

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA



Living info

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2026 (second semester) Higashihiroshima Japanese Classes in Sunsquare

・ 令和8年度（後期）
・ にほんご教室東広島

Japanese classes in Sunsquare for the second semester of the 2026 financial year are as follows:

Thursdays, 19:30-21:00 October 15 to February 4	Sundays, 10:00-12:00 October 18 to February 14	Sundays, 13:30-15:30 October 18 to February 14
Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo IV

Details of the classes are as follows:

Nihongo I: Participants will study starting from hiragana and katakana.

Nihongo II: For those who can read hiragana and katakana. Participants will study conversations related to situations in everyday life.

Nihongo III: Participants will study speaking and writing about various topics. The content level is basic Japanese.

Nihongo IV: Participants will increase their vocabulary from conversations about daily life, and practice talking about themselves. The level is N4 of the JLPT.

Classes take place on the second floor of the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare Higashihiroshima) (28-6 Saijo Nishihonmachi).

The tuition fee for the course is 2000 yen for each class. This includes the fee for textbooks. Each of the classes is limited to 20 students, and membership is decided on a first-come-first-served basis.

Applications will be accepted from Sunday September 27, between 9:00 and 16:30. If you wish to apply, please take your residence card and the tuition fee (2000 yen) to the Communication Corner.

Contact: Communication Corner, 1F Sunsquare (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922

email: corner@hhgrows.org

Participants wanted for the Japanese Speech Contest for non-Japanese residents

・ 日本語スピーチコンテスト
・ 参加者募集

This event will take place in Azalea Hall, in the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare), on Sunday November 8.

If you are a non-Japanese resident in Higashihiroshima, or you work or study in Higashihiroshima, you are of an age equivalent to elementary school grade 5 or over, and your native language is not Japanese, how about taking part? You can speak on any topic (with some exceptions; please review the eligibility requirements and screening criteria). If you are interested in taking part, please write a speech of about 4-7 minutes in length. You need to submit the application form, and a summary of the speech on a set form. You can obtain the form at the Communication Corner, or download it from <https://hhface.org/wp/corner/>. Please submit the form and summary either by email to tabunka@hhgrows.org or in person to the Communication Corner (open from 9:00 to 16:45). The deadline for applications is Thursday October 8.

There will be a prize decided by the audience, as well as a range of other prizes.

The contest is for about ten people (applicants who pass the initial document screening will be eligible to participate on the day of the event). If you have gained the top prize in this contest in the past, you are not eligible to take part.

Contact: Communication Corner (1F Sunsquare) (コミュニケーションコーナー、サンスクエア1階),

tel.: 082-423-1922, email: tabunka@hhgrows.org



Speech Contest
pamphlet in
simple Japanese

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ULUM9RcIPhysyEiFCpmk3JTMlqDXs_aJqO/view?usp=sharing



Pamphlet for
participants

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hglccageGPp9Ehby0spNwSKLcWX_PCoqE/view?usp=sharing



Communication Corner
website

<https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/>

Enrollment in kindergartens and approved kodomo-en (Type 1 certification) from April 2027

- ・幼稚園・認定こども園（1号認定）の新年度園児募集

Applications are now being accepted for enrollment in municipal kindergartens and Approved Kodomo-En (type 1 certification: kindergarten enrollment) within the City from April 2027.

For details of the application schedule, please check the City website (Japanese), from the URL below or by using the QR Code to the right.

https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/kodomomirai/2/2_1/40669.html



For details such as reception hours, required documents, and whether advance reservations are necessary, please contact each kindergarten or kodomo-en directly.

Applications for the new school year for type 2 and type 3 Certification (childcare enrollment) at approved kodomo-en are scheduled to be posted on the City website around October. Applications for these categories will begin on the same date as those for other licensed childcare facilities.

Contact Child Care Division (Hoiku-ka, 保育課), tel.: 082-420-0934.

