



Niigata English Journal

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NIEF Spring Japanese Classes

Applications for spring session Japanese classes are now open! Morning and evening classes are available in various beginner or intermediate levels. Stop in to the Friendship Center (CrossPal 2F) to pick up an application and get more information. Application forms are due by March 10th (Mon).

Class Content and Schedules		Days of the Week	Times	Class Duration	Total Class Hours	Class Fee
1	Study beginner level materials while pursuing the basics of daily-life conversational skills.	W & F	10:00-12:00	4/2~	72h (36 classes)	15,000 yen
2		T & Th		4/1~		
3	T & F	4/1~				
Integr. (Wed)	Comprehensively study Japanese while striving for proficiency in practical Japanese conversation.	W		4/2~	36h (18 classes)	9,000 yen
Integr. (Fri)		F	4/4~			
I	Study beginner level materials while pursuing the basics of daily-life conversational skills.	T & Th	18:30-20:00	4/1~	54h (36 classes)	11,500 yen
II		F		4/4~	27h (18 classes)	7,000 yen
Integr.	Review beginner level materials while studying Japanese more comprehensively.	T		4/1~	27h (18 classes)	7,000 yen

Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Get free consultation on work issues, contracts, marriage trouble, and more! If you need an interpreter, please let us know and one will be provided for free.

Date: February 15th (Sat) 13:00-16:40

Location: CrossPal 2F

Spots: 5 time slots (40 minutes per person)

Fee: Free!

Sign up: TEL 025-225-2727,

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! No need to sign up or contact in advance.

Date: March 22nd (Sat) 10:00 – 16:00

Location: CrossPal 2F, Room 202

Fee: Free!

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



Japanese Book Donations to Vietnam

Donate your picture books, hiragana practice books, etc. to students in Hai Phong, Vietnam who are studying Japanese! Since 2015, about 1,500 books have been donated. You can mail the books or bring them in person.

Deadline for donations: February 21st (Fri)

Location: ① 4-1 Shinkocho, International Affairs Division, Niigata Prefectural Government Office

② 2-692-27 Eisho-dori, Villa Prince #103,

Niigata International Volunteer Center (NVC)

(Please call before bringing books, TEL: 025-211-4067)

Contact: International Affairs Division, Ms. Chi, TEL: 025-256-8724



Volunteer Japanese Class Teacher Sessions

Have you ever considered teaching Japanese? Are you interested in volunteer work? If so, come and learn how to teach Japanese! All are welcome regardless of their age or teaching experience. (Deadline to sign up: March 31st)

Date: 2nd and 4th Sundays of April-August, 13:00-15:00 (10 sessions total)

Location: CrossPal

Fee: ¥1,000 (1st time), ¥700 (2nd time or more)

Sign up/Contact: Mr. Hasegawa, TEL: 080-4058-6640



Niigata-Galveston Sister City 60th Anniversary

2025 marks the 60th anniversary of Niigata City and Galveston's (Texas, USA) sister city relationship. To commemorate this occasion, a photo panel exhibition is being held. Come and see photos of Galveston and Niigata's relationship throughout the years!

Date: January 25th-February 24th 9:30-17:00

Closed: Tuesdays (closed on Wed. instead if Tue. is a holiday)

Location: Niigata Niitsu Railway Museum



Salon Exhibit: Daily Life in Vietnam and China

This photo exhibit introduces daily life in Vietnam and China through photos of the city and more. All photos are from Keep Smile Japan's visit to the two countries in 2024.

Date: Jan. 21st (Tue)-Feb. 27th (Thu) 9:00-17:00


Closed: Sundays, holidays, and Feb. 25th

Location: NIEF Exchange Salon (CrossPal 2F)



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 2/22 *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.	

Volunteer Japanese Classes

<https://www.nief.or.jp/en/jcvg>



International Cooking Class

Classes have been cancelled for this month, but Ms. Ueno is looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Thank you for your continued support. (^_^)~



Events

Spring Noh

This year's spring Noh performance is *Hagoromo*, a classic piece featuring a dance from a celestial maiden in a feather robe. Ryutopia offers tablets (¥500) with English subtitles, so don't worry about not understanding the archaic Japanese!

When: April 19th (Sat) 13:00-15:25

Where: Ryutopia

Fee: Varies by seat type

Tickets: See website

Contact: 025-224-5521 (11:00-19:00)



Animation Film Festival

The 3rd Niigata International Animation Film Festival (NIAFF) and Gatafes (a manga and anime event) will be held at the same time. For more details, check out the official websites.

NIAFF

When: March 15th-20th

Where: TBD



Gatafes

When: March 15th-16th

Where: Furumachi Area



Art Mix Japan

This event showcases Japanese traditional culture and performing arts, with performances of Nihon-buyo, rakugo, traditional musical performances, and more. There are also workshops, talk shows, and rental kimonos for the event!

When: April 12th-13th 10:00-20:30

Where: Ryutopia and Enkikan

Tickets: Online, by phone

(TEL: 025-255-1332), or

in person at Ryutopia and other

locations (see website for details)



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 (2/4) 13:00-17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (2/26) 10:00-15:00 Chinese, Russian
Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents Length of Consultation: 40 minutes per person	3 rd Thur. of odd numbered months (3/13) 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 (2/17) 13:00-17:00 English, Filipino, Russian
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
Email: nia10@niigata-ia.or.jp



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CrossPal will be closed Feb. 25th