



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 for beginner and intermediate levels.



Stop by the Friendship Center (CrossPal 2F) to pick up an application and get more information. Application forms are due by September 6th, however, if you miss the deadline, do not hesitate to come in and talk with us. For more information, please visit the NIEF website.

Niigata-Harbin 45th Anniversary Celebration

Niigata and Harbin are celebrating 45 years of friendship city relations this year! To celebrate, there will be a karaoke competition with Japanese and Chinese songs.



If you're not interested in singing but still want to come and enjoy the music, don't forget to sign up! If you want to join in the karaoke, you must sign up using the code. You cannot sing in your native language.

Date: September 21st (Sat) 10:30 – 13:00

Location: Crosspal 4th Floor Audio-Visual Hall

Fee: Free!

Contact: TEL: 025-225-2727, email: kyokai@nief.or.jp

Sign up: Sign up using the code, deadline for karaoke is Sep. 4th

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

Come celebrate the mid-autumn festival, an important holiday in Chinese culture. Celebrations will include food, including moon cakes (月餅 yuè bing), drinks, and karaoke.

Date: September 21st (Sat) 13:30 - 15:00

Location: Crosspal 5th Floor Exchange Hall

Fee: ¥1,500

Spots: 70 people

Sign up: Sign up using the code, deadline is Sep. 13th



Chinese Cooking Class: Snow Skin Mooncakes

Learn how to make snow skin mooncakes (冰皮月餅), a traditional dessert eaten during the mid-autumn festival in China.

Participants will make two flavors of mooncakes: sweet potato and soybean.

After making the mooncakes, there will be time to taste them and enjoy them with tea. Sign up using the code.

Date: October 6th (Sun) 13:00 - 15:30

Location: Crosspal 5th Floor Cooking Room

Fee: ¥1,500 (¥1,300 for contributors)

Spots: 20 people (junior high school age and up)

What to bring: Apron, bandana

Contact: TEL 025-225-2727, email: kyokai@nief.or.jp



Niigata-India Culture Festival

Enjoy a rare combination of Indian art, music, and dance presented by Niigata artists! The event will begin with a musical performance featuring a sitar and tabla, followed by a talk by a renowned painter with years of painting Indian women, and finish off with a performance of the Odissi dance.

Date: September 15th (Sun) 14:00 - 16:00

Location: Ryutopia Studio A

Fee: ¥2,500

Contact: Niigata-India Cultural Exchange Association, Mr. Kubo, TEL: 090-7205-7479



Korean Culture Event: KPop Dance Class

Learn how to dance like your favorite idols! The Consulate-General of South Korea is hosting this KPop dance class to promote Korean cultural exchange and welcomes people of all levels of experience to come and join in the fun.

Date: October 12th (Sat) 14:00 - 15:30

Location: Crosspal 2nd Floor Gymnasium

Fee: Free!

Spots: 20 people

What to bring: Indoor athletic shoes, towel, drink

Sign up/Contact: From Sep. 4th, call 025-225-2727



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: October 19th (Sat) 13:00 – 16:40

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor

Spots: 5 time slots (40 minutes per person)

Fee: Free!

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



Salon Exhibit: Romania

Romania is where Dracula came from, right? That's not all! Stop by and learn more about Romania and all of its wonders, featuring slides and photos from the lecture given in June.


Date: Sep. 13th (Fri) - Nov. 20th (Wed) 9:00 - 17:00

Closed: Sundays, holidays, and September 24th (Tue)

Location: NIEF Exchange Salon (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. (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 9/14 *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/jcv>

International Cooking Class

Classes have been cancelled for the rest of the year, but Ms. Ueno is looking forward to seeing everyone next year! Thank you for your continued support. (^_^)/~



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

Information

KPop Random Dance @ Soh Odori

This year's Soh Odori dance festival features a KPop Random Dance show – a portion of popular KPop songs will be played and people who know the song can jump in to dance the choreography. The Soh-Odori festival is from Sep. 14th (Sat) – 16th (Mon).

Date: September 14th (Sat) 14:00 - 15:30

Location: Niigata Station South Plaza

Fee: Free!



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Korean Hangawi (Chuseok) Festival

Celebrate this important Korean holiday with a mix of traditional and modern dance, music, and taekwondo – for free! Spots limited to 1,500 people; a lottery system will be implemented. Deadline: September 6th.

When: September 18th (Wed), 18:00 – 21:00

Where: Ryutopia



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: October 26th (Sat) 10:00 – 16:00Location: CrossPal Niigata 2nd Floor, Room 202

Fee: Free!

Contact: Call Niigata Prefecture Administrative Scrivener Society, Mr. Takano at 070-1189-8555



Thai Cooking Lesson

Learn about Thai culture through cooking! Learn how to make Tom Yum soup and Pad Thai. Sign up by Sep. 13 using the code.

When: September 15th (Sun) 10:00 - 12:30

Where: Ikutopia

Fee: ¥1,500 (elementary schoolers ¥500)

What to bring: Apron, towel

Contact: Mr. Yoshida, email: aska3.141@gmail.com



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 (9/10) 13:00-17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (9/25) 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 (9/19) 13:00-17:00 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 (10/21) 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
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CrossPal will be closed
September 24th