Get vaccinated against cervical cancer

- ・子宮頸がん予防接種を受けましょう

The HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine, which helps prevent cervical cancer, takes approximately six months to receive in full.

If you will turn 16 during the 2026-27 financial year and wish to receive the full course of vaccination free of charge, you must receive your first dose by the end of September. If you wish to be vaccinated, please arrange to receive your first dose as soon as possible.

Eligibility: Girls from 6th grade in elementary school until the equivalent of 1st grade of high school

Please take with you your Mother and Child Health Handbook, and the vaccination questionnaire (pre-vaccination screening form).

Notes:

Be sure to check your Mother and Child Health Handbook to avoid receiving duplicate vaccinations.

If you wish to receive the vaccination outside the city, you must complete the necessary procedures in advance. Please contact the Medical Treatment and Health Division.

Vaccination questionnaires are available at the Medical Treatment and Health Division, all branch offices (except Fukutomi Branch Office), and participating medical institutions.

To apply, please contact a participating medical institution directly. You can find a list of participating medical institutions on the City website. Access the list from the URL below or by using the QR Code to the right.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/38796.html>



Contact: Medical Treatment and Health Division (Iryo hoken-ka, 医療保健課), tel.: 082-420-0936.

Simply deleting an app does not cancel its subscription!

- ・サブスクリプションはアプリの削除だけでは解約になりません！

The following is based on consultation cases handled by the National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan (NCAC).

Case Study: A consumer signed up for a one-month free trial of a video streaming service. They tried to watch videos but were unable to use the service successfully. A few weeks later, they deleted the app.

Later, they discovered that approximately ¥2,000 per month had been charged to their mobile carrier billing account for more than six months as a subscription fee.

The consumer could not understand why they had been charged, since they had never watched any videos and had deleted the app.

Advice: A subscription service is a service that allows you to use a product or service for a certain period by paying a recurring fee. Once you enter into a subscription agreement, payments will continue until you cancel the subscription, even if you no longer use the service.

Simply deleting the app icon or uninstalling the app does not cancel the subscription. You must cancel it using the procedure specified by the service provider.

If you sign up for a free trial, be aware that, in many cases, it automatically converts to a paid subscription once the trial period ends unless you cancel it beforehand.

To avoid paying for subscriptions you are no longer using, check your monthly statements, including your credit card statements and mobile carrier billing statements, so you can identify any unwanted subscription charges promptly.

Event information

イベント情報



With a lantern in hand, enjoy an evening stroll or join a chimney guide tour around the sake brewery district

Date and Time: Saturday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Note: The illuminations will continue until Wednesday, September 23 (a national holiday).

Location: Saijo Sakagura Dori (Sake Brewery Street)

Contact: Saijo Sakagura Dori Tourist Information Center, tel.: 082 421-2511.

Kurose Fureai Festival: enjoy stage performances, guest live entertainment, a fireworks display, and more

Date and Time: Saturday, September 26, 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Note: The event will be held in light rain. In the event of severe weather, it will be postponed to Sunday, September 27.

Location: Around Kurose Lifelong Learning Center

Contact: Kurose Fureai Festival Planning Committee (within Kurose Chamber of Commerce and Industry), tel: 0823-82-3075.



Aqua Festa in Fukutomi

Aqua Festa in Fukutomi is an event centered on the theme of the importance of water.

Date and Time: Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Michi-no-Eki Kohan no Sato Fukutomi

Contact: Aqua Festa in Fukutomi Planning Committee official website.

Sake Festival paid venue tickets are now on sale!

Tickets are available while supplies last and sales will end once all tickets have been sold.

Date of the Sake Festival: Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11

Inquiries:

Sake Festival Planning Committee, tel: 082-420-0330.



Deadline for payment of taxes: Wednesday September 30

- 次回の納期限は
- 9月30日(水)

Please pay the National Health Insurance Premium (the third installment), by Wednesday September 30. A notice of non-payment (Tokusokujo, 督促状) will be sent to residents who have not paid their tax by the deadline. If you receive a Tokusokujo, please pay the tax immediately, using the payment slip enclosed.

