



Niigata English Journal

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Notices & Upcoming NCIEF Events

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Free Legal Consultations for Foreign Residents

Need legal advice? On Friday, October 28th and Tuesday, November 15th there will be opportunities to visit with a lawyer and receive free consultation regarding legal matters. If you



don't speak Japanese, then an interpreter will be provided for you.



Session One **When:** October 28th (Fri) 13:00~17:00

Place: CrossPal Niigata 2nd floor

Sponsor: Niigata City International Exchange Foundation

Session Two **When:** November 15th (Tues) 13:00~16:00

Place: CrossPal Niigata 2nd floor

Sponsor: Niigata Bar Association

Requirements: Must be non-Japanese resident living and working in Niigata

Language Support Available: English, Chinese, Korean, French, and Russian

Spots Available: 5 (reservations required) **Length of Consultation:** 45 minutes per person

Reservations: Tell us your name, nationality, phone number, sex, and what you wish to discuss.

For more info/reservations: 025-225-2727 or email kyokai@nief.or.jp

The Herend Ceramics Exhibit

This is a collection of pieces made by the Hungarian Herend Porcelain Manufactory. The pieces range from mugs, to sculptures, to vases, to full blown tea sets- if it can be made out of porcelain, they probably have it here! The Herend Company is known for their intense detailing and long tradition of hand painting all of their pieces. There is a large variation in the histories and styles of the different items in their collection.



Date: Until Oct. 30th (Sun) 9:30~18:00

Closed: Oct. 3rd, 11th, & 17th

Place: Niitsu Art Museum (Akiha-ku)

Admission: General - 1,000 yen

High School and College students - 800 yen

Junior high and younger- free

For more info call: 0250-25-1300

URL: <http://www.city.niigata.lg.jp/nam/index.html>

(Niitsu Art Museum)

Right photo is Imre Schrammel's "Carnival lady in Renaissance Costume"



from 1998 Courtesy of the Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest

Oshaberi Salon

Your neighborhood Niigata City CIRs each host conversation (oshaberi) hours where they talk and lead discussions in Japanese about topics related to their home country and cross-cultural understanding. Here are this month's events!

Oshaberi Salon- Russia

This will be led by Yuriya, the city's Russian CIR. The topic will be about weddings in Russia.



When: Oct. 11th (Tues)
14:00~15:00

Place: CrossPal Niigata 2nd
floor Exchange Salon
(NCIEF)

Oshaberi Salon- China

This will be led by Cui, the city's Chinese CIR. The topic will be about idioms and expressions in Chinese.

When: Oct. 20th (Thurs)
14:00~15:00

Place: CrossPal Niigata
2nd floor Exchange Salon (NCIEF)





More Notices & Upcoming Events

The 10th Niitsu Halloween Festival

This all-day Halloween party held in Niitsu will be our next International Café as well! Events include yurukyara (theme characters) show, costume contest and a dance show! There will also be food stands and other attractions as well. This family friendly event is sure to be a blast!

Date: Oct. 29th (Sat) 10:00~16:00

Place: Niitsu Honcho-dori (Niitsu Station is the top left box, the event is the pink part in the middle of the map)

Cost: Admission- Free; Stamp Rally- 100 yen; Costume Contest- 500 yen per group

For more info (Japanese only): http://niitsu-halloween.com/



NCIEF 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 were due by Sept 24th, however, if you missed the deadline, do not hesitate to come in and talk with us about it. For more info & Application: 025-225-2727

The American Presidential Election from A-Z

This series of FREE presentations and events will give you a better understanding about the elections and the presidents throughout history. There will be 3 types of classes held multiple times over a few weeks between mid-October and early-November.

Classes and Dates (times):

Class 1- "The Presidents" card game! Oct. 19th (2-3pm), 21st (8-9pm), 22nd (12-1pm)

Class 2- "About Obamacare" Oct. 26th (2-3pm) "Who is the next president? Nov. 9th (2-3pm)

Class 3 "The American President" movie- Oct. 30th (1-2pm)

Place: 7th Fl. Hokuyu Building, 1-2-12 Higashi-Odori, Chuo-ku, Niigata City 950-0087

(Map shows the location from the Bandai side of Niigata Station)

Reserve your spot: Call 025-243-1019

URL: www.speakup.jp



Charlie's Recipe Corner



Roast Squash

It is starting to feel like fall! As such I thought I would share with you all a recipe that my mother makes during this season! Pretty much the week that we see squash in the store we choose a meal that we can have this side dish with. I hope you can give this a try!

