KAI JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL

LANGUAGE COURSES Information



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Welcome to KAI Japanese Language School!



KAI symbolizes many things in Japanese. The many meanings of KAI represent our desire for you to not merely learn Japanese language and culture. Our goal is that you have many and varied experiences of Japan. We want you to attain personal growth and to learn skills that you can apply throughout your life. At KAI, we believe that learning a language is the beginning of a journey. By partaking in this journey, you develop more than just academic skills. You develop skills of communication, cultural awareness and worldliness. We believe that this journey will not only enrich your life but will enhance your opportunities in your future.

We are very happy to welcome you to our school. I wish you every success on your new journey with us!

Sincerely,

Hiroko Yamamoto, Director KAI Japanese Language School



Why KAI?

In Japan today, there are about 400 Japanese language schools. Around 90% of the students studying in those schools are from the East Asian countries such as China and Korea. Since a large number of them are studying in order to enter universities and colleges in Japan, most of the Japanese language schools design their curriculum to prepare the students for higher education. Although highly focused, these schools tend to lack balance in their student body and in their goals.

KAI Japanese Language School stands alone amongst others. We maintain an excellent balance of students from all over the world. This prevents any one country group dominating the student population. This truly international atmosphere fosters a creative learning environment where students can achieve varied goals, whether academic or personal. Since our founding in 1987, KAI has continually developed innovative teaching methods for both Asian and non-Asian students. KAI has the know-how to teach Japanese language and communication skills to a wide range of learners, each pursuing Japanese for different purposes.

With utmost care, KAI supports students in attaining their goals and helps them with their dreams. Support for our students extends beyond the classroom. Assistance with study methods, life in Tokyo, accommodation, academic counseling and future career advice are all part of the KAI experience.

This is why KAI wins students' trust. This is why KAI is internationally renowned. This is why KAI is unique.

Why Tokyo?

Tokyo is one of the most dynamic cities in the world. Tokyo is not only the capital and largest city of Japan but also the headquarters for much of the Japanese business, media, art and entertainment industries. The Greater Tokyo Metropolitan Area is the largest metropolitan area in the world with over 35 million people. This size helps to create a virtual beehive of creativity and diversity of style.

In Tokyo, one can find traditional Japanese arts juxtaposed with some of the most modern technology on the planet. There are futuristic skyscrapers set next to serene shrines and temples. This blend of new and old never ceases to amaze visitors.

But with all of its size and vibrancy, Tokyo remains a highly livable, human city. Once off of the main business and shopping avenues, Tokyo quickly transforms into a series of small neighborhoods. In these neighborhoods, one can see a calmer version of the capital. A place where grandmothers tend their gardens, parents walk their children to school and people ride bicycles to and fro going about their daily routine. In Tokyo, you can choose the pace and lifestyle that suits you.

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Course Level Chart

400 lessons (6 months) BEGINNER Daily conversation Basic grammar Hiragana & katakana 300 Kanji characters					600 lessons (9 months) INTERMEDIATE More universal topics Strengthening grammar Expanding vocabulary 1200 kanji characters			600 lessons (9 months) ADVANCED Advanced topics Strengthening speaking & writing skills Preparation for future study 2000 kanji characters		
GEI	NERAL C	OURSE	(200 lessons/10	wks)						
	LEVEL	1	LEVEL	2 LEVEL	3 LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6	LEVEL 7	LEVEL 8	
OPI	EN MON	THLY CO	URSE (60 lesso	ns/4 wks)						
M-1	M-2	M-3	M-4							
SUI	MMER IN	ITENSIV	E - GRAMMAR	& CONVERSATION (45	lessons/3 wks)					
S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	Brush- up						
SUI	MMER IN	ITENSIV	E - BUSINESS	JAPANESE (60 lessons/3	3 wks)					
							SB-b		SB-a	
SUI	MMER IN	ITENSIV	E - JLPT PREP	ARATION COURSE (60)	essons/ 3 wks)					
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General Course

The General Course at KAI is for students who wish to master the Japanese language. The course consists of eight levels of ten weeks each. Each week consists of 20 lessons for a total of 200 lessons per term. Level 1 is for complete beginners whereas level 8 is for advanced learners. Students are placed in the appropriate level following a placement test.

The General Course is designed to develop and create a balance between the four skills of language: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing.

