







Take Japanese language lessons!

(Introduction of Kita City Japanese Language Classes)

- **Kita City Central Park Cultural Center** (1-2-1 Jujodai, Kita City)
(closed on Mondays, holidays, and during the New Year holiday season)

List of Japanese language classes: All classes are separated into groups based on class time and Japanese language skill level. These classes have been used to teach Japanese language to approximately 3,000 people for over 20 years, and are open to residents living, working, or attending school in Kita City.

Cost: ¥100/class

Date & Time	Organization	Details	Class Type	Level	Contact information and a message from the teacher
Tue (19:00-21:00) Wed (10:00-12:00) Fri (10:00-12:00)	Kokusai Koryu Nihongo no Nakama	Independent teaching materials; conversation	Level-based; group-based; private	Beginners; Primary; Advanced	 Foreign residents enjoy a fun time learning Japanese language and covering with our Japanese volunteers. Mr. Kawada: 03-3900-4586
Fri (13:30-15:30)	Joinus Nihongo Club	Independent teaching materials; conversation	Group-based; private	Beginners; Intermediate	 Let's speak Japanese to better learn about Japan. Mr. Yamada: 090-8173-2403
Sat (10:00-12:00)	Asuka Nihongo Family	Independent teaching materials; conversation	Level-based; group-based; private	Beginners; Primary; Advanced	 Currently, several volunteers teach students mostly on a one-to-one basis. I hope to continue this style in the future. Ms. Kanazawa: 03-3912-8283
Sat (14:00-17:00)	Nihongo Salon	Independent teaching materials; conversation; independent activities (actual cost incurred)	All	Beginners; Advanced	 We work to promote a fun atmosphere of mutual understanding through Japanese language assistance and cross-cultural exchange. Ms. Nagai: 03-5249-5787

Notice: The Central Park Cultural Center hosts a "Let's Study Proper Japanese" seminar is the spring and fall.


Students will learn basic Japanese language reading, writing, and conversation skills necessary for daily life in Japan, including practical training outside of the classroom. For more information, please see the Kita City News or contact the Central Park Cultural Center at 03-3907-5661.

- **Akabane Bunka Center** (1-6-1-301 Akabane Nishi, Kita City; 03-3906-3911)
(closed on the third Tuesday of every month and during the New Year holiday season)

Japanese Language Education Seminar: These seminars have been held since 1999. They are offered twice a week based on different language ability levels. All teachers are certified and experienced Japanese language teachers.

Entrance fee: Free * Membership fees: ¥3,000 (4 lessons/month) Date & Time: Wed/Fri 9:30-11:30 Place: Akabane Bunka Center Contact: 03-3909-2263 (Tanaka)		Message from the teacher: Textbooks are used to teach Japanese from the basics so that students will be able to speak proper Japanese. Preparatory lessons for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test are also offered.
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- **Consultations for foreign nationals at Kita City Office** (changes to take place from the fiscal year 2012)

Date & Time: Every Tue/Thurs (13:00-16:00) for Chinese. The second and the fourth Tuesday of every month (13:00-16:00) for English (Services only offered on the second Tuesday of every month from April 1, 2012) Place: Window 2, Third Floor, Building 1, Kita City Office To make an appointment: call 03-3908-1101	
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Alien registration system to change on Monday, July 9, 2012

A new residency management system will start in July 2012. Due to an amendment to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (hereinafter "Immigration Control Act") and the Residential Basic Book Act, foreign nationals legally residing in Japan for the mid- to long-term will be issued a **resident card** or a **special permanent resident**

certificate. Moreover, foreign nationals will now be provided a **certificate of residence** and a **copy of that certificate** will be issued to all legal residents.
The current alien registration system will be abolished with the start of the new system.