As a note, what we mean by "medium" squash, imagine one just bigger than the size of both of your fists, so about half of the size of a basketball? That said, this recipe is another example of "cooking by feel" so adjust the amounts of the ingredients as needed!

Ingredients

- Butternut squash 1 medium
Acorn squash 1 medium
Butter/margarine 100 grams
Brown sugar 1/2 c

OVEN METHOD

- ~Preheat oven to 175 degrees C
~Peel the squash and then cut into bite size pieces.
~Put in a baking dish with butter and brown sugar
~Bake for 60 mins or until soft

MICROWAVE METHOD

- ~Peel the squash and then cut into bite size pieces.
~Put in a microwave-safe dish with butter and brown sugar
~Microwave for 30-40 minutes or until soft



Events

Key: G-General; U-University Students; H-High School; J-Junior High School; E-Elementary School

28th NVC Niigata International Volunteer Center Bazaar

Profits from this Bazaar will be used support for children with disabilities and independence support for orphans in Vietnam.

Date: Oct. 8th (Sat) & 9th (Sun) 10:00~17:00

Place: Pia Bandai Event space (Chuo-ku Bandaijima 2)

For more info call: 025-211-4067 (NVC)

Japanese Speech Contest & International Party

By Akiha Nihongo Kyoshitsu

We will have a potluck party, so please bring your home made dishes and cake.

Date: Oct. 20th (Sun) 13:15~15:30

Place: Niitsu Kominkan (Niitsu Chiiki Gakuen)

Fee: Free

For more info call: 080-4058-6640

(Mr. Hasegawa)

Contact

The Compagnie DCA dance group from France will be performing a diverse ensemble that combines imagery, comedy and music.

Date: Oct. 22nd (Sat) 18:00 23rd (Sun) 14:00

Place: Ryutopia (Theater)

Fee: G - ¥6,000 Under 25 years old - ¥3,000

For more info call: 025-224-5521

URL: <http://www.ryutopia.or.jp> (Ryutopia)

The Lecture about Asia

Date: Oct. 9th(Sun) ,16th (Sun), 30th (Sun)14:00~15:45

Place :Niigata University Ekinan Campus

Fee: Free

Application: Please send an application form by fax (025-249-8122)

to NIA. The form is available to download

(<http://www.niigata-ia.or.jp/jp/index.html>)

For more info: 025-290-5650 NIA

Introduction of International Exchange Groups and International Cooperation Groups

This event will introduce the activities of JICA to people living in Niigata via an exhibit (explained below) and various presentations.

Date: Oct. 21st (Fri) ~23rd (Sun) 10:00~17:00

Place: CrossPal Niigata 2F

Fee: Free

For more info call: 025-225-2727 (NCIEF)

The 23rd BeSeTo Theater Festival in Niigata 2016

This international cultural event will be held for the first time in Niigata.

Date: Oct.1st (Sat) ~15th (Sat)

Place: Ryutopia (Theater)

Admission fee: ¥3,000~¥5,000

For more info call: 025-226-2554 (Bunka Sozo Suishin linkai)

World Brass Virtuoso Series MNOZIL BRASS

Date: Oct.21st (Fri) 19:00~

Place: Ryutopia (Concert Hall)

Admission Fee: ¥5,000

For more info call: 025-385-7470

(Niigata Nippo Fureai Jigyobu)

American Classic Music Concert

Date: Oct.29th(Sat) 14:00~

Place: Niigatashi Konanku Bunka Kaikan (Konan-ku)

Fee: G - ¥1,000 Under U - ¥500

For more info call: 025-383-1001

Niigatashi Konanku Bunka Kaikan



Community Bulletin Board

Meeting to explain the Companies & Interviews

Date: Oct. 6th (Thu) 13:00~16:00

Place: Niigata Nippo Media Ship 2F

Condition: Exchange students including foreign residents living in Japan

Participation fee: free

For more info call: 025-267-7855

Niigata-ken Chusho Kigyou Dantai Chuo Kai

Niigata International Friendship Center Exchange Salon ~ Introducing JICA Activities~

The areas such as Africa, Latin America, and Asia where members of JICA stayed will be introduced. There will be an explanatory gallery in the NIEF Salon. Additionally, there will be information sessions about the history of JICA and the experiences of Niigata-born participants.