The aim of this course is that students who complete two years of study at KAI are able to achieve their goals whether academic or personal. The goals vary from student to student - passing level N1 or N2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), entering into Japanese universities and colleges, finding a job in Japan, and so forth.

In the General Course, students are taught the 2,000 basic kanji (Chinese characters used in Japanese) which are required to function at a literate level in the Japanese society. We use newspaper articles, television programs and other materials to give students a varied experience of Japanese language in context. We strive to develop the students' ability to express themselves both in spoken and written Japanese.

The average class size in the General Course is 10 to 15 students per class. There are four 50 minute lessons per day. Individual lessons can be arranged for students who wish to study extra.



The Open Monthly Course is a conversation course for learners from complete beginner to intermediate level (CEFR, A1 to A2). The emphasis of this course is on the immediate use of the language by developing communication skills in Japanese. The course can be attended for either three or four weeks. There are four levels of the Open Monthly Course.

Level M1 - Experience Tokyo - This level is for complete beginners. In this level, students learn basic Japanese communication skills that can be used for sightseeing in Japan.

Level M2 - Enjoying Tokyo Life - In this level, students learn Japanese communication skills that will make their life in Japan more comfortable. The goal of this level is for students to get more information or request what they need using basic Japanese.

Level M3 - Making friends in Japan - In this level, students learn Japanese communication skills to build good interpersonal relationships with friends and interact in various social settings.

Level M4 - In this level, students learn to express their ideas, opinions or feelings more precisely and in depth using basic Japanese. This level is also suitable for students who have already learned beginner level grammar but are not confident in speaking.

Class size in the Open Monthly Course is maximum 12 students per class (average 5-6 students). There are three 50 minute lessons per day. Individual lessons can be arranged for students who wish to study extra.





Summer Intensive Courses

KAI provides unique Summer Intensive Courses in August for three weeks. The three distinct courses are Grammar & Conversation Course, JLPT Preparation Course, and Japanese Business Communication Course.

Grammar & Conversation Course

This course is structured to improve both Japanese grammar and speaking skills. It is designed for steady improvement of the student's language ability amidst an enjoyable setting. A free conversation session with Japanese guests is included in this course. In the free conversation session, students can use their newly acquired conversation skills in an authentic setting. This is a great way for students to realize their progress and gain confidence in their Japanese communication skills.

JLPT Preparation Course

The JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) Preparation Course is designed for students who are preparing for the JLPT N1 or N2 exam. Especially developed for students from non-kanji countries such as Europe and Americas, the emphasis of this course is on reading comprehension, which is a major component of the JLPT exam. Students are trained to efficiently extract the relevant information in given texts by fast reading and analysis.

Students are given tests at the beginning and at the end of the course so that the progress made throughout the course can be measured. Teachers will assess each student's progress and give them individual counseling to advise how to further improve and successfully pass the JLPT exam.

The JLPT exam has been revised in 2010. The New JLPT's intent is to measure communicative competence in accomplishment of tasks in real situations. KAI has analyzed all of these new changes and updated the curriculum to reflect the revision.

Japanese Business Communication Course

This course is designed for business professionals who seek to further improve their knowledge and usage of business Japanese. This course emphasizes the use of *keigo*, the formal business expressions, the reading and writing of business correspondence in Japanese, learning expressions of *fatemae* and *honne*, and understanding Japanese business manners and cultures such as *settai*.

Students will be speaking authentic business Japanese for all communication throughout the course. They will use practical business materials, study Japanese corporate cultures, and learn situational problem solving in an international environment.

Class size in the Summer Intensive Courses is 10 to 12 students. Business Communication Course has a maximum class size of 8 students. There are three to four 50 minute lessons per day depending upon the class type. Individual lessons can be arranged for students who wish to study extra.

Individual Lesson Program

The Individual Lesson Program offers a course that is tailored to your needs. The course content, the learning pace, texts, time and location are all planned out between the student and our staff. This guarantees that the curriculum is defined so that the student obtains the maximum benefit for their time. Student's progress during the course is closely monitored. The program can be amended during the course to adjust to the student's development. For more information about the Individual Lesson Program, please contact our administration office.





Japanese Cultural and Social Activities

At KAI, we urge our students to experience both the traditional and the modern cultural kaleidoscope, that is, Japan. We integrate cultural activities within our courses. We also provide social and cultural events outside of the classroom setting. By partaking in these activities students broaden their experience and knowledge of Japan and the Japanese.

