

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES, LITERACIES AND TRANSLATION

BASIC CONVERSATIONAL JAPANESE I

Introduction

- This elementary course is for beginners who are interested in learning or mastering the communicative Japanese language. The course focuses on four language skills; namely listening, reading, speaking and writing. Vocabulary and basic grammars are introduced to enable learners to construct simple sentences.

Objective

- This course is to help students acquire the correct Japanese language pronunciation using "Japanese Kana in Romaji". At the same time, it is aimed to provide learners with the basic Japanese language competence to interact in various everyday situations.

Content

- It includes the greetings, daily expressions, numbers and some common nouns, adjectives and verbs. It also covers the language functions such as talking and asking about people (name, age, nationality, occupation etc), making self-introduction and introducing other people, describing objects and people, telling time and expressing everyday life activities. Some common cultural elements and matters related to the Japanese society are also integrated into the course.

Entry Level

- Beginners
- Minimum age: 16 and above

Duration

- 5 weeks (10 sessions)
- Total: 20 contact hours
- Date: 22 July 2019 – 23 Aug 2019

Schedule

- Tuesday and Thursday, 5pm – 7pm

Venue

- Building D09/Room 216, School of Languages, Literacies and Translation

Fee

- RM600 per person/course (inclusive of materials)

Note:

*Classes will only commence if there is a minimum of 5 registered students (maximum number of students per class: 15). Payment need not be made until it is confirmed that classes will commence. A meeting will be held on 10 **JULY 2019** (Wednesday at **5:00PM** at the Pinang Conference Hall, School of Languages, Literacies and Translation. Payment period: 10 July 2019 – 17 July 2019.*

A certificate will be awarded upon completion of the course.

COURSE SYLLABUS

WEEK	TOPIC
1	<p>1.0 Unit One: How do you do?</p> <p>1.1 Pronunciation of Japanese Kana (Romaji)</p> <p>1.2 Greetings and daily expressions</p> <p>1.3 Numbers</p> <p>1.4 Names, countries, people, age, occupation, languages</p>
2	<p>2.0 Unit Two: This is just a token</p> <p>2.1 Demonstrative nouns: This, That</p> <p>2.2 Identifying and describing objects – things in the classroom and office.</p> <p>2.3 Showing and telling objects and its' owners</p> <p>3.0 Unit Three: I will take it</p> <p>3.1 Places: Direction and location</p> <p>3.2 Demonstrative nouns: Here, There</p> <p>3.3 Asking and telling location - places, things, people</p> <p>3.4 Asking and telling prices, manufacturers of products</p>
3	<p>4.0 Unit Four: What are your opening hours?</p> <p>4.1 Daily routines – Intransitive verbs</p> <p>4.2 Verbs – Present / future and past forms</p> <p>4.3 Asking and telling time, dates, telephone numbers</p> <p>5.0 Unit Five: Does this train go to Koshien?</p> <p>5.1 Description of daily activities, destination and schedules</p> <p>5.2 Means of transportation or vehicle</p> <p>5.3 Asking, telling and planning schedule</p>
4	<p>6.0 Unit Six: Won't you join us?</p> <p>6.1 Daily routines and activities - Transitive verbs</p> <p>6.2 Asking and telling what one does. (present/future and past)</p> <p>6.3 Inviting people and accepting invitation</p> <p>7.0 Unit Seven: Hello</p> <p>7.1 Informal visit (to neighbor's house)</p> <p>7.2 Giving and receiving things / favour</p> <p>7.3 Asking and telling ways / methods</p>
5	<p>8.0 Unit Eight: It's almost time to leave</p> <p>8.1 Adjectives ('i' and 'na' group)</p> <p>8.2 Asking about impression and opinion: people, things, places</p> <p>8.3 Expressing and describing people, things, places</p> <p>Assessment</p>