



Niigata English Journal

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NIEF Events

Multi-lingual Storytime!



This is a perfect opportunity for kids to encounter other languages and have fun! Enjoy language activities and books read by the CIRs in their native languages followed by Japanese so you can understand.

Korean and French

Date: August 19th (Fri) 14:00-14:45

Where: CrossPal Niigata 2nd floor.

Contact: Lifelong Learning Center Library (025-224-2120)

Korean and French

Date: August 24th (Wed) 11:00-11:45

Where: Hon Port Central Library Beans Room (1F)

Contact: Hon Port Central Library (025-246-7700)

No reservations needed. Just show up! First come, first served up to about 10-12 spots. For kids 3 and up.

Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Need legal advice? On Friday, August 20th there will be a chance to meet with a lawyer and receive free consultation regarding legal matters. Language support can be provided if needed.

Date: August 20th (Sat) 13:00–17:00

Place: CrossPal Niigata 2nd floor

Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, French, Russian, and more

Spots: 5 spots. 40 minutes per person

To sign up: 025-225-2727 or kyokai@nief.or.jp (Tell us your name, nationality, phone number, gender, and what you wish to discuss)



Yukata Stroll

Join us at the Niigata City International Exchange Foundation and walk around the historic Furumachi area in yukata: a perfect chance to get some great photos! All participants will receive a yukata (and help putting it on). The yukata will be yours to take home!

When: September 10th (Sat) 13:30–16:30

Where: Start at CrossPal Niigata 2nd floor

Fee: 300 yen

Spots: 20 (first-come basis)

Sign-up: By phone or email (tell us your name, phone number, nationality, and gender)

Contact: TEL 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp



Exchange Salon Exhibit:

8 Wards of Niigata

Learn about the special products, events, locations, and charms of each of Niigata City's wards, all in one place!



Dates: Until Aug. 30th (Tue) 9:00–17:00

Closed: Every Sun., Aug. 11th and 22nd

Place: NIEF Exchange Salon (CrossPal 2F)

For more info: 025-225-2727 (NIEF)

Korean Culture in Niigata

The South Korean Consulate in Niigata regularly hosts free events. This time they are hosting a lecture about culture from the Korean peninsula that can be found in Niigata and Sado.

Date: Aug. 20th (Sat) 13:30–15:00

Place: CrossPal 5F Exchange Hall

Fee: Free

Spots: 30 (first-come basis)

Sign-up: Call 025-225-2727

“Skill-up” Lecture for Japanese Teachers

This lecture is for teachers of Japanese to non-native speakers. The topic this time is every-day communication skills.

Date: Aug. 27th (Sat) 13:30–16:30

Place: CrossPal 5F Exchange Hall

Fee: ¥500

Spots: 20 (first-come basis)


Sign-up/contact: Call 025-225-2727 or email 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 schedule for the current session are available on the NIEF website: https://www.nief.or.jp/		Ms. Kiyoko Tanaka Tel: (025) 225-2727
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Japanese Study Support Group for Children & Students: NicoPal Club (Free of charge)

Day of the Week & Hours	Room No.	Content	For more info.
Every Wed 9:30 – 11:30	202	To help students get the Japanese language skills needed to go to school in Japan.	Ms. Kiyoko Tanaka Tel: (025) 225-2727
Every Sat 10:00 – 11:45 (but Aug. 27 th)	201	This Japanese study circle offers support to children in the international community who are struggling with Japanese and other school studies.	

Volunteer Japanese Classes

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

International Cooking Class

No classes in August.

International Cooking Class for Foreigners

No classes in August.

For more info: TEL: 0250-24-6859 (Ms. Ueno)

Notices

COVID-19 Vaccines & Certificates

Vaccines are available and **free** for all residents ages 5+. People 12+ can get their 3rd dose 6 months after their 2nd dose.

People 60+ or people 18+ with an underlying medical condition are able to get their 4th dose. People 60+ do not need to apply for their coupon. Coupons will be sent 5 months after their 3rd dose.

If you have not received your 3rd dose, please consider doing so.

If you need **proof of vaccination**, get a Vaccination Certificate issued. Apply by mail to the Public Health Center (can take up to 2 weeks) or in person at your ward office (same day issuance). Digital certificates are available via the smart phone application if you have a MyNumber Card. Current as of July, 2022

Niigata City Website (English):

www.city.niigata.lg.jp/iryo/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

Niigata Pref. Multilingual COVID-19 Hotline

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

Goodbye from the Editor

This is just a quick message to tell you all that this is the last time I will be writing for you! I will give a proper farewell in the next 4-page EJ in October but for now I just wanted to say thank you for reading and I hope to see you around Niigata!

Donate to Refugees from Ukraine

Round two of donation collection has begun to support people displaced from Ukraine in their life in Niigata City. Donation boxes can be found at each ward office and NIEF (in CrossPal).



For more info contact the Foreign Affairs Division by phone at 025-226-1672 or call or visit us at the NIEF.

Consultation Services

Niigata Help Association TEL: 025-228-2212	Everyday 10:00 – 23:00 English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Filipino, Thai, etc.
Niigata International Association TEL: 025-241-1881 Email: nia21c@niigata-ia.or.jp URL: https://www.niigata-ia.or.jp/	Weekdays 10:00 – 17:00 English, Chinese, Filipino, Thai, Vietnamese, Spanish, Portuguese
Helpline for Foreigners TEL: 0120-279-338 (toll-free)	Press 2 after the Japanese guidance
Niigata Medical Care Information Network URL: http://qq.niigata-iyaku.jp/	English, Chinese, Korean
Hello Work, Foreigner Advisory Service TEL: 025-280-8609 Niigata Misaki Godo Chosha #2 (1-2-1 Misaki-cho, Chuo Ward, Niigata City)	1 st – 4 th Wed 13:00 – 16:00 English & Chinese
Immigration Bureau Consultation	2 nd Tue. of the month 13:00–17:00 Thai, Vietnamese
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month 10:00–17:00 Chinese
Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents Length of Consultation: 40 minutes per person	3 rd Thu of odd numbered months (9/15, 11/17, 1/19, 3/16) 13:00–17:00 English, Spanish, Portuguese
Education Consultation	Every Tue. 13:00–17:00 English, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese

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



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CrossPal will be closed Aug. 22nd