

Niigata English Journal

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NIEF Autumn Japanese Classes



Applications for spring session Japanese classes are now open! Morning and evening classes are available in various beginner or intermediate levels. Stop in to the Friendship Center to pick up an application and get more information. Application forms are due by September 16th, however, if you miss the deadline, do not hesitate to come in and talk with us about it.



Classes Content and Schedule		Days of the Week	Times	Class Duration	Total Class Hours	Class Fee Single
A	Study beginner level materials while pursuing the basics of daily-life conversational skills.	T & F	10:00-12:00	9/27~	72h (36 classes)	15,000 yen
B		W & F		9/28~		
C	Review beginner level materials in preparation for intermediate content.	T & Th		9/27~		
D	Comprehensively study Japanese while striving for proficiency in practical Japanese conversation.	W		9/28~	36h (18 classes)	9,000 yen
		F	9/30~			
I	Study beginner level materials while pursuing the basics of daily-life conversational skills.	T & Th	18:30-20:00	9/27~	54h (36 classes)	11,500 yen
II		F		9/30~	27h (18 classes)	7,000 yen
III	Review beginner level materials while studying Japanese more comprehensively.	T		9/27~	27h (18 classes)	7,000 yen

Exchange Salon Exhibit:

Mexico's Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival

Join us to learn about Mexico's holiday to celebrate those who have passed! The exhibit features photographs and an altar (ofrenda), which were presented during the international lecture last month.



Dates: Until Nov. 7th (Mon.)
9:00-17:00

Closed: Every Sun. & Sep. 26, Oct. 24 & Holidays

Place: NIEF Exchange Salon (CrossPal 2F)

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

Free Japanese Classes for Work

This training course is to promote the stable employment of foreign residents. Sign up if you can read and write hiragana and katakana and can communicate some in Japanese but want to improve!

Dates: October 17th (Mon)– December 7th (Wed)

Location: Online

Sign-up: Via Hello Work Niigata

Sign-up deadline: September 20th

Access the link for more information.

<https://www.jice.org/tabunka/course/>



Vouchers for Families with Children

In response to the rising price of goods and school meal (給食 kyuushoku) fees, vouchers for use in Niigata City and Sado City will be given to families with children in their third year of middle school (中学3年生 chuugaku sannensei) or younger. Vouchers are available for each child and are valued at 10,000 (1万) yen. Those who are eligible will begin receiving vouchers starting August 8th.

Eligibility: Those who are registered residences of Niigata City as of June 30th and who have children in their third year of middle school or younger

◇ **Contact Information:** Children and Family Division
(こども家庭課) 025-226-1202



Emergency Monetary Relief for Those Affected by Corona Virus

Low-income households affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic may be entitled to special monetary relief.

◇ **Amount:** 100,000 (10万) yen per household


◇ **Contact Information:** 025-247-8211

Submit applications to the monetary relief center by Sept. 30th (Fri.) *For more information please visit the website.





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 Sep 10 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/jcvg 	International Cooking Class When: Sep. 29 th (Wed), Oct. 1 st (Sat) & 2 nd (Sun) 11:00-14:00 Fee: Foreign residents, students: ¥1,800 Japanese citizens ¥3,800 Menu: Autumn Leaf Viewing Bento Chestnut rice, mushroom miso soup, fig compote, grilled fish, grilled shrimp, tsukemono, dessert, 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: Sep. 25 th (Sun) 11:00-14:00 Fee: ¥1,600 Menu: Japanese Dinner Fish cooked in miso, vegetables, shimeji mushroom rice, and more *Must apply in a group of 2 or more 
	Please sign up at least three days before class	

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 August, 2022

Niigata City Website (English):
www.city.niigata.lg.jp/iryu/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

Greetings from the New Editor

Hello! My name is Alyssa Williams. I will be the new editor and English CIR! A full introduction will be included in the October issue. I'm grateful and excited for this opportunity!

Donate to Refugees from Ukraine

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.



Niigata Pref. Multilingual COVID-19 Hotline

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

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 Thur. 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
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 Sep. 26th