



Niigata English Journal

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International Lecture: Romania

A Niigata University student hailing from Bujoru, Romania will talk about Romanian history, culture, food, Dracula, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about Romania from a native!

Date: June 29th (Sat) 13:30 – 15:00

Location: CrossPal 4th floor, Room 403

Fee: ¥500 (¥300 for supporters)

Spots: 30 people

Sign up/Contact: TEL 025-225-2727 or email:

kyokai@nief.nief.or.jp or scan the code ↗



English Activity: Animal Mask Making

Come and learn the names of animals and the sounds that they make! This event includes a mini English lesson with games, followed by a crafting session where participants will make their own animal mask.

Date: July 13th (Sat) 10:30 – 12:00

Location: CrossPal 5th floor Exchange Hall

Fee: ¥300 per child (elementary schoolers and up; children must be accompanied by an adult)

Spots: 10 groups (child(ren) and adult)

Sign up/Contact: TEL 025-225-2727 or fill out the form using the code above



International Lecture: Housing in China

Curious about what housing is like in China? The Chinese Coordinator of International Relations (CIR) will give a talk on the housing situation in China.

Date: July 4th (Thu) 14:00 – 15:00

Location: CrossPal 5th floor Exchange Hall 2

Fee: ¥300

Spots: 20 people

Sign up/Contact: TEL 025-225-2727 or fill out the form using the code →



Korean Film Discussion

Cinewind's Mr. Inoue is hosting a discussion on Korean film. Cinephiles and fans of Korean culture alike are all encouraged to join! Please note that no films will be screened during this event, it is discussion only.

Date: June 22nd (Sat) 13:00 – 14:30

Location: CrossPal 4th floor Audio-Visual Hall

Fee: Free!

Sign up: Fill out the form using the code →

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



Free Medical Testing and Consultation

Doctors will perform chest x-rays and health checks, as well as provide advice on internal medicine, surgery, dental health, and more! Social workers and insurance experts can also answer questions on treatment, insurance, etc. Interpreters are available for English and Chinese. An interpreting device will be used for other languages. For foreign residents only.

Date: June 30th (Sun) 10:00 – 14:30

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor

Fee: Free!

Sign up: Scan the code to sign up →

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



Japanese Home Visit for International Students

Are you an international student? Do you want to get to know Japanese people in Niigata and experience what Japanese houses are like? Sign up to visit a Japanese family at their home and learn about Japanese customs and culture!

Date: July 27th (Sat) 10:00 – 16:00

Eligibility: International students living in Niigata City (university, junior college, vocational school students, etc.)

Fee: ¥300 (for insurance)

Spots: 20 people (lottery system will be implemented if more than 20 people apply)

Sign up: Fill out the form using the code ↗

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



International Symposium

Ms. Sanbayashi will report 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. The first 30 minutes of the symposium will feature a Bandai Taiko performance!

Date: June 22nd (Sat) 13:30 – 16:00

Location: CrossPal 5th floor Exchange Hall

Fee: Free!

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

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



Salon Exhibit: Cambodia Photo Exhibition

Come and see photos of life in Cambodia! This exhibition will feature photos Cambodia's capital city, Phnom Penh, and people's daily lives.

Date: June 19th (Wed) – July 13th (Sat) 9:00 – 17:00


Closed: Sundays, holidays, and June 24th (Mon)

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 6/22 *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.	

<p>Volunteer Japanese Classes</p> <p>https://www.nief.or.jp/en/jcvg</p> 	<p>International Cooking Class</p> <p>There will be no classes held in May, June, or July. Classes will resume in August, so make sure to check the August edition of English Journal for information on the next class!</p> 
<p>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</p>	

Information

Shirone Giant Kite Festival

This annual festival has a history of over 300 years! Come and see this year's kite designs and watch them fly into battle! The battles will also be streamed on YouTube, check the website for more details.
When: June 6th (Thu) – 10th (Mon) 13:00 – 18:00
Additional events:
 June 5: 14:00 – 17:30 Childrens' kite battles
 June 6: 12:30~ Parade on Honcho-dori street
 June 8: 19:45 – 21:00 Fireworks
 June 9: 10:00 – 17:00 Festival on Honcho-dori street
Where: Along the Nakanokuchi River, between Shirone Bridge and Takomi Bridge, in Shirone, Minami Ward
Fee: Free!



Daily Life in Japan Orientation Videos



The Immigration Services Agency released a series of videos for foreign nationals living in Japan about rules for daily life, health insurance, taxes, legal procedures, etc. Videos are available in English, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, and more.

Sado Okesa Dance Lessons

Learn Sado's traditional dance, the Sado Okesa. This same dance will be performed at the Niigata Matsuri in August. Beginners are welcome and there's no need to sign up in advance. Just show up in something easy to move in and have a good time! (Lessons cancelled if it rains.)
When: May 10th – August 30th on Fridays, 18:00 – 21:00
Where: Bandai Terrace Hajimari Hiroba
Fee: Free!



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 (6/11) 13:00–17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (6/26) 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 (7/18) 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 (6/17) 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
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