



Niigata English Journal

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Let's Play in French and Korean!

The French and Korean CIRs have prepared some activities and games from France and Korea. This is a great opportunity for children to learn about foreign countries and have some fun!

Date: Dec. 9th (Sat) 11:00 – 11:40

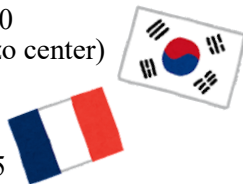
Location: Ikutopia (kodomomo sozo center)

Age range: Ages 3 – 18

Fee: Free!

Sign up: No need to sign up!

Contact: Ikutopia 025-281-3715



Life in China

Ms. Han Chao, the Chinese CIR, will discuss life in China, including housing, the recent reliance on digital payment, and what life is like for young people.

Date: Dec. 7th (Thu) 14:00 – 15:00

Location: CrossPal 4th floor, Room 402

Spots: 20 spots

Fee: Free!

Sign up: Scan the code and fill out the form

Contact: TEL: 025-225-2727

Email: kyokai@nief.or.jp



Potluck Christmas Party!

Celebrate Christmas with a potluck! Bring your favorite dish as well as a ¥500 present to exchange with other partygoers. Make sure to bring your own plate and drink as well.

Date: Dec. 10th (Sun) 13:30 – 16:30

Location: Niigata TERRSA
Shumoku 185-18, Chuo Ward

Fee: ¥1,000

Sign up: niigataphilippinesociety@gmail.com



Winter Noh Performances

Come and experience one of Japan's oldest theatrical arts – Noh! Ryutopia provides tablets with English subtitles, so don't worry about not understanding the archaic Japanese. There are two productions being performed: The Kyogen *Tojin Sumo* on Dec. 8th and 9th and *Okina* on Dec. 24th.

Dates: Dec. 8th (Fri), 9th (Sat), and 24th (Sun)

Times vary by performance, please check the website for details

Location: Ryutopia Performing Arts Center,
Noh Theater

Fee: Varies by seat type

Tickets: See website

Contact: 025-224-5521

(Hours: 11:00 – 19:00)



Dec. 8th & 9th

Dec. 24th

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



Salon Exhibit: Keep Smile Japan's Report on Activities in Cambodia

Keep Smile Japan, a volunteer organization in Niigata, is sharing their recent activities in Cambodia with a photo display. Come and learn about how this local group is helping people in Cambodia!

Date: Nov. 18th (Sat) – Jan. 11th (Thu) 9:00 – 17:00

Closed: Sundays, Dec. 25th (Mon), and New Year's holidays (Dec. 29th – Jan. 3rd)

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor



International Symposium

Ms. Sanbayashi will speak on Keep Smile Japan's volunteer activities in Cambodia and afterwards, speakers from Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam will talk about their experiences living, studying, and working in Japan and Niigata.

Date: Jan. 13th (Sat) 14:00 – 16:00

Location: CrossPal 4th floor, Audio-Visual Theater

Fee: Free!

Sign up: From Dec. 10th, email Ms. Sanbayashi at: fukushidai2010@yahoo.co.jp

Contact: Ms. Sanbayashi, TEL 070-6989-5690

Free Japanese Lessons

The Japanese government is providing free Japanese language lessons for foreign nationals living in Japan who wish to improve their Japanese skills for work. All classes are held online. Please see the pamphlet for more details.

Class Dates: Jan. 10th – Mar. 1st or
Jan. 9th – Feb. 29th, 8:30 – 12:30
or 13:30 – 17:30

Location: Online

Fee: Free!


Sign up & Contact: Hello Work Niigata

TEL: 025-280-8609 (English speaker available on
Wednesdays 13:30 – 16:00)



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. (contact for info)	202	Please contact Ms. Tanaka for more information.	Ms. Kiyoko Tanaka Tel: (025) 225-2727
Every Sat. 10:00 – 11:30 *except 12/9 & 12/30 *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

When: Dec. 16th (Sat), Dec. 17th (Sun), Dec. 18th (Mon)
11:00-14:00**Fee:** Foreign residents, students: ¥1,800

Japanese citizens ¥3,800

Menu: End of Year and New Year's Celebration – Traditional Japanese seasonal side dishes, o-zōni (soup with mochi rice cakes), sushi, 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

Free Administrative Scrivener Consultation

Get free consultation on visa qualifications, applying for permanent residency, doing business in Japan, car registration, traffic accident compensation, and more!

Date: Jan. 20th (Sat) 10:00 – 16:00**Location:** CrossPal 3rd Floor, Room 306**Fee:** Free!**Sign up/Contact:** Call NiigataPrefecture Administrative
Scrivener Society, Mr. Takano
at 070-1189-8555

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.

Warm Biz

Cool Biz season has ended and it is now Warm Biz season. Conserve energy by wearing layers, sweaters, and using blankets. The ideal room temperature is 19°C. Let's all keep warm and conserve energy!

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 (12/12) 13:00–17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (12/27) 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 (1/18) 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

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 Dec. 25th and
Dec. 29th – Jan. 3rd