



Announcement on the National Census

☆ Have You Submitted Your Survey Sheet?

1. The Japanese government conducts a national census every five years. The next one will take place on October 1, 2015.
2. The national census is a statistical survey conducted according to law. Everyone who lives in Japan, regardless of nationality, must submit a survey sheet.
3. The information obtained from the survey will be employed for statistical purposes only. It will not be used for immigration, tax administration or other control.
4. If you have not submitted your survey sheet yet, please do so as early as possible. If someone you know has not heard about the national census, please tell them about this announcement.



October 1, 2015 Is National Census Day

☆ Inquiries Concerning the National Census



Tokyo Metropolitan Call Center

Tel: English: 03-5320-7892; Chinese: 03-5320-7893; Korean: 03-5320-7894

Census period: September 10 through October 16 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and September 14)

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Languages: Services are available in English on Mondays, Wednesdays to Fridays, October 3 (Sat.) and 4 (Sun.); Chinese on Mondays, Thursdays and October 3 (Sat.); Korean on Tuesdays, Fridays and October 4 (Sun.)

Fiscal 2014 International Program

Overnight Japanese Homestay Program

Since fiscal 1995, Kita City has conducted an overnight Japanese homestay program in which international students stay with a family in the community and experience a typical Japanese lifestyle. This program is highly significant in that people of different cultures and customs can learn firsthand about each other and deepen mutual understanding.

Message from a host family

We were able to enjoy the program in a meaningful way. The experience served to make us more aware of Japan, and we learned various things about Taiwan as well. We were able to recognize the importance of interpersonal relationships. Because of the language barrier, we did our best to understand our visitor, and it was a fresh experience. We decided to travel to Taiwan together someday as a family.

Our guest international student was very sincere, cheerful and friendly. We could tell that she likes Japan a lot. In the same manner, our family also grew to love Taiwan.

In the evening of the first day, we made hand-rolled sushi at home for dinner. The following day we went to Oji-Inari Shrine for the Hatsu-Uma Festival and had a nice time.



Comments from an international student

I'm glad I participated in the homestay program. My host family was very kind to me. On the first day of the program, they came to pick me up at the place where we had agreed to meet. Then we went to their home and had hand-rolled sushi together. As we ate, we talked about a lot of different things, and it was really fun.

The next day I went with my host family to Oji-Inari Shrine for its kite market. Although I had been to Oji Shrine before, it was the first time I had ever gone to its kite market. We also went to Nanushi-no Taki Park and took a leisurely stroll. We went to a nearby restaurant for lunch, and had fun eating and drinking.

I was able to exchange SNS addresses with the daughter of the host family, and we have become friends.

The day and a half I spent with a Japanese family has been an invaluable experience for me. I think that participating in the homestay program was a really a good idea.



Bus Tour for Foreigners

In addition to the hands-on experience program at the Disaster Prevention Center, a part of our program to help foreign residents learn about disaster prevention, we conduct a microbus tour of unique local facilities and sites so that people can learn more about Kita City.

Date: February 6, 2015

Participants: Eleven persons from China, the U.S., Germany and other countries

Place visited

1. Disaster Prevention Center (earthquake experience, how to use an AED and more)
2. Kyu-Furukawa Gardens
3. Akemi Honpo Seika of Toden Monaka (experience making Japanese confections)



Announcement

Subsidies for Parents/Guardians of Foreign Resident School Students

Subsidies are available for foreign residents of Kita City with a child between three and fifteen years of age (up through the third year of junior high school) attending an international school (miscellaneous school category). Please call for more information.

Inquiries: Subsection for Raising Future Generations, Child Rearing Support Section, **Tel:** 03-3908-8143

Future Education Hall's New Location

Future Education Hall has a new location as of March 30, 2015, and a new telephone number and fax number as well. The new address, telephone number and fax number are as follows:

Address: 2-52-10 Takinogawa (formerly Takinogawa Junior High School)

Tel: 03-3908-1226

Fax: 03-3908-1227

List of Japanese-Language Classes

Fee: ¥100 per lesson (Japanese Language Terrace Group: ¥200)

Day and Time	Group Name	Program	Class Type	Location and Telephone No.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon Friday, 10 a.m. to noon	Nihongo no Nakama	Independent teaching materials; conversation	By level, by group; private lesson	Location: Chuo Park Culture Center Tel: 090-2562-3970 (Akiko Mori) 03-3915-0228 (Sayoko Koda)
Friday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Join Us Nihongo Club	Independent teaching materials; conversation	By group, private lesson	Location: Volunteer Plaza, Hokutopia 4F Tel: 090-1813-6154 (Takashi Takahashi)
Saturdays (first, second, fourth, and fifth Saturdays of the month), 10 a.m. to noon	Asuka Nihongo Family	Independent teaching materials; conversation	By level, by group; private lesson	Location: Volunteer Plaza, Hokutopia 4F Tel: 03-3900-2738 (Nobuyuki Suzuki)
Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.	Nihongo Terrace (Formerly Nihongo Salon)	Independent teaching materials; conversation; independent activities (actual cost incurred)	All	Location: Volunteer Plaza, Hokutopia 4F Tel: 090-9478-9950 (Yasuyuki Miyanishi)

Hometown Kita City Citizens' Festival—International Fureai Plaza

The Thirty-Second Hometown Kita City Citizens' Festival, which takes place in Oji, will present cuisines and folk arts from countries around the world. International Fureai Plaza allows visitors to enjoy folk performing arts and various international exchange activities.

Volunteers are being recruited to help manage the site and keep it beautiful.

Event date: October 3 (Sat.) and 4 (Sun.), 2015

Location: Asukayama Park, Fountain Plaza

Inquiries: General Affairs Subsection, General Affairs Section, Kita City Hall, **Tel:** 03-3908-9308

Recruiting Volunteers

Kita City is recruiting international exchange/cooperation volunteers (nicknamed "K-Voices") to promote globalization in local communities. If you are interested in international exchange/cooperation activities and can help with globalization-related programs—particularly in the ways listed here—please contact us using the numbers or email address provided below.

1. Interpretation/translation (any language welcome)
2. International exchange bulletin editing
3. Participation/cooperation in globalization-related events (citizens' festivals)
4. Homestay host families

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