

## Japanese language education

### Studying Japanese

Japanese can be learned at a Japanese language school, Japanese language classes and Japanese language courses.

Tuition fees must be paid at Japanese language schools. However, there are cheap or free Japanese language courses and classes offered by various organizations and groups. For information on these, enquiries should be made at the international exchange organizations in your area.

Nishinomiya City International Association has Japanese language courses, man-to-man and group Japanese language classes, etc. conducted by volunteer groups.

Japanese Language Courses are held in spring and autumn. Course fee required.

Man-to-man Japanese classes are held once every week for 6 months. Application is possible at any time.

Registration fees of ¥2,000 are for half a year.

**Enquiries:** Nishinomiya City International Association Telephone: 0798-32-8680

9:45am - 6:00pm (except Tuesdays, National Holidays)

<http://www.nishi.or.jp/homepage/nia/>

### Japanese Language Proficiency Examination [*Nihongo noryoku shiken*]

(1) What is the Japanese Language Proficiency Examination?

This is an examination conducted in Japan and abroad for measuring a person's proficiency of the Japanese language and accrediting it. The examination is, in principle, for those whose native language is not Japanese.

In Japan, the examination is administered by Japan Educational Exchanges and Services (*Koeki Zaidan Hojin, Nihon Kokusai Kyoiku Shien Kyokai*), and The Japan Foundation (*Dokuritsu Gyosei Hojinn Kokusai Koryu Kikin*).

(2) The contents of the examination

The examination is divided into 5 levels from which you choose to sit according to your Japanese ability. Each level consists of knowledge of language (characters/vocabulary/grammar), reading comprehension, and listening comprehension. For further details, see the following links:

(3) Enquiries

① Examinations in Japan

The JLPT Application Center (Japan Educational Exchanges and Services)

(*Nihongo Noryoku Shiken Uketuke Center*)

<http://info.jees-jlpt.jp>

Telephone: 03-6686-2974

② Examination abroad

An international Exchange Fund Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Center

<http://www.jlpt.jp/>

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