

# Japanese Culture



## 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 and Instagram for more information.  
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## Making Matcha for a relaxing experience



Experience a bit of Japanese culture by whisking your own matcha. If you wish, you can experience, Tamara, a kind of Reiki, for relaxation. Sponsored by Maru.  
Location: Yuzuki Castle Museum in the southern part of Dogo Park.  
Sept. 18, 13:00-15:00  
Fee: ¥500

## Taiko Lessons

Japanese drum (taiko) lessons are given at Matsuriya Tauchi, 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

The SGG Club trains and provides volunteer goodwill guides 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, Chinese and Korean.

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

## Videos to promote intercultural understanding

To give Ehime residents a perspective on the kinds of things that foreign residents may have difficulty with living in Japan, the Ehime Prefecture Human Rights Education Section has created two videos. Each video is about ten minutes long. English versions are on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw49sLs>  
<https://youtu.be/UfpWmWORJaM>

## The Woes of Learning Japanese in a Rap Video

International students at Meiji University produced a rap video, *Yasashii Sekai*, that expresses, with humor, their difficulties and frustrations in learning Japanese. It is an appeal to Japanese to use *yasashii Nihongo* (plain Japanese) for better communication. Share it with Japanese friends and colleagues!

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fYxhoUwqAg>