Cultural and social activities are varied and reflect both traditional Japanese culture and modern Tokyo lifestyle. A sample of activities that students can attend include:

Ģ	書道	Shodo - Shodo is the art of calligraphy.
	茶道	Sado - Sado is the traditional Japanese tea ceremony.
∕∳∕	折り紙	Origami - Origami is traditional Japanese paper folding art from the 17th Century.
¥	生花	Ikebana - Ikebana is traditional Japanese flower arrangement.
•	風鈴	Fuurin making - Fuurin are traditional Japanese wind chimes.
	着物/浴衣	Kimono and yukata dressing - Kimono and yukata are traditional Japanese dress.
	能	Noh Drama - Noh is a traditional Japanese musical drama from the 14th century.
00	歌舞伎	Kabuki Theater workshop - Kabuki is a classical Japanese dance drama dating from 1603. This workshop explains the art of kabuki.
١.	酒	Sake Tasting Tour - Sake is traditional Japanese alcohol.
	相撲	Sumo Tournament - Sumo is a traditional Japanese martial art.
*	花見	Hanami Festival - Hanami festival is the viewing of the Cherry blossoms in spring.
	座 禅	Zazen Meditation - Zazen is meditation as practiced by Zen Buddhist monks.
	蕎麦	Soba Making - Soba is a traditional Japanese noodle dish.
	陶芸	Togei Workshop - Togei are traditional Japanese ceramics.
	寿司	Sushi making - Sushi is a traditional Japanese dish consisting of raw fish and rice.
₽ ₹	居酒屋	Izakaya Nights - Izakayas are traditional Japanese pubs.
	コスプレ	Cosplay Tour - Cosplay is Japanese Costume Play. Students can dress as Samurai or Geisha.
+	忍者	Ninja bar Night – Students visit a 'modern' ninja bar.
*****	ボーリング	BoLingu Night - A night out Bowling in Japanese style.
	秋田ホームステイ	Akita Home Stay - Students stay with Japanese families in Akita, a northern region of Japan famous for its rice farming and sake breweries.
	美術鑑賞	Art Museum Tours - Visiting the many art museums of Tokyo.
00	アニメ	Anime Studio Tour - Students visit a Japanese Animation studio.

VISA Information

[Temporary Visitor Visa]

Students may study Japanese for a short term (maximum 6 months) with a temporary visitor visa. Requirements for obtaining a temporary visitor visa vary depending on your nationality.

Countries and regions that have visa exemption arrangements with Japan:

Area	Countries and regions	Period of stay	Area	
	Singapore	3 months or less		
	Hong Kong			
Asia	Macao 90 days or less			
ASIU	Republic of Korea	So duys of less		
	Taiwan			
	Brunei	14 days or less		
North America	Canada	3 months or less		
Norm America	United States	90 days or less	1	
	Mexico	6 months or less		1
	Argentina			
	Bahamas			
	Chile			
Latin America	Costa Rica			
and	Dominican Republic	3 months or less		
Caribbean	El Salvador		Europo	
	Guatemala		Europe	
	Honduras			
	Surinam			
	Uruguay			
Occarria	Australia	90 days or less		
Oceania	New Zealand	90 days or less		
Middle East	Israel	3 months or less		
Middle East	Turkey	- 3 monins or less		
	Austria			
	Germany			
	Ireland			
_	Liechtenstein	6 months or less		
Europe	Switzerland			
	United Kingdom			
	Belgium			
	Croatia	3 months or less		

Area	Countries and regions	Period of stay	
	Cyprus		
	Denmark		
	Finland		
	France		
	Greece		
	Iceland		
	Italy		
	Luxembourg		
	Macedonia, former Yugoslavia	3 months or less	
	Malta		
	Netherlands		
	Norway		
	Portugal		
	San Marino		
Europe	Slovenia		
Luiope	Spain		
	Sweden		
	Andorra		
	Bulgaria		
	Czech Republic		
	Estonia		
	Hungary		
	Latvia	90 days or less	
	Lithuania		
	Monaco		
	Poland		
	Romania		
	Slovakia		
	Tunisia	3 months or less	
	Mauritius	3 monins of less	

[Pre-College Student Visa]

If students wish to learn Japanese for a longer period of time (6 months to 2 years), they are advised to apply for a Pre-College Student Visa. Please contact our administration office for details.

