

One memory in Japan

A challenge to Japanese Language Proficiency Test!



To all of you who start getting confidence in life in Japan. In this month, let's focus on Japanese language skills.

As one of your memories in Japan, how about bringing a certificate of Japanese Language Proficiency Test to your home country?

Japanese language classes in 2 cities and 1 town help on students' test preparation. We suggest you to try the test next year. It is a great chance to check your Japanese language level.

Q Whom does the Japanese Language Proficiency Test target (JLPT)?

A The Japanese Language Proficiency test is for people whose mother tongue language is other than Japanese. It is to test their Japanese language skills and recognize it officially.

Q What kind of organization provides the JLPT?

A In Japan, the foundation of Japan Educational Exchanges and Services administers it. In overseas, it is performed by Japan Foundation which obtains local institutions' support and a number of people challenges it. (In Taiwan, the foundation of Interchange Association, Japan is in charge)

Q How many times the JLPT is conducted in a year?

A It is administered one time per a year. In this year, the test date is December 2, but application for this year was already closed. You now have a year to prepare for the JLPT till the next chance.

Q Where can I try the JLPT?

A In the case of the Heisei 19th fiscal year, the JLPT is available in 21 places throughout Japan, from north Hokkaido to south Okinawa. For your information, in Saitama, you can have the JLPT in Saitama University. More information is announced with a test voucher which you receive after application.

Q How should I apply for the JLPT?

A You need to have an application form first. Around July in every year, it is on sale at any bookstores (In this year, ¥ 500). Test fee is ¥ 5,500 (including tax).

Q Are there levels of Japanese language skills in the JLPT?

A Yes, there are 4 levels, from beginner level 1 to advanced level 4. But at any levels, the test is divided into 3 sections, Character · Vocabulary, listening, Reading · Grammar. The test time duration depends on the Levels you take: Level 4 – 100 mins, Level 3 – 140 mins, Level 2 – 145 mins, Level 1 – 180 mins.

The total scores at all levels are 400 scores. The passing scores are over 60% for Level 2, 3 and 4 and over 70% for Level 1.

Q Where should I contact to get more detailed information?

A Any inquiries, please contact below.
Foundation; Japan Educational Exchanges and Services JLPT Section, Test Division
Phone **03(5454)5577**
Foreign languages are also available, so please do not hesitate to make a call first.

● Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Centre holds Japanese language class for the JLPT supported by Japanese language classes of 2 cities and 1 town. Please contact the center for more info.

www.ficec.jp/foreign/

● The past "Information Fujimino" are available on line.



"Child Dial 110 House"

Yellow triangle flags are often seen in houses and shops. They are a symbol of "Child Dial 110 House" registration. This system is to secure child(ren)'s safety when a child runs into the registered shops, houses and petrol stations for help and to notify the police, school and family of situation the child encountered. It helps crime prevention from children. Please tell your child(ren) about it.



Earthquake Early Warning Starting !

Since October 1, a new service Earthquake Early Warning has started. Through TV and radio, it warns you of the coming strong tremors just few seconds before they arrive. After getting this notice, what you have to do is to remain calm and secure yourself.



Please note the available period and number of times for Child inoculation!

Regarding child inoculation which was introduced in Information May, some parents seem to misunderstand the targeted age of child inoculation. Please re-check the below information. Also, without infant inoculation, there are some inoculations your child(ren) will not be able to have afterwards.

<Polio> Start: 3 month-year-old

End: 2 days before a child turns 7 year-old and 6 month.

Inoculation number of times: 2 times

<BCG> Start: 3 month-year-old

End: 2 days before a child turns 6-month-year-old

Inoculation number of times: 1 time

<DPT Vaccine> Start: 3 month-year-old

End: 2 days before a child turns 6-month-year-old

Inoculation number of times: 1st Term - 1 set includes 3 times at the interval of 3~8 weeks.

There is an additional vaccination for 1st term which should be taken between 1 year and 1.5 year after the last 3rd vaccination of 1st term.

<Measles • Rubella> 1st term - Start: 1 year old

End: 2 days before a child turns 2 years old

Inoculation number of times: 1 time

2nd term - Start: 5 years old

End: Less 7 years old - 1 year before a child enters a primary school

Inoculation number of times: 1 time

<Japanese encephalitis> Start: 3 years old

End: 2 days before a child turns 7.5 years old.

Inoculation number of times: 1st term - 1st set includes 2 times at the interval of 1~4 weeks. There is an additional vaccination for 1st term which should be taken a year later after the last 2nd vaccination of 1st term.

Staffs wanted for Fujimino International Waiwai club

"Fujimino International Waiwai Club" provides you great opportunities to communicate with people from various racial backgrounds through enjoyable events. On 8th December, Christmas party will be held. For that, we will be baking a big cake, so please come and join our party! We also need anyone who can help us as staffs. If you are interested, please mail us to the following E-Mail address.

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At counter of post office, EMS labels are available and you need to fill it out. Since this service is very useful, you should try it if you have not used it yet.

www.ficec.jp/living/

● Life Guidance translated in 6 languages is available.