



Niigata English Journal

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NIEF Fall Japanese Classes

Applications for fall 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 8th, however, if you miss the deadline, do not hesitate to come in and talk with us about it. For more information, please visit the NIEF website.

Classes Content and Schedule		Days of the Week	Times	Class Duration	Total Class Hours	Class Fee
A	Study beginner level materials while pursuing the basics of daily-life conversational skills.	W & F	10:00-12:00	9/27~	72h (36 classes)	15,000 yen
B		T & Th		9/26~		
C	Review beginner level materials in preparation for intermediate content.	T & F		9/26~	36h (18 classes)	9,000 yen
D	Comprehensively study Japanese while striving for proficiency in practical Japanese conversation.	W		9/27~		
		F		9/29~		
I	Study beginner level materials while pursuing the basics of daily-life conversational skills.	T & Th	18:30-20:00	9/26~	54h (36 classes)	11,500 yen
II		F		9/29~	27h (18 classes)	7,000 yen
III	Review beginner level materials while studying Japanese more comprehensively.	T		9/26~	27h (18 classes)	7,000 yen

Japanese Manga and Anime in the USA

Your American CIR, Alyssa, will discuss how Japanese manga and anime became popular in the US, what is popular now, fan culture, and more!

Date: Aug. 19th (Sat) 14:00 – 15:00

Location: CrossPal 4th floor, room 403

Spots: 30 spots

Fee: Free!

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



A Stroll Through Furumachi in Yukata

Foreign residents of Niigata: join us for a walking tour around the Furumachi area! Participants will be given yukata to wear and keep. Volunteers will help to put on the yukata, so don't worry if it's your first time!

Date: Sep. 9th (Sat) 13:30 – 16:30 (check from 13:00)

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor (check in and yukata)

Spots: 20 (lottery system; results announced on Sep. 1st by email)

Fee: ¥500 (elementary school students and under ¥300, ages 3 and under are free)

Sign up: By 8/25 (Fri) Call 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp

*When you sign up, please give your name, gender, nationality, phone number, and email address



Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Get free consultation on work issues, contracts, financial compensation, marriage or divorce trouble, and more! Interpreters can be provided for free.

Date: Aug. 18th (Fri) 13:00 – 16:40

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor

Spots: 5 spots (One 40-minute slot per person)

Fee: Free!

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

Let's Read and Play in English and Russian!

Your American and Russian CIRs will be reading a book aloud in English. The Japanese version will also be read, so don't worry! Additionally, the CIRs will teach and play games from the USA and Russia.

Date: Aug. 26th (Sat) 11:00 – 11:40

Location: Ikutopia (kodomo sozo center)

Spots: 15 groups of parents and children (ages 3 to grade 2)

Fee: Free!

Sign up: No need to sign up!

Contact: Ikutopia 025-281-3715



Korean Film Talk

Mr. Inoue Tsunehisa will give a talk on Korean films. He will discuss their history and recent popularity. Mr. Inoue is the manager of Cine Wind, a cinema in Bandai.

Date: Sep. 2nd (Sat) 14:00 – 15:30 (check in starts at 13:30)

Location: CrossPal 4th floor audio-visual theater

Spots: 70 spots

Fee: Free

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



Salon Exhibit: Learn All About Vietnam!

NIEF's newest exhibit will feature photos from Mr. Pham Van Phong's lecture last month. Come and learn about Vietnam's popular tourist spots, food, culture, and more!

Date: July 15th – Sep. 14th 9:00 – 17:00

Closed: Sundays, Holidays, and Aug 28th

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor



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/jcvg>


International Cooking Class



No classes this month!

Information on September's classes will be posted in the September edition.

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

Japanese Language for Work (Free!)

Free Japanese courses for foreign residents in Japan are available. Classes are from Sep. to Nov. and applications are due by Aug. Please see the pamphlet for more details.

Warning: Food Poisoning & Heat Stroke

Risk of food poisoning and heat stroke increases as temperatures and humidity rise. Practice food safety, such as not leaving food out and reheating food completely before eating it. To prevent heat stroke, drink plenty of water, wear light clothing, and keep your home cool.

Film on Japanese Troops in China After the War

Keep Smile Japan, a local volunteer group, will be showing a film on the issue of Japanese troops remaining in Shanxi, China after the Sino-Japanese war.

Date: August 5th (Sat) 16:00 – 18:00**Location:** Crosspal Room 403**Fee:** Free!**Sign up:** Call or email Ms. Sanbayashi
TEL 070-6989-5690, email: keepsumairu@yahoo.co.jpSwing Dance

Come and swing with Swingin' Niigata! All levels, ages, and genders are welcome. You can come alone or bring some friends! Visit their Instagram or Facebook for more information.



Instagram

Facebook



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 (8/8) 13:00–17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (8/23) 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 (9/14) English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian
Education Consultation	Every Tue. 13:00–17:00 English, Chinese, 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	



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CrossPal will be closed August 28th