

お知らせ Information for 2013

Our New Term for 2013 will commence from the 14th of January and run until the 30th of March.

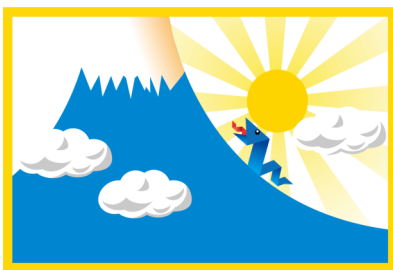
Please confirm with your teacher for Term 1 scheduling as time slots are limited.

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Public Holidays

Next year we will have a few public holidays that will fall during our Term 1.

As a result we will replace these classes and your teacher will confirm the dates with you if you are affected.



外来語 Gairaigo - Loan Words

Gairaigo is the use of foreign words in Japanese. The oldest and largest group of loan words was brought from China in ancient times; though in practice they are not included as Gairaigo.

Japanese has borrowed a large number of words from other languages including Portuguese, Dutch (since the Muromachi Era 1336 - 1573), English, German and French after Edo Era (1603 - 1868). Therefore 'Gairaigo' is considered to be made up of European words.

*Dutch - Between the 17th to 19th centuries Japan traded solely with Holland, hence many words originated from Dutch, now known as the Netherlands.

オルゴール orugooru (music box),
ゴム gomu (rubber)

*Portuguese - The first Europeans to visit Japan were Portuguese.

たばこ tabako (tobacco),
てんぷら tempura (tempura)

*Italian - Many words are found in areas of music and cooking,
オペラ opera (opera)
パスタ pasuta (pasta)

*French - Words of French origin are found in measurements and fashion.

メートル metoru (meter),
ズボン zubon (pants)



And German we use for medical words.

アレルギー arerugii (allergy),
カルテ karute (clinical chart),
レントゲン rentogen (x-ray)

It is surprising てんぷら (Tempura) was originally not Japanese, isn't it?

As written above, normally Gairaigo is written in Katakana but in older times Japanese people used Kanji (Chinese character). Therefore most of Kanji written Gairaigo are hard to recognize even for Japanese people these days. But some words are still used in Kanji and people can understand.

For example:

麦酒 (biiru) beer,
頁 (peeji) page,
倶楽部 (kurabu) club,
珈琲 (koohii) coffee

The origin of koohii (coffee) mentioned above was thought up by Yooan Utagawa during the Edo period linking the red coffee cherries to a Japanese hair stick.

‘珈’ means ball on a hair stick

‘琲’ means string

Look at the pictures! The coffee beans look like Japanese hair stick, doesn't it?



BOONENKAI / END OF YEAR EVENT

Please come along and join us for Boonenkai 2012!
Combining traditional Aussie and Japanese style BBQ that will bring a delicious array of foods for all of us to enjoy.

All students are welcome to bring friends!

DATE :
TIME :
PLACE :
COST :
RSVP :



Please tell us your recommendations!

We appreciate if you would tell us any good resources related to anything Japanese, for example restaurants, websites or events.

If you wish to participate in 'Student's Interview', please let us know.

iCulture Workshop

Anime Studying Class
'One Piece' & 'Naruto'

Learn Animation phrases and expressions as they are different from your day to day conversation.

Date : 11th Dec
Time : 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Fee : \$22



**OUR
THANK YOU
PROMOTION**

You won't know which voucher until you have opened it!

To Our Current & Past Students

We thank you all for learning at iJapanese and would like to offer you lots of good luck for the New Year.

Introduce your *friend and get a FUKUBUKURO!

FUKUBUKURO can offer \$50, \$100 and even \$150 voucher towards your next iJapanese lesson.

