

◆ Take Part in the 2025 National Census Today!

- The national census is a statistical survey that everyone living in Japan (regardless of nationality) is required by law to complete by October 10, 2025.
- Beginning in late September, official census workers will begin visiting homes to distribute the census forms.
- **Online Submissions:** Answers can be submitted online from September 20 (Saturday) until October 8 (Wednesday).
- **Paper Submissions:** Answers can be submitted on paper from Wednesday October 1 until Wednesday October 8.
- Please note that your answers to the census will only be used for statistical purposes; information gathered through the census will not be used for immigration control, police investigations, etc.
- All official census takers carry a census taker ID card as proof of their identity.
- Online submissions are convenient and easy; you can submit your answers via cellphone or computer at any time of the day.

*The census is available in English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Spanish, and Portuguese.

- Scan your personal QR code to log in using your cell phone and answer the questions. (You do not need to enter an ID, password, or access key.)

• The results of the survey aren't just used for child-rearing assistance policies, disaster policies, or other local government matters. The results are also used for planning matters related to the neighborhoods we live in, such as where to build a convenience store, etc.

Inquiries: Call 0507-02-5901 with any inquiries.

For more information, please see the official 2025 Census website:

<https://www.kokusei2025.go.jp/>

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◆ The Hyogo Police are Recruiting Interpreters for Police Work!

This is a notice from the Hyogo Police!

Wanted: Your language abilities. Put your skills to use on the front lines.

The Hyogo Police are now recruiting interpreters for police work!

Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to the Hyogo Police Headquarters Interpretation Center!

Requirements to Apply:

Foreign residents must be proficient in Japanese at the level of JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) N1 and meet the qualifications to be able to work.

Selection Process: The selection process will be conducted through review of applications and screening exams (note-taking, interviews) as needed.

Please direct applications and inquiries to: Hyogo Police Headquarters (Interpretation Center), Phone: 078-341-7441

For more details, please see the Hyogo Police Headquarters Criminal Investigation Unit Interpretation Center website*:

<https://www.police.pref.hyogo.lg.jp/shokai/kokusaisosa/index2.htm>

*Please refer to the blue poster.

◆ Start-up! A Seminar for Exchange Students and Foreigners about Support for Starting New Businesses

Calling all foreign future entrepreneurs! We'll tell you all about how Kobe supports start-up businesses! Gain knowledge and more experience about starting a business!

Time & Date: October 19 (Sunday), 2025, 11:00 - 13:00

Location: The Shin-Nagata Kobe International Community Center (KICC), First Floor Exchange Space

Language: Japanese and English

Participation Fee: Free

Participants: 30 people*

(*Registration will close when capacity is met.)

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Audience: Foreigners, exchange students, and Japanese people who are involved with starting businesses.

Sponsor: Kobe International Community Center

Application: <https://www.kicc.jp/ja/events/start-up-1>

Inquiries: Kobe International Community Center, phone: 078-742-8876

◆ International Exchange Bonfire Gathering

Let's Gather Around the Bonfire! An Exchange Event for Parents and Children

Enjoy a heart-warming moment on the beach of Azur Maiko while viewing Akashi Kaikyo Bridge.

Date & Time: Every third Sunday of each month, 11:00 - 13:00

Place: Azur Maiko barbeque spot

Goal: This event aims to give foreign parents and their children living in Japan and Japanese parents and their children a chance to interact.

Bring lunch to eat, have some coffee, enjoy games and *kamishibai* (traditional Japanese storytelling using pictures).

This is a hands-on event that gives foreign parents and their children living in Japan and Japanese parents and their children time to have fun as well as work together to overcome various language and cultural barriers together.

Languages: Japanese, English, and possibly other languages depending on who participates.

Participants: 20 people (First come first served)

Participation Fee: None. Free!

Please Bring: Lunch and something to drink.

*Since we're having a bonfire, you can also bring food to roast on the fire. Each person can bring their own preferred food.

Audience: Foreign parents and children, Japanese parents and children interested in cultural exchange. (Adults without children are also welcome to participate as well.)

Sponsor: Forest Kindergarten Moimoi (NPO)

Application Deadline: The day prior to the event before 16:00

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How to Apply: Send an email or Instagram direct message (DM). See below for contact information.

For Inquiries or to Apply: Contact Hayashi at the Forest Kindergarten Moimoi (NPO).

Phone: 078-707-4430

E-mail: moimoikobe@gmail.com

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/moimoikobe/>

◆ Kimono Party for Resident Foreigners!

Info: Participants can enjoy wearing a kimono and get a commemorative photo taken. Plus, you can learn about Japanese culture by wearing kimono!

Dates: September 28, October 5, October 12, November 2, November 30, 2025

(*All the above dates are Sundays.)

Times: 13:15 - 15:45 and 14:15 - 16:45

Audience: Resident foreigners, *Nikkeijin* (non-Japanese people of Japanese descent)

Participation Fee: Children 500 yen, Adults 1000 yen

Participants: Many people (Families, couples, groups, etc.)

Location: The grounds of Dainichi shrine, Fukae Kaikan Floor 3.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/LiCHsTzsMc72>

Application & Clothing Reservation Form: <https://forms.gle/jrn7bxEH6QobMJg87>

Japanese Flyer: <https://x.gd/mXkFD>

English Flyer: <https://x.gd/IDIDQ>

Inquires: Multicultural Clothes Volunteers Wadancegokko

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wadancegokko/>

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◆Akashi Mölkky Festival: Move with the World!

Enjoy cultural exchange and sightseeing through Mölkky! Foreigners and beginners are very welcome!

Date: October 5 (Sunday), 2025

Location: The Kinshiro Stadium athletic field at Akashi Park

Info: We're holding a big Mölkky tournament to inspire cultural exchange! You could win prizes, too—like local Akashi specialties or a chance to make your own pizza using ingredients from Akashi!

Language: Japanese*

(*We are now recruiting volunteer interpreters)

Capacity: 96 Teams

Participation Fee: 4000 yen

Sponsor: Junior Chamber International Akashi

Application Deadline: September 28 (Sunday)

How to Apply: Please apply online via this link:

<https://moshicom.com/h/9wbptj2bgsw8k4cc0wcw4kgw8/>

Inquiries: Contact Yabu'uchi at Junior Chamber International Akashi. Phone: 078-918-1255

◆ "HIA Japanese" is Now on Instagram!

HIA's Japanese classroom is now on Instagram! Feel free to follow us! ☆

Handle: @hia_nihongo

For more information, see: https://www.instagram.com/hia_nihongo/