



Niigata English Journal

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Fun Japanese Class Social

Come and watch foreign students show off their Japanese skills with speeches and presentations! There will also be traditional music and dance performances, as well as prizes.

Date: Nov. 4th (Sat) 13:30–15:00

Place: CrossPal 5th floor Exchange Hall

Fee: Free!

Spots available: 50 people

For more info/sign up: 025-225-2727 or
kyokai@nief.or.jp



Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Get free consultation on work issues, contracts, financial compensation, marriage or divorce trouble, and more! If you need an interpreter, please let us know and one will be provided for free.

Date: December 16th (Sat) 13:00 – 16:40

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor

Spots: 5 time slots (40 minutes per person)

Fee: Free!

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



NVC Ai no Kakehashi Bazaar and Festa

NVC (Niigata International Volunteer Center) will be hosting a bazaar and festa for charity. Fair trade goods such as clothing, household goods, and accessories will be sold and the proceeds will benefit children with disabilities in Vietnam, Vietnamese students in Niigata, and more.

Date: Nov. 5th (Sun) 10:00 – 17:00

Location: Pia Bandai (Pia Terrace)

Contact: NVC, TEL: 025-211-4067



Let's Read and Play in French and Korean!

The French and Korean CIRs will be reading a book aloud in French and Korean. The Japanese version will also be read, so don't worry! Additionally, the CIRs will teach and play games from the France and Korea.

Date: Dec. 9th (Sat) 11:00 – 11:40

Location: Ikutopia (kodomo sozo center)

Age range: Ages 3 – 18

Fee: Free!

Sign up: No need to sign up!

Contact: Ikutopia 025-281-3715



Salon Exhibit: Japanese Manga & Anime in the USA + Showa Era Japanese Anime & Manga

This exhibit features slides from the August lecture, as well as manga and figures from the Showa era. Come and learn about how Japanese manga and anime was introduced to the USA and check out the items on display!

Date: Sep. 16th (Sat) – Nov. 16th (Thu) 9:00 – 17:00

Closed: Sundays, holidays, and Nov. 27th (Mon)

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor



Free Admission to Museums!

In honor of Culture Day (Friday, Nov. 3), admission to 15 museums and historical facilities in Niigata City will be free on this day. Some facilities have gardens where you can enjoy the fall foliage, so don't miss this opportunity to learn new things and admire some leaves (for free)!

Please visit the Niigata City website for information on participating facilities. (Available in Japanese only)



Fall Leaf Viewing Spots in Niigata City

Here are a few locations where you can enjoy the fall colors within the city! More spots can be found on the Niigata Prefectural Tourist Association website, as well as the current fall color status at each location. (Available in Japanese only)



The Niigata Saito Villa

576 Nishi-ohatacho, Chuo Ward

Hours: 9:30 – 17:00

Fee: ¥300 adults, ¥100 children



Nakano House Art Museum/ Sekiyu no Sato Park

598 Kanazu, Akiha Ward

Hours: Check website for details

Fee: ¥1,000

(HS students and under are free)



Hakusan Park

Ichibanbori-doricho, Chuo Ward

Hours: Open 24/7

Fee: Free!



Mt. Kakuda


Nishikan Ward

Hours: Open 24/7

Fee: Free!

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 *except 11/4 *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

When: Nov. 18th (Sat), Nov. 19th (Sun), Nov. 20th (Mon)
11:00-14:00**Fee:** Foreign residents, students: ¥1,800
Japanese citizens ¥3,800**Menu:** Christmas Party!

Roasted chicken and vegetables, hors d'oeuvres that pair well with alcohol, fisherman-style paella, panna cotta with orange syrup, and more!

**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

Minimum Wage Increase!

As of October 1, 2023, the minimum wage has increased from ¥890 per hour to ¥931 per hour, for a total increase of ¥41 per hour.

Contact: Niigata Labor Bureau or local Labor Standards Inspection Office**Free Legal Consultation**

Houterasu is now offering free law consultation at the Multilingual Consultation Center of Niigata. With this additional service, foreign residents will now be able to receive free legal consultation every month, instead of every other month. Appointments must be made at least 5 days in advance. Please see the "Consultation Services" table below for more details.

Niigata Sake Fair

Come and try alcoholic beverages from all around the prefecture! Featuring Japanese sake, beer, wine and more! Food vendors will also be present, so you can enjoy food along with your drinks!

Date: Nov. 3rd (Fri) 10:00 – 19:00**Location:** Furumachi Mall 7, Chuo Ward**Fee:** Free to attend, ¥2500 for cup, pamphlet, and tickets for sake; ¥500 for additional samples

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 (11/14) 13:00–17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (11/22) 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 (11/16) English, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian
Houterasu Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents Length of Consultation: 40 minutes per person	3 rd Mon. of even numbered months (12/18) 13:00 – 17:00 English, Filipino
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 Nov. 27th