinese
<b>Immigration Bureau Consultation</b>	March 8 <sup>th</sup> (Tue) 13:00–17:00 Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese
<b>Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation</b>	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Wed) 10:00–17:00 Japanese, Chinese
<b>Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents</b> Length of Consultation: 40 minutes per person	March 17 <sup>th</sup> (Thu) 13:00–17:00 English, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese
<b>Education Consultation</b>	Every Tue. 10:00–17:00 English, Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese

In person consultations may be limited or canceled.

Make a reservation by phone or email in advance.

**Place:** Foreign Resident Consultation Center of Niigata (2nd floor of Toki Messe)**Contact:** TEL: 025-241-1881  
Email: [nia10@niigata-ia.or.jp](mailto:nia10@niigata-ia.or.jp)

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