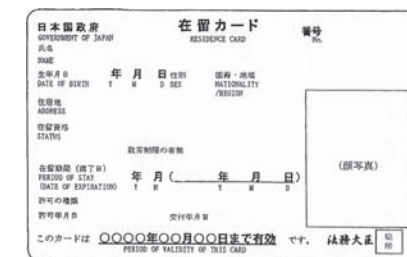


1 Details about the resident card and special permanent resident certificate

- **Persons receiving resident cards**
Individuals with resident status who have been granted a period of stay longer than three months (excluding Temporary Visitors and those with Diplomat or Official status).
★ **Validity of resident cards**
Permanent residents receive a resident card that is valid for seven years from the day of issue. In the case of an individual under the age of 16, the resident card is valid until the sixteenth birthday. For all non-permanent residents, resident cards are valid until the end of the period of stay. In the case of non-permanent residents under the age of 16, the resident card is valid until the end of the period of stay or sixteenth birthday, whichever comes first.
★ **Maximum period of stay extended from three to five years**
- **Persons receiving special permanent resident certificates**
Special permanent residents
★ **Validity of special permanent resident certificates**
Special permanent resident certificates are valid until the seventh birthday of an individual after the certificate is issued. In the case of individuals under the age of 16, the special permanent resident certificate is valid until the sixteenth birthday.
- **Those individuals who are issued a certificate of residence (See Table 1) are able to use their current alien registration certificate. For a certain period of time after the enforcement of the amended law, existing alien registration certificates can be used in place of resident cards and special permanent resident certificates. As such, foreign nationals with existing alien registration certificates do not need to immediately change their certificates. Resident cards are valid for a maximum of three years after the enforcement of the amended law. Special permanent resident certificates are, in principal,**

valid until the resident's birthday which falls on the start of the next confirmation (update) application period.

- **It is possible to apply for advanced issuance of resident cards, etc.** Individuals who wish to have a new resident card should apply to the Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau. Individuals who wish to have a new special permanent resident certificate should apply to the Foreign Residents Registration Subsection within the Family Registry and Residents Section of Kita City. Cards will be issued after the day of enforcement of the amended law.
- **Introduction of a new reentry permit system**
Foreign nationals with a valid passport and resident card who will be reentering Japan within 1 year (within 2 years for special permanent residents) of their departure will, in principle, not be required to apply for a re-entry permit. The maximum valid period for re-entry permits used by foreign nationals departing Japan will be extended from the current three years to five years (from four years to six years for special permanent residents).
- **Once the new system starts, alien registration certificates and certificate copies that were previously issued under the Alien Registration Act will no longer be issued. If a foreign national should need proof of his/her alien resident registration ledger, including history of residency, history of change in name or other details, or landing records, please inquire directly to the Ministry of Justice.**
★ Below is an image of what the resident card and special permanent resident certificate look like.



Resident card



Special permanent resident certificate

2 Details about the certificate of residence

● Individuals who will be issued certificates of residence (Table 1)

①	Medium- to long-term residents (including permanent residents)	Individuals with valid resident status other than those who have been granted a period of stay less than three months, those with Temporary Visitor, Diplomat, or Official status (said individuals will be issued a resident card).
②	Special permanent residents	Individuals deemed to be special permanent residents by the Immigration Exemption Law (said individuals will be issued a special permanent resident certificate).
③	Individuals granted temporary refuge or permission for provisional stay	Individuals, such as foreign nationals on a boat who are potential refugees, who meet the requirements of the rules stipulated in the Immigration Control Act and have received permission for landing in Japan for the purpose of temporary refuge (said individuals will be issued a landing permit for temporary refuge). Illegal residents who have received permission to provisionally stay in Japan as a result of applying for refugee status in accordance with the rules of the Immigration Control Act and who meet certain conditions (said individuals will be issued a permit for provisional stay).
④	Individuals residing in Japan as a result of birth or loss of Japanese nationality	In accordance with the rules of the Immigration Control Act, foreign nationals who reside in Japan as a result of birth or loss of Japanese nationality can reside in Japan transitionally without resident status for up to 60 days after the occurrence of such reason.

● Details noted on the certificate of residence
Name (including aliases), date of birth, gender, address, previous addresses (included in the case that the address changes after the enforcement of the amended act), date that said individual became a foreign resident, name of household head, relationship with household head, nationality/region, classification according to Part 45 of Article 30 of the Basic Resident Registration Act (categories ①-④ from Table 1), resident status, resident card number or special permanent resident certificate number, period of stay, and expiration date of period of stay.



● Seal registration
Individuals who are issued a certificate of residence (See Table 1) and who have already registered their seal can use their existing seal registration cards as usual. Individuals who will not be issued a certificate of residence will lose their seal registration upon the enforcement of the amended act and a seal registration certificate will no longer be able to be issued. A possible substitute for the seal registration card could be a passport copy or a signature certificate issued by an embassy or consulate; however, for more information please inquire with the entity requiring the certificate.

● The location for reporting will change
1) Changes of address, household head, relationship, etc. will be done at Kita City Office
* Proof of moving is required when moving in or out of Kita City.
2) Changes of name, date of birth, nationality, etc., changes or updates of resident status or period of residence, changes in the name or location of place of employment, etc., or reissuance of the resident card are carried out at the Tokyo Regional Immigration Bureau.
* Procedures conducted by special permanent residents are still conducted at the Kita City Office.

<Locations for submitting reports at Kita City Office after the enforcement of the amended act>

1) Changes of address, household head, relationship, etc.

