

◆ Now Accepting Students for Online Beginning-Level Japanese Class for Foreign Residents

Our qualified and experienced instructors teach beginning-level Japanese in a way that's both thorough and easy to understand. Study together with people from different countries over Zoom.

Audience: Foreign residents living, working, or studying in Hyogo Prefecture (15 years of age and older)

Program Length: Monday, May 18, 2026 – Friday, July 17, 2026

(Twice a week for a total of 18 sessions)

Time: 18:30 – 20:30

Format: Online

Applications Open: Friday, April 3*

*Please note that the course will close for registration once capacity is reached.

Participant Cap: Each class will have between 7 and 10 people (first come, first served)*

*Please note that preference is given to those who can attend all sessions.

How to Apply: Please apply via HIA's website: <https://ourl.jp/pq7ml>

Course Fee: 1,000 yen (not including course materials)

Please direct any inquiries to the Hyogo International Association (HIA) via phone 078-230-3261 or email nihongo@net.hyogo-ip.or.jp

◆ Earth Day Kobe 2026

Earth Day Kobe first began in 2007—which makes this year our 20th anniversary! Swing by our market, where you can enjoy shopping and lunch, and try your hand at crafts or listen to music. We aim to create a space where you can interact with nature through themes such as “the environment,” “international cooperation,” “food education,” “child education,” “living life more slowly,” and “disaster prevention.” So why not come on over, lay down on the grass for a while, and gently think about the future with us?

Dates and Times: Monday, May 4, 2026: 11:00 – 17:00

Tuesday, May 5, 2026: 10:00 – 16:00

Location: The lawn area of Minato no Mori Park*

(*About a ten-minute walk from each Sannomiya station or about a two-minute walk from the Port Liner “Boeki Center” Station.)

Features: A market, exhibitions, and workshops connected to the environment and international cooperation.

Participation Fee: Free admission

Audience: Everyone, from children to adults

Organizer: The Earth Day Kobe Executive Committee

Please direct any inquiries to **Azuma** of the Earth Day Kobe Executive Committee via email: info@earthdaykobe.org

◆ Another International Kobe Matsuri 2026

Use English in our international city, Kobe, and open doors to other worlds right in front of you!

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 – 17:00

Location: Hikari no Hiroba (Plaza of Light) in Seiro Seishinminami

Info: An international volunteer charity event. About twenty booths—each representing a different country—will display things and ideas you may never have heard of before. Enjoy a magic show, manzai comedy in English, and a singing concert. We’ve also got drones, dice game for children, and a boxing booth, too!

Languages: Japanese, English, and more

Participant Cap: None

Participation Fee: None. Free to participate!*

(*Please note that some booths or attractions may charge a fee.)

Audience: Everyone, from children to adults

Organizer: The "Another International Kobe Matsuri" Executive Committee

Please direct any inquiries to the "Another International Kobe Matsuri" Executive Committee at beautifulocean07806@gmail.com