*New students only. Tuition must be paid before fukubukuro supplied



Valid until 12th January 2013

Student's Story - Rudi Hendra Jaya



My name is Rudi Hendra Jaya and I came from a small village of 2000 people in Indonesia. I grew up in Indonesia until the age 12 but went to study in various countries such as Malaysia, Sweden, New Zealand and Australia. I had a dream to be a motorbike racer when I was younger after watching Valentino Rossi, Tadayuki Okada and Daijiro Kato Grand Prix races. However, my occupation of IT software consultant does not match what I dreamt of when I was a child. As you can see, Asian parents always emphasised their kids to study well above anything else. Those were my parents and they still are very conservative in the way they think. Nevertheless, I am currently working for DWS consulting company and I have many different clients such as Virgin Blue, Powercor and Telstra.

I never intended to study Japanese until I see a few of my friends who learnt Japanese told me about how fun it was. Seeing them conversing and watching Japanese shows made me a little envious. I had more interest about Japan but I did not know a single word of Japanese, not even the simplest word like 'Konnichiwa' (Hello). I came to iJapanese to find out about the courses and with a lot of free time on my hands, I thought, why not give it a try since I have many interest about Japan in the first place. I find Japanese culture to be very interesting and I thought, by learning Japanese, I could feel the culture better.

I have always had a dream of going to Japan and one day to be able to live in Japan to experience the culture as well as enjoy the beautiful art, cuisine, science, climate and environment. I wanted to find out if everything is the same as what I have seen from the television screen and heard from word of mouth. Having said that, I also have affection for Japanese animation such as Doraemon, Crayon Shin Chan and most importantly Initial D.

I like motor racing and I would like to go to all the racing circuits and race in Japan.

One day, when I have the chance to go to Japan, I will live there for at least a year or two and experience everything that I always wanted to.



iJapanese is a good cultural and language school. I have never been to the social event much, but the one I went to, it was definitely worth it. I like the friendliness of the people and feel that the competency of the language teachers are excellent. They pay special attention to us and our needs. I always have fun in class and look forward to them.

I would hope to be able to converse in Japanese a little better, remember everything that I have learnt and use them correctly. So far, that has been the most difficult part of my learning. I guess, conversing in Japanese more often and not afraid to speak and make millions of mistakes is the key to succeed in mastering a new language.

In Addition, 'Early Bird' full tuition payments for 2013 term 1 will receive a discount.

Students' Recommendation

Here is some useful technologies to help you with your Japanese study's from our students.



Jeremy Mawson

Hi my name is Jeremy and I have been studying with Noriko for about a year now. The classes just keep getting better as I learn more over time. I love the

Japanese language more and more. It feels nice to hear, speak, read and write (within my capability). Here are some websites that I personally have found helpful while studying Japanese. I hope they help you too.

<http://www.memrise.com>

This site uses an analogy of your mind as a garden and is great for memorising all kinds of things. It is especially good for memorising Japanese words, kana & kanji. The JLPT N5 Vocabulary is a good place to start.

<http://lang-8.com/>

Lang 8 encourages you to write in Japanese. Afterwards native speakers will offer their corrections.

<http://japanese.stackexchange.com/>

This is a great place to ask any linguistic questions that are bugging you. Many of the questions seem quite advanced to me.

<http://www.ehonnavi.net/>

Here you can read Japanese childrens' books for free. Each can only be read once, however. I use Google to translate the page to English and then select "books for babies". :)

数独 Sudoku

Try this Sudoku and exercise your brain !

3	4	7	9					
	2				4	9	7	
		8		5	6			2
	6			1		7		8
	3		5		8		6	
4		2		7			1	
1			2	8		3		
	9	4	1				5	
					7	1	2	6

Solution on page 4

Adam Sloane



The 'Hiragana/Katakana Learn experiment' apps for

Android have both been very helpful to me in learning the sounds associated with each of the symbols in these alphabets. You also have three different activities 1) choose the character, 2) write hiragana in romaji or 3) write the hiragana. Each app provides groups of characters so that you can better pace your learning. Both these apps listed below have proven useful while travelling where its not easy to have sheets out to study off.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.legendarya.helloandroid&feature=search_result

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.legendarya.katakana&feature=search_result

This is a link to the apps I mentioned previously, though the full version isn't available yet. There is a trial version for people that would like to try it.

