



Niigata English Journal

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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



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

Salon Exhibit: Plain Japanese

Have you heard of Plain Japanese (yasashii nihongo)? It's a useful way to communicate with non-native speakers, people with disabilities, the elderly, and more. Come and learn more!

Date: March 1st (Sat)-March 27th (Thu) 9:00-17:00

Closed: Sundays, holidays, and March 24th

Location: NIEF Exchange Salon (CrossPal 2F)



Japanese Class Social

Students studying Japanese in Toyosaka at Iroha Kyoshitsu will be holding an event where they show off their Japanese skills. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the presentations and socialize.

Date: March 22nd (Sat) 13:00 – 15:00

Location: Kuzutsuka Community Center, Training Room B & C; 3197 Kuzutsuka, Kita Ward

Fee: Free!

Sign up/Contact: By March 15th (Sat), Yamagishi @ TEL: 090-8617-4456

NIEF Spring Japanese Classes

Applications for spring session Japanese classes are open until March 10th (Mon). Morning and evening classes are available, from beginner to intermediate level. If you missed the deadline but would like to apply, please come in and talk with us! For more details, please see the NIEF website.

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

Location: NIEF Exchange Salon (CrossPal 2nd floor)

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



Art Mix Japan

This event showcases Japanese traditional culture and performing arts, with performances of Nihon-buyo, rakugo, various traditional musical performances, a puppet show, and more! There will also be workshops, talk shows, and free performances throughout the event!

Date: April 12th (Sat) and 13th (Sun) 10:00 – 20:30

Location: Ryutopia and Enkikan

Tickets: Online (scan code on the right), TEL 025-255-1332, or in person at Ryutopia and other locations (see website for details →)



Northern Culture Museum

18th century style dolls, Kyoto miniature dolls, and late Edo period dolls on display.

Date: Feb. 22nd-March 23rd 9:00-16:30

Closed: Tuesdays

Fee: Adults: ¥800, Children: ¥400

Location: 2-15-25 Somi, Konan Ward



Former Ozawa Family Residence

Traditional hina dolls and mechanized karakuri dolls on display.

Date: Feb 15th-March 23rd 9:30-17:00


Closed: Mondays

Fee: Adults: ¥200, Children: ¥100

Location: 12-2733 Kamiokawamae-dori, Chuo Ward

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 3/29 *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. (^_^)~



Information

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 (Sat)-20th (Thu)

Where: Furumachi & Bandai area, see schedule for more details



Gatafes

When: March 15th (Sat)-16th (Sun)

Where: Furumachi Area



Donations to Ukrainian Refugees

As of March 14, 2025, the Foreign Affairs Division and NIEF will no longer be coordinating donations to Ukrainian refugees in Niigata City. Thank you to everyone for your assistance and generous donations these past few years.

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 (3/11) 13:00-17:00 Thai, Vietnamese, Russian
Gyoseishoshi Association of Niigata Consultation	4 th Wed. of the month (3/26) 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 (TBD) 13:00-17:00 English, Filipino, Russian
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
Email: nia10@niigata-ia.or.jp



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CrossPal will be closed March 24th