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◆ Practical Japanese Course Now Accepting Applications (New!)

Anyone who lives, works, or studies in Hyogo prefecture is welcome to take this basic language course. Using our Japanese textbook “Dekiru? Dekita!! Kurashi no Nihongo” (*Can Do! Practical Japanese for Everyday Life*) learn Japanese for use in ten daily life scenarios such as going shopping, taking care of tasks at the local prefectural office, preparing for disasters, and so on. This course aims to help foreign residents of Japan live more independently by improving everyday language skills.

Course Dates September 3 (Wed) - October 31 (Fri), 2025. Meets Wednesdays and Fridays (two times a week, for a total of eighteen sessions)

Time 10:00 - 12:30

Location International Health Development Center

Audience Foreign residents living, working, or studying in Hyogo prefecture aged 15 or older

*Please note: being able to read hiragana and katakana is required for this course. If you do not know how to read hiragana and katakana, please self-study before this course. You can also study hiragana and katakana at HIA on September 1 and 2, 2025. See the application form to sign up.

Application Period August 1 (Fri) - August 28 (Thurs), 2025

How to Apply Please apply on the HIA website: <https://bit.ly/46SFx6Z>

Cost 4,000 yen (*Textbook is provided free of charge)

Contact Multicultural Affairs Division, Hyogo International Association (HIA), TEL: 078-230-3261,
Email: nihongo(at)net.hyogo-ip.or.jp

*Please change “(at)” to “@” for the email address.

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◆ **Calligraphy Lesson (New!)**

Date August 27, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time 13:30 - 15:00

Location KICC Shin-Nagata, Floor 1

Capacity 15 people (*Application will close once capacity is reached)

Cost None; free to participate

Audience Foreign residents or those who have foreign roots aged 8 years (3rd grader) and older.

Sponsored by The Kobe International Community Center

Application <https://www.kicc.jp/ja/events/5224>

Contact Please direct applications and inquiries to the Kobe International Community Center, TEL:
078-742-8705

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◆ **Sanda International Association's "Communication Seminar for Foreign Residents and Japanese Businesses"**

This seminar aims to help foreigners looking for work in Japan get hired as well as help Japanese businesses hire foreign employees. It offers an opportunity for foreigners and business representatives to communicate directly.

Date & Time September 17 (Wed), 2025, 13:30 - 16:20

Location Sanda Public Community Center, Multi-Purpose Hall (on the sixth floor of the Sanda Station Kippy Mall)

Audience Foreigners who wish to work in Japan and Japanese business representatives who are interested in hiring foreigners

Cost None; free to participate

Capacity 20 foreign participants, 10 business representatives (first come first served)

Sponsor The Sanda International Association

Co-Sponsor The Workplace Japanese Project

Support The Sanda Commerce Association and the Sanda Junior Chamber

Application Deadline September 10 (Wed)

How to Apply Please submit the application form over phone, fax, or e-mail.

Application Form for Foreign Residents <https://x.gd/Rey8w>

Application Form for Japanese Businesses <https://x.gd/4ceZo>

*Note: If you require interpretation please apply at least one week in advance of the event.

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More Information <http://sia-japan.org/bosyu-syurou2025/>