- ▶ 王子区民事務所：王子本町1-2-11 (第二庁舎1階)
▶ **Oji Residents' Office: 1-2-11 Ojihoncho (First Floor, Building 2)** ☎ **3908-8745**
- ▶ 赤羽区民事務所：赤羽1-67-62
▶ **Akabane Residents' Office: 1-67-62 Akabane** ☎ **3901-2693**
- ▶ 滝野川区民事務所：西ヶ原1-23-3 (滝野川会館内)
▶ **Takinogawa Residents' Office: 1-23-3 Nishigahara (in Takinogawa Hall)** ☎ **3910-0141**

2) For inquiries concerning change of name, date of birth, nationality, etc. for special permanent residents and with regard to special permanent residency permission

- ▶ 外国人登録係：王子本町1-2-11 (第二庁舎1階)
▶ **Foreign Residents Registration Subsection: 1-2-11 Ojihoncho (First Floor, Building 2)** ☎ **3908-8740**

<Inquiries>

○ Inquiries concerning the new system or advance issuance of resident cards

- ▶ 法務省入国管理局 外国人在留総合インフォメーションセンター
▶ **Immigration Information Center, Immigration Bureau of Japan**
☎ **0570-013904** (IP phone, PHS, or overseas callers: **03-5796-7112**)

○ Inquiries concerning the advance issuance of certificates of residence and special permanent resident certificates

- ▶ 北区 外国人住民制度改正電話相談窓口
▶ **Kita City Amended Foreign Resident System Hotline:** ☎ **03-3908-1166**

(All phone numbers available on weekdays between 8:30-17:15)



- * Immigration Bureau of Japan website
http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/index.html
- * Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications website (concerning certificates of residence)
http://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/jichi_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu.html

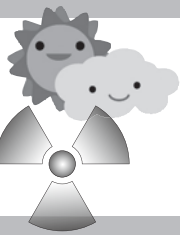


Radiation resulting from the Great East Japan Earthquake

① Current situation

Almost one year has passed since the incident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. The 20-kilometer radius around the nuclear power station is still considered a no-entry zone and various decontamination activities are underway.

Currently, while there are areas within Tokyo where high radiation levels are detected on a localized basis from time to time, overall levels are basically low.



② Countermeasures in Kita City

In Kita City, air radiation levels have been measured since late June 2011 in order to assess the level of radiation in the City. Measurements have shown that while natural radiation levels are slightly higher than the national average, they are not high enough to cause health concerns. Moreover, in consideration of the safety and comfort of children, who are susceptible to the impacts of radiation, Kita City employs countermeasures using 0.25 microsieverts/hour as a benchmark.

○ Details
Provisional measures will be implemented in the event that air radiation levels above the benchmark values are detected on a localized basis at City facilities used mainly by children, such as sand boxes, including the closing of such facilities. Thereafter, a City parliament member will take measures such as conducting a second measurement, and if it is confirmed that levels are above the benchmark values, said areas will be decontaminated (changing out of sand, cleansing, etc.).

○ Inquiries

- Radiation measurements:
▶ 環境課 環境規制調査係
▶ **Environmental Regulation Investigation Subsection, Environmental Section**
☎ **3908-8611**
- Health consultations about radiation:
▶ 保健予防課 結核感染症係
▶ **Tuberculosis and Infectious Disease Subsection, Disease Control and Prevention Section**
☎ **3919-3102**
- ▶ 健康いきがい課 王子健康相談係 / 赤羽健康相談係 / 滝野川健康相談係
▶ **Health and Enriched Life Promotion Section: Oji Health Consultation Subsection**
☎ **3908-9087**
▶ **Akabane Health Consultation Subsection**
☎ **3903-6481**
▶ **Takinogawa Health Consultation Subsection**
☎ **3915-0186**

- Drinking water and food:
▶ 生活衛生課 環境衛生 食品衛生
▶ **Health Protection Section (environmental and food hygiene)** ☎ **3919-0376**
- Response by City nursery schools:
▶ 保育課 保育係
▶ **Nursery School Subsection, Nursery School Section** ☎ **3908-9127**
- Response by City kindergartens and primary/junior high schools:
▶ 学校支援課 学校支援係
▶ **School Support Subsection, School Support Section** ☎ **3908-9293**
- Response by children's centers:
▶ 子育て支援課 次世代育成係
▶ **Subsection for Raising Future Generations, Child Rearing Support Section** ☎ **3908-9097**
- Response by parks and children's recreational facilities:
▶ 道路公園課 公園河川係
▶ **Park and River Subsection, Road and Park Section** ☎ **3908-9275**

