



Niigata English Journal

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Let's Make Marshmallow Treats!

Your American CIR, Alyssa, will be teaching everyone how to make marshmallow treats (Rice Krispie Treats)

– an American favorite. The recipe only requires three ingredients: cereal (usually Rice Krispies), marshmallows, and butter.

Date: June 17th (Sat) 10:30 – 11:30

Location: CrossPal 5th floor Cooking Room

Spots: 30 spots

Ages: Elementary school and up (we will be using the stove). Elementary school children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fee: ¥500 per person (for ingredients)

What to bring: Apron, bandana, hand towel

Sign up: Call 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp



Light and Darkness of Bonaparte's Second Empire Era

Your French CIR, Charles, will discuss Napoleon III and his modernization of France during the Second French Empire.

He will also discuss this time period's relation Japan during the end of the Edo period.

Date: July 2nd (Sun) 14:00 – 15:15

Location: CrossPal 4th floor Audio-Visual Theater

Spots: 100 spots

Fee: Free!

Sign up: From June 7th, call 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp



Learn All About Vietnam!

Pham Van Phong, graduate student and the editor of the Vietnamese newsletter, will teach you about the wonders of Vietnam. He will talk about popular tourist spots, food culture, and more!

Date: July 8th (Sat) 13:30 – 15:00

Location: CrossPal 5th floor Exchange Hall 2

Spots: 30 spots

Fee: ¥500 (¥300 for contributing members)

Sign up: From June 7th, call 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp



English Storytime and Pancakes

Charlene (aka Charlie), former CIR and current English teacher at NSG, will read the picture book *Guri and Gura* in English, hold a mini English lesson, and then teach how to make the same pancakes from the story. Come to hear authentic English and make some pancakes!

Date: July 1st (Sat) 10:00 – 11:30

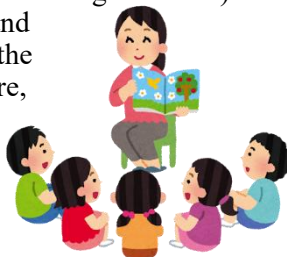
Location: CrossPal 5th floor Cooking Room

Spots: 10 groups of parents and children (elementary school age)

Fee: ¥2000 per group (¥1600 for contributing members)

What to bring: Apron, bandana, hand towel, and something to take the pancakes home in (Tupperware, etc.)

Sign up: From June 7th, call 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp



Lecture: International Affairs Through Film

Come and learn about how Japanese NPOs are helping people in Cambodia. The director of a film about how a Japanese NPO helped Cambodian people construct a building for their village will give a talk about the film.

Date: June 25th (Sun) 14:00 – 16:00

Location: CrossPal 4th floor Audio-Visual Theater

Fee: Free!

Sign up: From June 9th, call Ms. Sanbayashi at 070-6989-5960 or email fukushidai2010@yahoo.co.jp

Learning Chinese Culture Through Drama

It's not just Korean dramas! Ms. Nagai Mitsuko will teach you all you need to know about Chinese dramas, including the most popular shows, the social issues that they cover, popular songs, and more.

Date: June 29th (Thu) 13:30 – 14:30 (13:00 check-in)

Location: CrossPal 4th floor Rooms 401 & 402

Spots: 30 spots

Fee: Free!

Sign up: From June 7th, call 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp



Salon Exhibit: What Kind of Country is the Philippines?

NIEF's newest exhibit will show photographs from Ms. Ishii's talk on the Philippines in March and introduce the country.


Date: May 20th – July 13th 9:00 – 17:00

Closed: Sundays and June 26th

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor NIEF Exchange Salon

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 *Please register beforehand	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 – 11:30 *Please register beforehand	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/jcvlg>

International Cooking Class

When: June 15th (Thu), 17th (Sat), & 18th (Sun)
11:00-14:00Fee: Foreign residents, students: ¥1,800
Japanese citizens ¥3,800

Menu: Early Summer Bistro Meal – octopus ceviche, low calorie lasagna, clam and bean soup, Sri Lankan style chicken curry, dessert, and more!

International Cooking Class for Children
~Let's Cook in English!~

No classes this month



Where: Ms. Ueno's residence (3-4-16 Ogijima, Akiha Ward)

For more info/sign-up: TEL: 0250-24-6859 (Ms. Ueno) – Please sign up at least three days before class

Notices

Literakoya

A study group for students with foreign backgrounds. Please note that this is not a cram school and students should bring homework they want to work on, however, teachers may be able to help. *Please contact before attending

When: 9:30 – 12:00 on Saturdays

Where: Bandai Civic Hall

*Online study seminars are also available. Please visit the website for more information and to sign up.



Korean Fusion Music Night

GONG MYOUNG (共鳴) is a Korean musical ensemble that plays traditional Korean music with a variety of instruments, including an instrument of their own creation, the gong myoung. They've toured 50 countries and are spreading Korean music around the world!

When: June 28th (Wed) 18:30–20:00 (doors open at 17:30)

Where: Niigata Terra (185-18 Shumoku, Chuo Ward)

Fee: Free! (first come, first served)



The Friendship Between Micronesia and Japan

His Excellency Mr. John Fritz, Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia to Japan will speak on the relationship between Micronesia and Japan. There will also be talks by Japanese people who have lived in Micronesia.

When: June 24th (Sat) 14:50–17:00

Where: Niigata University Satellite Campus Tokimate Room A



Kanbara Matsuri

Kanbara Matsuri is back! Come and enjoy over 450 stalls with Niigata food like poppoyaki, arcade games, and a haunted house! Attendees who wear yukata will be entered in a raffle to win a prize!

When: June 30th, July 1st, & July 2nd (Fri–Sun)

Where: Kanbara Shrine

(3-18 Nagaminemachi, Chuo Ward)



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, Russian, 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 (6/13) 13:00–17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian	Make a reservation by phone or email in advance. Place: Multilingual Consultation Center of Niigata (formerly Foreign Resident Consultation Center) (2nd floor of Toki Messe) Contact: TEL: 025-241-1881 Email: nia10@niigata-ia.or.jp
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (6/28) 10:00–17:00 Chinese, Russian	
Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents Length of Consultation: 40 minutes per person	3 rd Thur. of odd numbered months (7/20) English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian	
Education Consultation	Every Tue. 13:00–17:00 English, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Russian	



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CrossPal will be closed June 26th