Dates: Until Nov.4th (Fri) 9:00~17:00

Closed: Sundays, holidays and the 4th Mon. of every month.

Place: Niigata International Friendship Center (CrossPal 2F)

Employment Support Seminar for Exchange Students

Date: Oct. 31st (Mon) 13:30~17:00

Place: Toki Messe 301 Meeting room

Contents:

1. Employment for exchange students of residential qualification
2. Advices from companies which had records of adoption
3. Exchange information between the students and companies

Application: please send to NIA participation forms until Oct. 17th (Mon) . It is available to download from NIA's Homepage.

For more info call: 025-290-5650

URL: <http://www.niigata-ia.or.jp/jp/index.html>

Niigata Prefectural Gyosei Shoshi (Administrative Clerk) Main Office Free Consultation for Foreign Nationals (Reservations Required)**1. Niigata Prefectural Gyosei Shoshi Niigata Branch Office**

Date: Oct.16th (Sun) 10:00~16:00

Place: Kitachiku Kominkan (Kita-ku), Kurosaki Shimin Kaikan (Nishi-ku)

Date: Oct.23rd (Sun) 10:00~16:00

Place: Niitsuchiku Shimin Kaikan

Contact: 090-2227-0401 (Ms. Nakazawa)

2. Niigata International Association

Date: Oct. 26th (Wed) 10:00~14:00

Place: Niigata International Association 2F Toki Messe

Contact: 025-241-1881

Procedures for Entering Municipal Elementary & Junior High School for Foreign Nationals(Children)

From the beginning of October, the Niigata City Board of Education will send admission notices to children who are eligible to enroll in elementary of junior high school for the school year starting in April 2017

Children who want to enroll should apply by the deadline specified by the Niigata Board of Education Gakumu-ka or Kyoiku Jimusho. Japanese skills are not necessary to enroll in school.

Conditions:

Elementary school children must have been born between

April 2nd 2010~April 1st 2011

Junior High School children must have been between

April 2nd 2004 ~April 1st 2005

(Children who are already attending Niigata City Elementary school do not need apply)

Required documents:

Child's Foreign Registration Card/Residence Card

Any child age 6 or above may apply.

For more info:025-226-3168

Niigata City Board of Education Gakumu-ka, Gakumugakarai



Classes

Japanese Courses offered by the Niigata City International Exchange Foundation

Beginner through Intermediate 2	-Classes of varying difficulty are available at different times throughout the week. -Pricing info & the Autumn Schedule are available in the "Support for Foreign Nationals" section of the NCIEF website: http://www.nief.or.jp/	Ms. Chiyoko Takahashi Tel: (025) 225-2727
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Japanese Study Support Group for Children & Students: Niko Pal Club (Free of charge)

Day of the week & Hours	Room No.	Content	For more info.
Every Sat 10:00 – 14:30 (but Oct.22 nd)	202	This Japanese study circle offers support to children in the international community who are struggling with Japanese and other school studies.	Ms. Rika Saito Tel: (025) 225-2727
Every Wed 10:00 – 12:00 (but Oct. 12 th & 19 th)	201	To support the Japanese studies of high school-age children	

Japanese Classes by Volunteer Groups at Crosspal Niigata

(Free of charge except for material costs! Just show up at the location listed below!)

Day of the week	Hours	Room No.	Level	Organizations & Info
Every Wed (but Oct.19 th)	13:00 - 14:30	201or 202	Beginners	Niigata Nihongo Kaiwa Kyoshitsu ¥500/ month
Every Thu (but Oct.20 th)	13:00 – 14:30	201 or 202	Beginners	
Every Fri (but Oct. 21 st)	13:00 - 14:30	201 or 202	Beginners & Advanced Beginners	Niigata Nihongo Gakushu Kai
Every Sat (but Oct.1 st & 22 nd)	10:30 – 12:00	201 or 306	Advanced Beginners	Waon ¥500/ month
Every Sat (but Oct.22 nd)	10:30 - 12:00	307 or 309	Newspaper Class (Intermediate)	Yaponika
Every Sun (but Oct.23 rd)	15:00 - 16:30	201	Introduction - Beginners	Niigata Nihongo Volunteer

