

◆ Practical Japanese Course Now Accepting Applications

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 7 (Mon) - October 23 (Fri), 2026

Meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (three times a week, for a total of eighteen sessions)

Time: 10:00 - 12:30

Location: International Health Development Center

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

*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 the course. You can also study hiragana and katakana at HIA on September 3 and 4. See the application form to sign up.

Application Period: Applications open August 3 (Mon)

How to Apply: Please apply via the form on the HIA website: <https://x.gd/cLwha>

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

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

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

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

Worried about visa issues, how to get funds, or how to start a business in Japan? No

need to shoulder all those questions alone. Join our seminar for important information about starting a business!

Date: September 13 (Sunday), 2026

Time: 11:00 - 13:30

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

Language: Japanese and English

Participation Fee: None! Free to participate

Participants: 30 people*

(*Registration will close when capacity is met.)

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/1-start-up-support-seminar>

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

◆ **The Nishinomiya Junior Chamber International Project “Nishinomiya Festival ‘No Borders! Let’s Dance in a Circle!’”**

Enjoy fun, positive exchanges between Nishinomiya Junior Chamber International members, international residents, and Japanese residents with flowing somen noodles and by experiencing day of celebration centered on traditional games.

Date: September 19 (Sat), 2026

Time: 17:00 - 19:45*

(*The Bon Odori DJ will start from 17:00)

Location: Nishinomiya Shrine

Fee: Free to enter (Payment required for food, drinks, and participating in activity booths)

Audience: All are welcome!

Sponsors: The Nishinomiya Junior Chamber in cooperation with the Kwansei Gakuin University Center for International Education and Cooperation, The Kobe World Language Institute, and The FACIL Multi-lingual Center

Please direct any inquiries to the office via phone 0798-33-1615 or email

nishinomiya.26kokusai@gmail.com

◆ Himeji Job Fair for International Students

A job fair for international students featuring up to twenty companies based in Hyogo prefecture, including Himeji City. You'll have the chance to speak directly with business representatives from companies looking to hire international students and learn about their jobs and what makes their companies great places to work. Come take part in this fantastic opportunity! ♪

Date: September 30 (Wed)

Time: 10:30 – 16:00*

Location: The Himeji Arcrea Convention Center, First Floor, Exhibition Hall B

Language: Japanese (Staff who can speak different languages may also participate)

Participation Fee: None! Free to participate, but RSVP is required.

Audience: International students who are currently studying (or have previously studied) at college, graduate school, Japanese language school, or a vocational school, etc., in Japan. Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) level N3 or higher is recommended.

RSVP: <https://www.tenjikai-uketsuke.com/form/himeji-job-fair2026>

Please direct any inquiries to the Pasona Group Global Corporate Headquarters via email:

himejijobfair@pasona.co.jp

(*Please note that you are free to join or leave the event at any time, and participants are not required to wear business clothes. A free shuttle bus from Sannomiya is also provided.)

【Event Name】

Special Edition: World Connection Café

“Sekaitotsunagarukafe”

~Japanese Culture Experience~

【Date & Time】

Saturday, September 12, 2026 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (cleanup until 4:00 PM)

【Venue】

View Tower Sumiyoshi-kan Gallery

5-2-2 Sumiyoshi Higashimachi, Higashinada-ku, Kobe

【Description】

A casual gathering where international residents and local community members connect through English. Enjoy making matcha latte and folding origami while experiencing Japanese culture together!

【Language】

Based on English. No need to worry — we use AI to help with communication!

【Capacity】

10 participants (first-come, first-served)

【Participation Fee】

Free for international residents

【Organizer】

World Connection Café "Sekaitotsunagarukafe"

【Application Deadline】

September 11

【How to Apply】

<https://forms.gle/2hE6posUARgApXee6>

Instagram:sekaitotsunagaru

【Contact】

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【Registration】

Registration required