



Niigata English Journal

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Fun Japanese Class Social

Come and watch foreign students show off their Japanese skills with speeches and presentations! There will also be traditional music and dance performances, as well as prizes. This is a great opportunity to meet people from around the world! Sign up using the code below.

Date: Nov. 2nd (Sat) 13:30-15:30

Place: CrossPal 5th Floor Exchange Hall

Fee: Free!

Spots available: 50 people

Contact: TEL: 025-225-2727 or

email: kyokai@nief.or.jp



Multilingual Picture Story Show

As a part of the CrossPal Culture Festival, native speakers will perform various *kamishibai* (narration of stories using illustrations) in multiple languages. The languages will include Japanese, English, French, Chinese, and more. No need to sign up!

Date: Oct. 27th (Sun) 10:30-11:30

Location: CrossPal 2nd floor, NIEF

Fee: Free!



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 ages and 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: TEL: 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



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 - 16:00

Location: CrossPal Niigata 2nd Floor, Room 202

Fee: Free!

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

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 October 28th (Mon)

Location: NIEF Exchange Salon (CrossPal 2nd floor)

Amalia Concert with Sakai Yukiko

Retired professional opera singer and active musician from Romania, Amalia, will perform with pianist Sakai Yukiko. They will perform several songs including You Raise Me Up, pieces from Les Miserables, Ombra mai fu, and more. Don't miss the opportunity to see these incredibly talented musicians perform!

Date: October 19th (Sat) 19:00 (doors open 18:45)

Place: Ryutopia Studio A

Tickets: ¥2,500 (students: ¥1,500)

Contact: Wanna Fly Ministry, Mr. Miyazawa

TEL 090-7652-7162

Public Night Junior High School

In order to gauge interest in public night junior high school, Niigata City is holding a survey. If you or someone you know might be interested in attending, please fill out the survey.



China Festival in Niigata

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Consulate-General in Niigata is hosting a series of events – and they're all free! See below for more details.

Concert

Enjoy traditional Chinese music, for free! Sign up using the code below.

Dates: Oct. 11th (Fri) 18:30-20:10

Place: Ryutopia concert hall

Fee: Free!



Chinese Film Festival

Movies will be playing back-to-back from morning to the afternoon. All films will have Japanese subtitles.

Dates: Oct. 15th (Tue)-Oct. 21st (Mon)

Place: Niigata Furusato Village

Fee: Free!

Art Contest Exhibition



Award-winning pieces from the Tokihai China-Japan Friendship Youth Art Contest will be on display.

Dates: Oct. 26th (Sat)-Oct. 31st (Thu)

Place: Niigata Furusato Village

Fee: Free!

AUTUMN LEAVES IN NIIGATA

Did you know there are plenty of places to see autumn colors within Niigata City? Below are some places where you can enjoy the seasonal colors and the beautiful nature that the city has to offer. For more locations and further information, check the Niigata Prefectural Tourist Association's website,   which is also updated with the current fall foliage status and the best times to visit each location. In Niigata, the best time for fall foliage is typically late October-mid November.

The Saito Villa



A historic venue with a breathtaking garden that also offers tours and seasonal events.

Location: Chuo Ward

Hours: 9:30-17:00

Admission: Adults: ¥300,
Children: ¥100



Nakano Residence Memorial Hall



In addition to the hall, Sekiyunosato Park is also nearby and free to visit.

Location: Akiha Ward

Hours: 9:30-16:00 (until
10/20) 9:00-17:00 (from
10/21)

Admission: Adults: ¥1,000,
HS students and under: Free



Northern Culture Museum



The historic residence of a wealthy farmer family, with sprawling grounds and beautiful scenery.

Location: Konan Ward

Hours: 9:00-17:00

Admission: Adults: ¥800,
Children: ¥400



Hakusan Park



A public park rich in history with beautiful gardens. Conveniently located in Furumachi.

Location: Chuo Ward

Hours: No set hours

Admission: Free!



Outside Niigata City



Yahiko Park



A public park with bridges, waterfalls, and is lit up at night during the fall and spring.