<http://sanjigenjiten.com/>

Try cooking Japanese food!

Ozooni

Serves 4



Ingredients:

4 Mochi (rice cake)	4 cups of Dashi
100g chicken	(Japanese fish stock)
40g carrot	1tbs Sake
40g Chinese radish	1tbs Soy sauce
100g spinach	1 tsp salt

Method:

1. Cut carrot and Chinese radish in to 5cm rectangles and cut chicken into bite-size pieces.
2. Boil spinach in salted water till wilted then slice into 4cm pieces.
3. Grill rice cake until nicely charred.
4. Boil dashi in sauce pan and add sake, soy sauce and salt.
5. Add chicken then carrot, followed with Chinese radish and boil until cooked.
6. Place Mochi in the bowl and add soup.

From Kisai きさいより

Fukubukuro (福袋) is a Lucky Bag with various mystery gifts inside, one of Japanese traditions during the New Year. Fukubukuro is sealed firmly so you cannot peek inside before buying one and will always contain something of a higher value for what you paid.

Many retail stores provide Fukubukuro nowadays and especially the most popular Fukubukuro is from trendy fashionable brands ranging in prices of 5,000yen to 20,000yen.



At Shibuya 109, the most famous fashion complex in Tokyo had approximately 40,000 people formed a line in order to purchase Fukubukuro. Does it sound silly to pay for something without knowing what it is?

Some major department stores will also provide special Fukubukuro. Special how.... extremely expensive or unique contents inside.

For example this year 2012, a piece of jewellery inside a Fukubukuro was sold for 2,012,000 yen, while a lucky buyer purchased a Fukubukuro for 20,120,000 yen containing a..... I'll let you guess, "House"!

Fukubukuro is not only considered a 'good deal' but also something that people try their luck on. Actually 'Fuku (福)' means 'Good Luck', so if you find something good in the bag then it could mean a good start for the New Year!



What's Ozooni ?

Ozooni is a traditional Japanese soup with mochi (rice cake), eaten during the New Year season. Introduced in the previous page the recipe is a Tokyo style. Ozooni has different tastes from region to region. In Noriko's hometown Fukuoka, they use yellowtail fish instead of chicken and Kisai's hometown Osaka, they typically add miso paste.

From Phillip & Noriko フィリップとのりこより

Eto (干支) is the Chinese zodiac with 12 signs each associated with its own animal. In Japanese tradition, each year reflects the character of a different sign of the Chinese zodiac.

It is also believed each of the zodiac animals have its own distinct characteristics, which people are born in to that year are said to share the same characteristics.

Next year's zodiac animal is a 'Snake' and is said that its character is 'Spirit of inquiry' and 'Passion'.

Like the zodiac snake, we maintain a passion for Japanese classes and challenge innovation. We also aim to build a deeper connection with students.

This is the time to make plans for the coming year.



数独 Suudoku Answer

3	4	7	9	2	1	6	8	5
6	2	5	8	3	4	9	7	1
9	1	8	7	5	6	4	3	2
5	6	9	3	1	2	7	4	8
7	3	1	5	4	8	2	6	9
4	8	2	6	7	9	5	1	3
1	7	6	2	8	5	3	9	4
2	9	4	1	6	3	8	5	7
8	5	3	4	9	7	1	2	6

Thanks ご挨拶

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank-you to all of you for your support in 2012! We hope you have enjoyed learning Japanese with us.

2013 is a new Year with new challenges and, as always, we will continue to grow and do our best towards improvement our school while maintaining the best quality of lessons.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
We look forward to seeing you all during the new Term in 2013!
来年もよろしくおねがいします!

