



# Niigata English Journal

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It is cultural festival season so check out page 3 for a list of cultural events like GataFes!

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## Notices & Upcoming NCIEF Events

### Oshaberi Salon

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

**Local dishes in Korea**

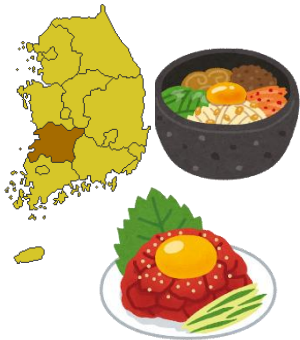
**Date:** October 16<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

**Breaking down Russian Stereotypes**

**Date:** October 25<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

**Time:** 14:00~15:00

**Place:** CrossPal Niigata 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Exchange Salon (NCIEF)



### Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

**Need legal advice?** On Friday, October 19th there will be an opportunity to visit with a lawyer and receive free consultation regarding legal matters. If you don't speak Japanese, an interpreter can be provided for you.

**Date:** October 19th (Fri) 13:00~17:00

**Place:** CrossPal Niigata 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

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

**Languages Available:** English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, French, and Russian

**Places Available:** 5 (reservations required)

**Length of Consultation:** 40 minutes per person

**Reservations:** Please 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](mailto:kyokai@nief.or.jp)



### School Related Information

By the middle of October, the Niigata City Board of Education will be sending out letters about enrolling into elementary or junior high school to families in Niigata City with children born in the time periods listed below.

Elementary: April 2, 2012–April 1, 2013

Junior High: April 2, 2006–April 1, 2007

To sign your child up for school, you must bring their residence card (在留カード) or their Special Permanent Resident Certificate card (特別永住者証明書) and follow the directions in the letter. You will need to go into the Board of Education's School Affairs Division or your local Ward Educational Support Center to finish the paperwork.

If you do not receive a letter and you want to sign your child up for school, contact the Niigata City Board of Education (TEL 025-226-3168). The sign up process is the same and all children, regardless of their Japanese proficiency, are entitled to an education.