※ Note: it takes about ten days for the Tax Collection Division to confirm payment of tax, and therefore you may receive a Tokusokujo even after you have completed payment. In this case, please ignore the letter.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Consultation services for non-Japanese residents

- 外国人相談窓口

• **Consultation services for non-Japanese residents** are available at the Communication Corner, in Sunsquare Higashihiroshima. English-speaking staff are available at the following times: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 to 17:00.

Communication Corner website (English): <https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/home-2/>

You can also access the Communication Corner website by using the upper QR code on the right.

• **40-minute free legal consultations** are available on **Saturday October 17**, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. Communication Corner website (English) English, Portuguese and Chinese interpreting is available. **Please make an appointment at least one week in advance.**

Contact: Communication Corner (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922.

• **Communication Corner Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/hhface.communicationcorner>

You can also access the Communication Corner Facebook page by using the lower QR code on the right.



Facebook page

Night-time and holiday hospitals

- 夜間休日当番医

• **Night-time and holiday duty hospitals:** Full information about night-time and holiday duty hospitals within Higashihiroshima City is published in the Japanese-language version of the monthly city newsletter 'Higashihiroshima' (the page inside the back cover; only in Japanese), and on the Higashihiroshima City website (in Japanese and English). The information is subject to change at short notice, so before going to a medical facility, please be sure to call to confirm details.

Recently, there are more and more patients using emergency medical facilities at night and on holidays even though their situation is not serious. In some cases, these patients have prevented or delayed the treatment of patients with truly serious illnesses, and additionally, such cases are one of the reasons for doctors becoming overworked. Emergency medical facilities open at night and on holidays are for patients with serious, emergency conditions. Please try to visit the medical facility you use normally, during opening hours on weekdays.

• **Emergency medical treatment for children:** Please call the advice line on #8000 (if you cannot get through on this number, please call 082-505-1399). The service is available every day between 19:00 and 8:00 the following morning. You can obtain information about whether or not you should take your child to a medical facility outside of normal opening hours (at nights, on weekends or holidays, etc.).

• **If you have a medical problem at night or on weekends, and you are unsure about whether or not you should go to a medical facility:** Please call the Hiroshima area emergency consultation center on #7119. The service is free, and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff will be able to give you advice on whether to rest at home and see how symptoms develop, or whether you should go to a medical facility. If necessary, they can give you information about which facility to go to, or they can connect you directly to the 119 emergency service. In an emergency, do not hesitate to phone 119.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/33907.html>

The Medical Information Net

The 'Medical Information Net' is a website that compiles information on medical institutions and pharmacies throughout Japan. You can also search for information on medical institutions that can provide support in foreign languages.

<https://www.iryuu.teikyouseido.mhlw.go.jp/zkn-web/juminkanja/S2310/initialize?pref=34>

**Citizens' Affairs Division: Out-of-hours opening**

- 市民課窓口:木曜延長・日曜開庁

The counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division are open until 19:00 on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). The dates for September are September 3 and September 17.

In addition, there is Sunday opening on September 13 and September 27, from 9:00 to 12:00. Wherever possible, please take someone with you who speaks Japanese. **Please note that divisions other than the Citizens' Affairs Division are not open at these times.** For details of what matters can be dealt with during these extended opening hours, and what you need to bring with you, please access the QR Code to the right to check the city website.

If you have a My Number Card, you can use it to obtain Certificates of Residence, etc., at convenience stores.

Please be aware that formalities relating to My Number Cards cannot be dealt with.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/3/35917.html>

**Population and households as of the end of August, 2026:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 191,214 (81 more than July)
Population of foreign residents: 10,382 (113 more than July)

Households: 94,259 (113 more than July)
Foreign households: 8,190 (124 more than July)