

## Catholic Mass

Mass in English will be held Jan. 5 and 19 from 15:00 at the Catholic Matsuyama Church at Sanbancho 4-5-5. Tel. 089-921-1849

## Worship at the Fukuin Center

Jan. 1 13:00-15:00 New Year's service  
Jan. 5, 12, 19 9:00-10:45 Regular Sunday Service  
Jan. 26 13:30-14:45 Worship in English



Matsuyama Fukuin Center, Heiwa-dori 1-6-6  
Tel: 089-925-1008 <http://bit.ly/2LugPBV>

You are most welcome!  
Please visit our website.

## Matsuyama Islamic Culture Center

Prayers are held 5 times every day and Islamic *dakwah* activities such as daily reading of Hadist, weekly Qur'an Recitation for Adults (*Usroh*) and weekly recitation for kids (Kids Program), also Halal meat, and an Islamic book library are available.

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## Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT)

Effectiveness and Challenges of K-code,  
the Learning Tool to Recognize and Write  
katakana and kanji with 6 Lines

Presenter: Shino Takahashi

AND

Is It Worth Studying a Second Foreign Language?

Presenter: Emmanuel Mariano LOPEZ



Presenter 1: Shino Takahashi

Mastering Japanese kanji is challenging for non-kanji background learners, especially in regions like Ehime Prefecture with limited study opportunities. This presentation examines the hypothesis that the K-code learning tool, effective in university settings, can enhance kanji literacy among "Foreign Nationals as Residents." The study involved beginner learners with non-kanji background in Ehime, using a comparison of kanji glyphs by pre-post test and qualitative feedback. Results showed increased comfort with writing kanji and improved recognition, confirming K-code's effectiveness. To maximize impact, instructional methods must cater to diverse learner needs and readiness, allowing effective concentration in short, focused sessions. For more information about K-code, please access the following URL: <https://k-code.net/>

Presenter 2: Emmanuel Mariano Lopez :

One of the most sensitive aspects of teaching French is the disparity of motivations, much broader than in English classes, between students who are genuinely eager to learn and those who are compelled to attend courses. With verb conjugation, noun gender, and adjective agreement, French is a slightly more precise language than English, but it is also more difficult to teach. Moreover, the pronunciation of letters and syllables, which is different from English, disorientates some students unable to understand that the same alphabet can have a dual reading system.

Last but not least, can the laziest students be held back? When the decline of its department is at stake, the teacher has no choice but to engage in a popularity contest

Date/time: Jan. 26, 2025 14:00-16:00

Venue: Ehime University Muse Bldg., Johoku Campus

JALT Members and students: free \*One-day members: 1000 yen

Note: If you are planning to join online as a one-day member, please pay the fee to the following bank account:

Shinsei bank: Account number: 400 1656054 (柳在熙 Jaehee Ryu)

Branch:本店(Head office)、Account type : 普通(Saving account)

JALT website: <https://sites.google.com/view/matsuyamajalt/>

Inquiries: [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)

Jan. 12 (Sun.) 13:30-15:00 at COMS

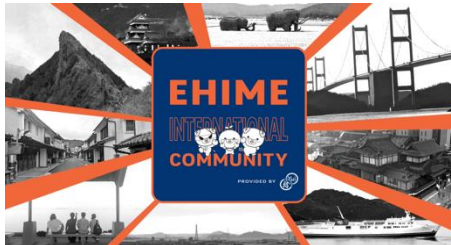
Jan. 25 (Sat.) 19:00-20:30 on Zoom

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

## Yui YouTube Channel

Yui is an organization dedicated to providing information to the foreign community in Ehime. They have started making community service videos to provide information about living in Japan. Check out the first ones!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGJa-IxuqvNoVPO6oeOng\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGJa-IxuqvNoVPO6oeOng_A)



Yui is also collaborating with the Ehime International Community Facebook page. It was first set up years ago, but we are trying to revive it as another information source for Ehime. We realize FB is not used that much anymore, but we want to use the resources we have.

Thanks go to Carl Sotomil for revising the cover photo!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ehimecommunity>

## Wondering Who and How to Help ?

With the many wars and disasters that have occurred even in the past few months, it may be difficult to choose who and how to help. One idea is Doctors Without Borders. A contribution goes almost entirely to funding the activities of the medical staff and they respond to need all over the world. Check this website for more information on how you may contribute.

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/get-involved/ways-to-give>

The Red Cross is also a world-wide organization. Information for making a donation to the Red Cross is here:

<https://www.redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate.html>

If you have other suggestions, please let us know.