

A guide of 「Nihongo Hiroba」 at Kyoiku Bunka Kaikan.

Nihongo Hiroba supports the learning of indispensable things such as Japanese language, culture, and custom for foreign citizens or people who have lived in other countries for a long time and felt the inconveniences of living here

Supporters are local volunteers. While supporting your learning, volunteers also learn about your country's culture and language. As citizens of the same town, we can learn from each other that is what "Nihongo Hiroba" is about.

"Nihongo Hiroba" is opened for anyone and anytime if you want to learn. Learning is based on "conversation, reading and writing." We do not have support for technical Japanese learning or lessons for JLPT (Japanese-Language Proficiency Test). Events for community are held a few times a year.

"Nihongo Hiroba" is based on a relationship of foreign citizens, volunteers, and Kyoiku Bunka Kaikan. Please feel free to tell us any suggestion or ideas.

*Please keep this guide.

1 Place

Kawasaki-shi Kyoiku Bunka Kaikan 4th floor first ~ third learning rooms etc...

*During class hours, you can come directly to apply. There is no need to apply in advance.

2 Date and time

Every Wednesday from 19:00 to 20:30

* There are no classes on National holidays, year-end and new-year holidays, and from the end of March to the beginning of April. There are some other holidays except the above dates.

3 Fee

Free * Approx. 500 yen is required for material cost for events.

4 Childcare

We take care of the children who are from two to six years old while you are learning. If under the two years of age, the child must be present with the guardian in learning rooms. If you need childcare, please fill child's birth date on another application form. Yearly childcare fee is 550 yen from April to March.

5 Learning style

Class placement will be decided according to your Japanese level. (There are three class A, B and C) The classes are then divided into groups of 3-5 people. One or two volunteers will take charge of one group.

6 Definition of class

A class (= New comer)

Mainly to learn essential words, conversation, custom for daily living, reading, and pronunciations of Hiragana (Katakana.)

B class (= Beginner , Intermediate to Advanced)

Mainly to learn basic conversation for daily life, reading and writing of Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji.

C class (= an Advanced course)

Mainly to learn daily conversation and how to write and read sentences in Japanese and Kanji.

- ☆ Your class and group placement will be decided by your Japanese level according to the confirmation of the volunteer when you apply. Learning content will be chosen carefully for you to learn.
- ☆ Moving to another group and class is also available. If you think your current group or class is not enough for you, please consult with your volunteer or official staff. We will help you along with your expectations as much as we can.

7 News for everyone ("Nihongo Hiroba news" and flier etc...)

"Nihongo Hiroba News" (Japanese with hiragana written above kanji) includes various information is published. Please read the article or be informed of the contents by the volunteer. If you have any information to be shared, please contact official staff.

Please feel free to bring back multi-lingual fliers at Nihongo Hiroba except items that are tied by string and filed

8 Organizer and contact address

Kawasaki City Education Commission organizes "Nihongo Hiroba" and the administering authority is located at Kyoiku Bunka Kaikan. If you have any concern, please contact the official staff.

When you return to your country, move away, or take long-term absence, please inform the volunteer or staff. (When you call please say "Nihongo Hiroba o onegai shimasu." = "Nihongo Hiroba please" in English.)

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*Kyoiku Bunka Kaikan is closed on every third Monday of the month and also on the end of year-and new-year holidays

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