Nihongo Kyoshitsu Waon II at Higashi-ku Plaza (1-4-1 Shimokido Higashi-ku)

Oct.4 th (Tue) & 18 th (Tue)	10:00 - 14:00	Fee: ¥300 per a time	Ms. Takenaka Tel:(025) 277-3621
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Nihongo for Foreign Residents at the Ekinan Community Center 2F (4-12-20 Yoneyama Chuo-ku)

Every Sun (but Oct.9 th)	10:00 - 12:00	Fee: ¥2,000/month	Ms. Motomura Tel:(080) 5485-3796
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Konnichiwa! Nihongo at Kobari Elementary School Volunteer Room (2-36-1 Kobari Nishi-ku)

Every Thu (but Oct. 20 th)	10:00 – 11:30	Beginners – Advanced Fee: ¥300	Ms. Wakatsuki Tel: (025) 265-3140
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Taiken Nihongo Kyoshitsu at Nishi Chiku Kominkan (603 Uchino Nishi-ku)

Every Tue	10:00 - 12:00	Beginners – Advanced One term ¥3,500+ Textbook & Copy Fee	Nishi Chiku Kominkan Tel: (025)261-0031
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Iroha Nihongo Kyoshitsu at Kuzutsuka Community Center (1-1-18 Toeicho Kitaku) URL: irohanihongo.jimdo.com

Every Sat (but Oct.1 st)	10:00 - 12:00	Beginners Fee:¥500/month	Mr. Hasegawa Tel: (080) 4058-6640
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Akiha Nihongo Kyoshitsu at Niitsu Chiiki Gakuen (2-5-6 Niitsu Higashicho Akiha-ku)

Every Thu	13:00 – 14:30	Beginners Fee:¥500/month	Mr. Hasegawa Tel: (080) 4058-6640
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Maki Nihongo Kyoshitsu at Makichiku Kominkan (635 Makiko Nishikan-ku)

● Every Thu	18:30 – 20:30	Beginners - Intermediate One term ¥3,500	Ms. Fujita Tel: (090) 4072-3840
● Oct.1 st (Sat) & 15 th (Sat)	14:00 – 16:00	Let's enjoy communicating Japanese. One term ¥2,000	

Cultural Classes

International Cooking Class	When: Oct. 29 th (Sat) & 30 th (Sun) 11:00~14:00 Where: Ms. Ueno's residence (3-4-16 Ogikawa Akiha-ku) Menu: European dishes for your guests (bean dip, Hungarian style beef stew, fruit salad and more) Please sign up at least three days before class. For more info call: Ms. Ueno 0250-24-6859	Fee: Foreign residents ¥1,500; Japanese citizens ¥3,000
Tai Chi	Oct. 6 th , 13 th , 27 th (Thu) 13:00 – 14:30 Fee: Instructor's transportation expenses	Led by Mr. So CrossPal Niigata 5F Exchange Hall 2 For more info call: 025-229-0140 Mr. Itoda

Consultation Services

Niigata City International Exchange Foundation TEL: 025-225-2727 Email: kyokai@nief.or.jp URL: http://www.nief.or.jp	Crosspal 2F (3-2086 Ishizuecho-dori, Chuo-ku) Mon – Fri 9:00-16:00 (excluding holidays) English, Chinese, Korean, French, Russian
Niigata Help Association TEL: 025-228-2212	Every Day: 9:00-23:00 Spanish, English, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Chinese, etc.
Niigata International Association Bandaijima Bldg. 2F (5-1 Bandaijima, Chuo-ku) TEL: 025-241-1881 Email: nia21c@niigata-ia.or.jp URL: http://www.niigata-ia.or.jp/	English: Thu 10:00-14:00 Chinese: 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Wed 10:00-14:00 Thai: Tue 10:00-14:00
Helpline for Foreigners TEL: 0120-279-338	Call the toll-free number and press 2 after the Japanese guidance.
Niigata Medical Care Information Network URL: http://qq.niigata-iyaku.jp/	Site available in Japanese Only
Hello Work, Foreigner Advisory Service TEL: 025-280-8609 Niigata Misaki Godo Chosha #2 (1-2-1 Misaki-cho, Chuo-ku, Niigata-shi)	1 st ~ 4 th Wed 13:30-16:00 English & Chinese

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closed on
Oct. 24th.