[Working Holiday Visa]

Students from the countries listed below may apply for a working holiday visa. With a working holiday visa, students can study Japanese during their stay in Japan.

- * Australia * UK
- * New Zealand
- * Canada * Denmark
- * Korea
- * Taiwan

* Ireland

* Hong Kong

- * France
- * Germany

For more information concerning working holiday visa, please contact the Japanese embassy in your country or refer to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/w_holiday/



Insurance

[For short term stay]

Students with a temporary visitor visa, working holiday visa or other type of visa (except pre-college visa) are recommended to join a travel insurance before leaving their country. Students can also join the student insurance program provided by JLIC (Japanese Language Institute Co-operation), which covers 70% of the medical cost.

[For long term stay]

Students with a pre-college student visa need to join the following two types of insurance.

A: National Health Insurance of Japan

All the residents that live in Japan for more than a year are required to enroll in the National Health Insurance program. The National Health Insurance covers 70% of hospital care such as illness or injury, and pays for chronic illness. Application for the National Health Insurance should be made at the ward office or city hall of the area of your residence after your arrival in Japan. Monthly Insurance premium is about 1,500 JPY.

B: JLIC Insurance for Pre-College Students

This is a special insurance program provided by JLIC (Japanese Language Institute Co-operation) for students with a pre-college student visa. It compensates the 30% of the medical expenses not covered by the National Health Insurance program. The annual premium is 10,000JPY.

For more information about the JLIC insurance program for Pre-College Students, please refer to the JLIC website. http://www.jlic.or.jp/pdf/plan-e.pdf

For more information about insurance, please contact our administration office.



Financial Support

[KAI Academic Scholarship]

KAI provides financial support to students through the KAI Scholarship Program. Several students each term will be awarded a grant based upon factors such as academic progress, student goals and financial need. This aid is determined by KAI at the beginning of each academic year. In order to qualify for the KAI Scholarship Program, the applicant must:

- hold the pre-college student visa
- 2 be recommended by their instructor
- 3 have more than 90% class attendance
- write an essay in Japanese
- 5 have an interview with the faculty

[KAI Skills Exchange Scholarship]

This program offers scholarship aid in exchange for services provided to KAI by students. Students who are software engineers, web/graphic designers or photographers can exchange their services for tuition reimbursement. The level of aid will be determined by KAI based upon each project. To qualify for this scholarship, the applicant must:

- hold the pre-college student visa
- have work experience in the skill being exchanged
- 3 submit their resume and any certification or awards they possess
- 4 have an interview with the faculty

[Other Scholarships]

- Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students
 *for students who plans to attend university or vocational school in Japan.
- Lee Soo Hyun Scholarship ASIA Syogakukai *for students from Asia
- = CSN
 - *for students from Sweden



Accommodation Options

Kai offers advice on accommodation options in the Tokyo Metropolitan area. Accommodation types are varied. Each has its own rules and regulations. The main options are guest house, business hotel or the KAI Homestay Program. Students can book a room at a guest house or a business hotel online at the website of each particular company. If needed, our office can handle the booking process for you for ¥20,000 arrangement fee. To apply for the KAI Homestay Program, please contact our administration office.

[Guest House]

The Guest House option is the most popular amongst our students. Tokyo has many companies that provide guest houses for short or long term stay. Prices vary based upon the type of accommodation, i.e. shared, private, and the distance from the city center. The advantages of this type of accommodation is that it is low cost, flexible, safe and clean. All furnishings are provided including internet access. Kitchen facilities and bathroom are shared. Also there is a lot of information online for the student to choose which place is right for them.



[Business Hotel]

Tokyo has many business hotels that offer short or long term stay. These hotels are located throughout the city. The rooms are private. The advantages are that they are safe, clean and very comfortable with private bathroom. However, there are no kitchen facilities.

[KAI Homestay Program]

KAI offers homestay program for students who want to stay with a Japanese family. This is an excellent way to immerse yourself in Japanese language and society. Host families have been carefully chosen by KAI's selection procedures. Our staff visits all the host families to make sure they provide comfortable housing for students. Morning and evening meals are provided during your stay. Private rooms are available.





