

## General Information

### Cinnamon Guesthouse Dogo

This guesthouse offers capsule-style beds (Mix/Female) with security lockers and private Japanese-style rooms. There is also a kitchen. Just google Cinnamon Guesthouse Dogo for details.  
4-50 Dogo Yu-no-machi, Matsuyama

### Imaichi Sharehouse

The Imaichi Sharehouse is a backpacker-style accommodation managed by the Matsuyama Youth Hostel. It is a 5-min. walk to the north from the Minami-machi streetcar stop. Check the website for details, just google Matsuyama Imaichi Sharehouse or call 089-933-6366 (Matsuyama Youth Hostel).

### Guesthouse Matsuyama

Located on the north end of the Ropeway Street above the *tameshi* Motoyama restaurant. Rooms are suitable for short or long-term stay.



3-8-3 Okaido, Matsuyama  
Tel: 089-934-5296  
E-mail: info@sophia-club.net

### Yoriso Helpline for Foreigners

0120-279-338 10:00~22:00

Are you having trouble with your visa, nationality, family issues, work, everyday life, discrimination, domestic violence, confinement or human trafficking? Call us. The service is available in English, Tagalog, Korean Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese and Thai. Your privacy will be protected. This is a model project of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

### Hime Shelter

Ehime Prefecture has created an app to provide information in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean. It will launch automatically into one of the languages if you use it on your cell phone. This app will provide updates on what is happening here in Ehime pref. in the case a natural disaster.



### Emergency Cards

EPIC made Emergency Cards for the international residents to prepare for a natural disaster or emergency cases. This card is written in 9 languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Burmese, and Khmer. Instructions for what to do in case of fire, earthquake or tsunami are provided. There are also useful Japanese phrases for calling a fire engine or an ambulance.

The Emergency Cards can be downloaded from the following web page of EPIC.

<http://www.epic.or.jp/kurasu/disaster.html>

### Disaster Information

The Japan Tourism Agency (JTA) has an app “Safety tips” with information of Earthquake Early Warnings, Tsunami Warnings, Eruption Notices, and Weather Warning in Japan. It is in English, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Korean and Japanese.



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The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations “Japan Life Guide” app has a information for foreign residents in Japan in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, German, Russian, Japanese (with Japanese syllabaries/furigana) and Simple Japanese are available. You can use this app as an everyday guide as well as in times of disaster.

<http://www.clair.or.jp/e/index.html>



iOS



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### Speech Translation App “Voice Tra”

VoiceTra is a speech translation app developed by the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT). The app translates your speech into different languages. With an easy-to-use interface, you can also check whether the translation is correct.



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# Language Teaching & Culture

## Bancho Fukushi Center

### Japanese Classes

Japanese language classes are held 13:30~15:00 at the Bancho Fukushi Center on Fridays. Levels: Beginning and intermediate classes, and a class for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test

Fee: ¥300/ term (Jan.~June or July~Dec.)

INFO Ms. Shioiri TEL 089-946-0885

[Shaico@tea.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:Shaico@tea.ocn.ne.jp)

## Ehime JASL

A study group, Japanese as a Second Language, offers private lessons to those interested in learning Japanese. 45-min. lesson: ¥500, 90min.: ¥1000.

<http://ehimejasl.web.fc2.com/>

INFO Ms. Yuriko Kida:

[Yuriko.kida@ymail.plala.or.jp](mailto:Yuriko.kida@ymail.plala.or.jp)

Tel. 090-4500-5588.

## Wakakusa Japanese Classes

Ehime Nihongo Network offers classes to prepare for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test at Matsuyama-shi Sogo Fukushi Center from 13:30 to 15:00 on Mondays.

Fee: N1 & N2 ¥400/month

N3~N5 ¥300/month

INFO: Tel. 089-946-0885 (Shioiri)

E-mail: [shaico@tea.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:shaico@tea.ocn.ne.jp)

## Nihongo Chounaikai

Hello! We are Nihongo Chounaikai. We hold regular gatherings for both Japanese and non-Japanese people to communicate and share information. Please check our Facebook page for information about Nov events.

Email: [n.chounaikai@gmail.com](mailto:n.chounaikai@gmail.com)

(Ayumi MIYATA)



## Taiko Lessons

Japanese drum (taiko) lessons are given Sundays from 19:00 to 21:00 at Matsuri-ya Tauchi. The shop is located on the corner just south of the Teppocho streetcar station. Teppocho 1-8. Tel. 089-925-3591, email: [tauti@jasmine.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:tauti@jasmine.ocn.ne.jp)

## MIC Japanese Classes

Japanese language classes are offered free of charge by the Matsuyama International Center. We offer childcare for children over one year old, but you need to request it in advance.

Unfortunately, there will be no classes until April or May, depending on the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Matsuyama Toastmasters Club

Matsuyama Toastmasters Club is a non-profit, international organization for improving communication and leadership skills. We practice public speaking in English and Japanese. Visit us 3 times for free to see if Toastmasters is for you.

[www.matsuyama.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.matsuyama.toastmastersclubs.org)

Feb. 5 (Sat.) 19:00-20:30.

On Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/4156790322>

Feb. 13 (Sun.) 13:30-15:00.

On Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/4156790322>



## Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT)

JALT holds meetings in English on a wide range of topics related to language teaching.

### Machine Translation in the Classroom: A New Approach

Susan E. Jones, Associate Professor, Kobe College  
The past two years have been an impetus for the implementation of education technology in new and exciting ways. One of those technologies, machine translation, has been cast in an unfavorable light, its use discouraged in favor of “real” reading and writing exercises. Now is the time to bring this maligned tool out of hiding and embrace its potential. In this presentation and discussion, I will share a method to increase intermediate to advanced ESL students’ writing output and text analysis by using machine translation apps. In addition, participants are welcome to share their own experiences using MT in education settings.

Date/Time: Feb. 20 (Sun.) 14:00-16:00

Place: Zoom registration details will be announced later.

Info: Junko Yamamoto 080-3920-5231

[matsuyamajaltpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:matsuyamajaltpublicity@gmail.com)

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## Catholic Mass

Mass in English is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 15:00 at the Catholic Church in Sanbancho located near Junkudo Bookstore (see City Center Map). May be cancelled due to the pandemic.  
Tel. 089-921-1849

## Matsuyama Islamic Culture Center

Prayers are held 5 times every day and Islamic *dakwah* activities such as daily reading Hadist, weekly Qur'an Recitation for Adults (*Usroh*) and weekly recitation for kids (Kids Program), also Halal meat, and a Islamic book library are available.  
Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/matsuyamamicc>

Email: [matsuyamamuslim@gmail.com](mailto:matsuyamamuslim@gmail.com) Contact

Person: Fadli Irsyad

Phone: 080-7836-6159

## Worship at the Fukuin Center

Feb. 6, 13, 20 9:00-10:45 Sunday Service  
Feb. 27 10:00-12:00 Worship in English  
Matsuyama Fukuin Center, Heiwa-dori 1-6-6  
Tel: 089-925-1008 <http://bit.ly/2LugPBV>

You are most welcome  
to our church! Please  
visit our web site.



## Social Services

### Civil Liberties Counseling

Free paralegal counseling sessions for civil rights are sponsored by the District Legal Affairs Bureau and the Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC). All sessions will be strictly confidential.

Place: EPIC

Day/Time: 13:30~15:30 the 4th Thursday of each month. If you cannot come at that time, call EPIC at 089- 917-5678 to make an appointment.

Language: Japanese & English (For help in another language, contact EPIC by the 10th of the month.)

### Free Legal Aid Services

The Japan Legal Support Center, Houterasu, offers free legal information by phone in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese and Tagalog, Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 17:00, but your call will be charged ¥8.5/3 minutes.

Tel: 0570-078377

### Free Legal Consultation Service

Certified administrative procedures legal specialists (*gyouseishoshi*) are offering free 30-minute consultation services to non-Japanese on various matters such as residency, nationality, marriage, owning a vehicle, contracts, and setting up a business. Your privacy will be protected.

Date and Time: Feb. 9 (Wed.) 13:30-15:30

March 9

Place: COMS 4F International Meeting Room

To make an appointment, please complete the consultation form which is available at the Matsuyama International Center. For further information you can email the Center at [mail@mic.ehime.jp](mailto:mail@mic.ehime.jp) or call 089-943-2025.

\*MIC will be closed so please call to see if the session might be held online.

### The Association of Foreign Wives of Japanese

AFWJ aims to provide friendship, support and opportunities for social, emotional, educational and professional growth to non-Japanese women who are married or engaged to Japanese men.

INFO: [afwjshikoku-rep@afwj.org](mailto:afwjshikoku-rep@afwj.org),

Website: [www.afwj.org](http://www.afwj.org)

### HIV Testing Services

HIV tests are offered free at two places in Matsuyama. Privacy is insured. You are advised to take the test 3 months after you think you might have been infected. \*See the WGO? Map.

Matsuyama City Public Health Center,

Kayamachi 6-30-5

Tel. 089-911-1815 Reservation required.

Mondays 11:00~13:00, and, once a month, 18:30~19:30. Results are available a week later.

Ehime-ken Chuyo Public Health Center

Kita Mochida 132 (north of Higashi Police Sta.)

Tel. 909-8757 (ext. 261)

Wednesday 13:00~14:00 (Results may be available the same day.)

### SGG Club

Goodwill Guides are volunteers who are ready to assist visitors from overseas. Please contact us if you need guides or translators. We can provide guides who speak English, Spanish, French, Chinese and Korean.

INFO: <http://ehimesgg.sakura.ne.jp/>



### Matsuyama City Library

The city library in the Community Center has a large English book section. You can register for a free library card in English. The 2nd floor Audio/Visual section has movies in English. Open 9:30-20:00 (the A/V section closes at 17:00.) Closed Feb. 7, 14, 21, 25, 28.

INFO 089-943-8008

### Video helps bridge cultural gaps

In order to give Ehime residents a perspective on the kinds of things that foreign residents may have difficulty with living here, eight Ehime University international students and two Japanese students worked together to create a video. There are six sections each dealing with issues that many foreign residents have encountered. The entire video is about ten minutes long.

Here is the English version on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4\\_9sLs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4_9sLs)  
You can also search for it using Help Us Ehime.