Location: Yahiko Village

Hours: Lit up 17:00-21:00

Admission: Free!



Momijiyama Park (Sado Island)



A public park known for its beautiful autumn leaves.

The Sado Gold Mines will also be lit up in October, so be sure to check it out!

Location: Hamagawachi

Hours: No set hours

Admission: Free!




Recipe Corner


Thisoun Hin

Ms. Hsu Myat Win has shared another recipe from her home country of Myanmar. This recipe features an assortment of vegetables and shrimp simmered in spices. Keep warm and healthy with this hearty recipe!



Ingredient	Amount	Ingredient	Amount
<i>Okra</i>	4 pods	<i>Shrimp</i>	200 g
<i>Eggplant</i>	1	<i>Garlic</i>	4 cloves
<i>Turnip</i>	1 (uses leaves too)	<i>Vegetable oil</i>	As needed
<i>Tomato</i>	2	<i>Chili pepper</i>	As needed
<i>Cucumber</i>	1	<i>Turmeric</i>	1/2 tsp
<i>Enoki mushroom</i>	1/2 cluster	<i>Salt</i>	1 tsp
<i>Onion</i>	1/2	<i>Ajinomoto (MSG)</i>	1 tsp
<i>Shishito pepper</i>	2	<i>Water</i>	As needed

Method:

1. Cut the vegetables, etc.

Cut the okra, eggplant, turnip, tomatoes, cucumber, and enoki mushrooms into large bite-sized pieces. Finely chop the onion, shishito peppers, and garlic.

2. Put the ingredients and spices in the pot

Put the vegetables, shrimp, spices, and oil in the pot.

3. Mix the ingredients together

Put on gloves and mix the ingredients and spices together with your hands.

4. Sauté

Sauté on low heat for 5 minutes.

Once it's fragrant, add water, and boil for another 10 minutes. Enjoy!

Higashi-Odori Michibata Living

Food trucks, performances, a stamp rally with prizes, a morning market, and more all in front of Niigata Station! Come spend time in the city and mingle with fellow Niigata City residents while browsing the vendors and sampling all the delicious food the city has to offer. There will also be places set up to sit outside, relax, and talk with each other. The food truck vendors and events change daily, so be sure to check the schedule and don't miss out!

Date: September 14th (Sat) - October 14th (Mon, holiday)

Hours: Varies each day

Location: Higashi-Odori St., between Niigata Station and Akashi-dori St.


Fee: Free to attend!

Event schedule and details here!



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 10/12 *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

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

School Enrollment for Foreign Nationals

At the end of September, the Niigata City Board of Education (BOE) sent out information about enrolling in elementary or junior high school to families in Niigata City with children born between the following dates:

Elementary: April 2, 2018 – April 1, 2019

Junior High: April 2, 2012 – April 1, 2013

To enroll, go to the BOE's School Affairs Division or your local Ward Educational Support Center. You will need your child's residence card (在留カード) or Special Permanent Resident Certificate (特別永住者証明書). All children have the right to an education, no matter their level of Japanese language ability.

Contact: Niigata City Board of Education
TEL 025-226-3168



Autumn Noh Performance

This year's autumn noh performance will be *Aoi no ue* (Lady Aoi), an adaptation of a chapter from the famous Heian period novel, *The Tale of Genji*, featuring jealous court women and angry spirits.

If you're worried about not understanding the archaic language, don't worry! Tablets with English and modern Japanese commentary and translations are available to rent for ¥500.

For more information, please visit the Ryutopia website.

When: Oct. 14th (Mon; holiday) 13:00 (doors open at 12:30)

Where: Niigata City Performing Arts Center Ryutopia, Noh Theater

Fee: S seat: ¥6,000; A seat: ¥5,000; B seat: ¥4,000;
U25 (B seat for ages 25 and under): ¥2,000

Contact/Tickets: 025-224-5521 (11:00 – 19:00)



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 (10/8) 13:00-17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (10/23) 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 (11/21) 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



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