We can arrange a pick-up service from Narita International Airport on your arrival. For more information about the pick-up service, please contact our administration office.

School Outline

[Accreditation]

- [IALC] International Association of Language Centres In 2005, KAI Japanese Language School became a member of the international quality association IALC.
- [CSN] CSN is the national authority that handles Swedish financial aid for students
- [The Ministry of Justice of Japan] KAI was approved in 1987 and certified as a visa proxy in 1988.
- [The Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education]
 - We became a Member of The Association for the Promotion of Japanese Language Education in 1989.
- [JAFSA] JAFSA is the Japan Network for International Education. It brings together universities, Japanese language schols, international student exchange programs, international education specialists, volunteer groups and others.

[History]

September	2009	Shortlisted for Language Travel Magazine Star Awards
September	2008	Shortlisted for Language Travel Magazine Star Awards
April	2008	KAI joins JAFSA (Japan Network for International Education)
March	2008	KAI Homestay Program begins
March	2007	Ceremony for the 20th anniversary of foundation
April	2005	Open Monthly Course begins
May	2005	Authorized by IALC (International Association of Language Centers)
October	1997	Japanese Teacher Training Program begins
May	1989	Association for the Promotion of Japanese - Maintenance Member
May	1988	Certified visa proxy by Minister of Justice
August	1987	Authorized by Foreigner Education Association
May	1987	Approved by the Ministry of Justice
February	1987	Foundation of KAI Japanese Language School

[Clients]

Public Sector

Australia New South Wales, Embassy of Spain, Embassy of Sweden,

EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japanese Teaching Techniques Supplementation Training for Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Sophia University

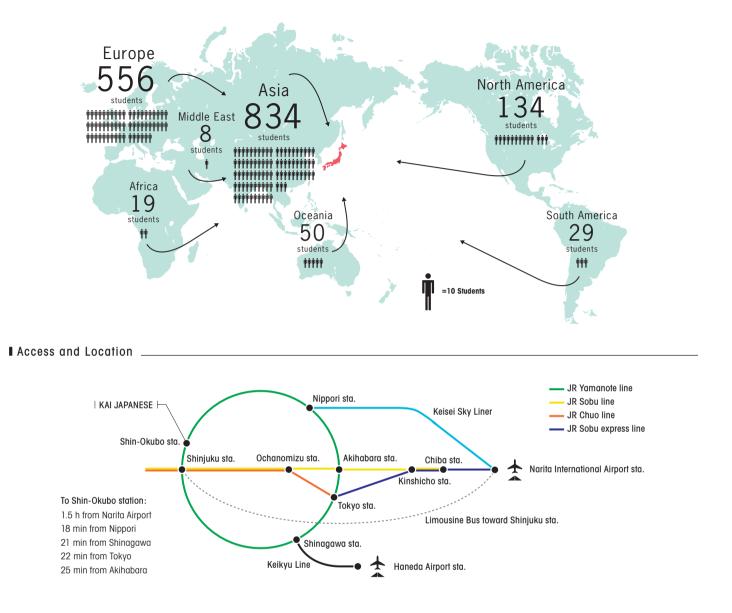
Private Sector

Asahi Kasei Corp., AXA Insurance, Brush Wellman (Japan) Co., Ltd., Co-op, IBM, Iskra Industry Co., Ltd., International Culture Forum, Kao, Lucent Technologies, McKinsey & Company Inc., Mercedes-Benz, News Broadcasting Japan, Pasona Tech, Inc., Phoenix Technologies, Sumisho Computer Systems Corporation, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., Taisei Corporation, Tecan Japan, Takashima & Co., Ltd., Tokyo FOREX, Yokogawa Medical Systems, and others

(In alphabetical order)

- Japanese Language Education Program for United Arab Emirates' Elementary School (Cosmo Oil Co., Ltd.)
- Career Development Program for Foreign Students from Asia (METI, MEXT)
- Vulcanus in Japan (EU-Japan Center for Industrial Cooperation)
- Spanish Embassy Japanese Education Program (Spanish Embassy in Japan)
- IT Engineer Language Program (Job Street Japan Inc.)

Our Student's National Origin Map (2005~2010)



KAI School Location from Shin-Okubo station.





Office hours: 9:00am-8:00pm(Japanese Standard Time/GMT+9) Monday thru Friday Closed on weekends and national holidays.

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