

# Social Services and Support

## 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.

Languages: 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.

Dates: April 13, May 11 (Wed.) 13:30-15:30

Place: COMS 4F International Meeting Room

To make an appointment, please complete the consultation form by 4:00 March 6. It 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 to see if the session might be held online.

## 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.)

## 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)

## 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 April 4, 11, 18, 25 and 28.

INFO 089-943-8008

## **Japanese Language and 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

### **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.

### **Prep for Japanese Language Proficiency Test**

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)

## **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.

Classes are due to start up again in April. Please check the MIC website for more information.

### **Afternoon classes**

Beginner I Tuesdays 13:00-14:30

Beginner II Thursdays 13:00-14:30

Beginner III Thursdays 14:45 – 16:15

### **Evening classes**

Beginner I Tuesdays 18:30 – 20:00

Beginner II Tuesdays 18:30 – 20:00

### **Daily Japanese – Information Plaza for Life**

For those who just started studying Japanese

10 classes: May 14 – July 16

Saturdays (on Zoom) 13:30 – 15:30

Please adhere to the usual COVID guidelines of wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands.

You will be asked to fill out a health check form.

Tel: 089-943-2025, [Email: mail@mic.ehime.jp](mailto:mail@mic.ehime.jp)

## **Japanese Agency for Cultural Affairs Online Japanese Language Classes**

Learning contents can be chosen based on your Japanese level, the situation that interests you and keywords.

<https://tsunagarujp.bunka.go.jp/>

Languages used: English, Português, Spanish, *tiếng Việt* (Vietnamese), Bahasa Indonesia, Filipino, नेपाली(Nepali), ភាសាខ្មែរ (Khmer), ภาษาไทย (Thai),

မြန်မာစကား(Burmese), монгол хэл (Mongolian),

한국어 (Korean), 中文 (Chinese), 日本語 (Japanese)

More information about Japanese language study:

<https://tsunagarujp.bunka.go.jp/link>

## **Tsukuba University Distance Learning of Japanese and Japanese issues**

For those who aim at a more advanced level of Japanese language study.

<https://www.interc.tsukuba.ac.jp/~kyoten/en/>

## **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 April 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, Matsuyama. Tel. 089-925-3591, email:

[tauti@jasmine.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:tauti@jasmine.ocn.ne.jp)

## **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/>

## **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 in Japan, eight Ehime University international students and two Japanese students worked together with the

Ehime Prefecture Human Rights Education Section 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=CWqhw49sLs>

You can also search for it using Help Us Ehime.

## General Information

### Catholic Mass

Mass in English is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 15:00 at the Catholic Church in Sanbancho (see City Center Map).

Easter is April 17 this year. May be cancelled due to the pandemic.  
Tel. 089-921-1849

### Worship at the Fukuin Center

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

April 3, 10, 17 9:00-10:45 Sunday Service

April 24 13:30-14:45 Worship in English

Matsuyama Fukuin Center, Heiwa-dori 1-6-6

Tel: 089-925-1008 <http://bit.ly/2LugPBV>



### 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/mat\\_suyamamicc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mat_suyamamicc)

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

Contact Person: Dede Falahudin

Place: Hinode-machi 5-18, Matsuyama 790-0961

Phone: 070-4455-5864

### Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT)

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

#### Rhetoric in Haiku

Dr. Susumu Kubo, Prof. Emeritus, Matsuyama University

It is common knowledge that haiku poems with 5-7-5 syllabic structure make good use of rhetoric including simile, metaphor, personification, allegory, synecdoche, metonymy, allusion and the like. This talk demonstrates how haiku poets intentionally or unintentionally use or exploit rhetoric in their haiku to express what they experience in the real world whenever they believe that literal compositions of haiku without rhetoric are inadequate. The mechanism of poetic acts of rhetoric will be explained with foregrounding and backgrounding in the theory of Regulation Augmented Speech Act Theory. This talk will help you understand how Japanese students verbalize the world around them in your teaching in Japan.

Date/Time: April 17 (Sun.) 14:00-16:00

Place: Room 215, Muse Bldg., Ehime University

JALT members: free

One-day members: ¥1,000

Info: Junko Yamamoto 080-3920-5231 [matsuyamajaltpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:matsuyamajaltpublicity@gmail.com)

[Endorsements: Matsuyama City, Matsuyama City Board of Education](#)

### 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)

April 10 (Sun.) 13:30-15:00. On Zoom

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

April 23 (Sat.) 19:00-20:30.

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



## General Information

### ..... Major organizations accepting "Donations and Fund-raising" to support the people of Ukraine .....

There is a growing movement to support Ukraine all over the world. Matsuyama City has started fundraising. Various organizations in Japan are also accepting fundraising. If you think "I also want to do something" for them, please refer to the following information.

※Please search directly on the internet about other organizations that are not linked.  
Sorry for the inconvenience.

★Matsuyama city

ウクライナ人道危機救援金 (じんどうきききゅうえんきん)

<https://www.city.matsuyama.ehime.jp/bosyu/ukrainakyuenkin2.html>

★Ehime prefecture

ウクライナ人道危機救援金 (じんどうきききゅうえんきん)

<https://www.pref.ehime.jp/h10100/ukraine/ehimekenukrainejindokikikyuenkin.html>

★United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

ウクライナ緊急支援 (きんきゅうしえん)

<https://www.japanforuhcr.org/activity-areas/ukraine>

★United Nations Children's Fund

ウクライナ緊急募金 (きんきゅうぼきん) (No link)

★Save the Children

ウクライナ危機緊急 (きききんきゅう) 子 (こ) ども支援 (しえん) (No link)

★International NGO ADRA Japan

ウクライナ緊急支援 (きんきゅうしえん) (No link)

★AAR Japan

ウクライナ緊急支援 (きんきゅうしえん) (No link)

★Peace Winds Japan

ウクライナ危機 (きき) ロシア侵攻 (しんこう) に伴 (ともな) う緊急支援 (きんきゅうしえん)  
(No link)

# Emergency Information

## 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, Labour and Welfare.

## Ehime Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management 9 languages

This site has information for international residents to help deal with many kinds of emergencies, medical or natural disasters.

The information is provided in 9 languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Burmese, and Khmer. The language choices are written in Japanese. For English, click on 英語.

<https://ehime.secure.force.com>

## Matsuyama City Disaster Prevention Portal

This site is operated by the Matsuyama City Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Section and will be activated when a disaster occurs. It is provided in Japanese, English, Korean and Chinese (Simplified), and Chinese (Traditional). A Twitter account and email function are included.

<https://city-matsuyama.secure.force.com>

## Translation Apps

There are many translation apps available, but for easy of use, language selection and applicability in a wide variety of subjects, Google Translate is recommended. <https://translate.google.com>

## Safety Tips for Disasters

The Japan Tourism Agency (JTA) has an app "Safety tips" with nation-wide 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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Android

## Japan Life Guide

The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations "Japan Life Guide" app has 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



Android

## Ehime Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management

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>