

Useful Information

役に立つ情報
Yakunitatsu jōhō

Human Rights Counseling Service for Foreign Nationals (外国人人権相談窓口) gaikokujin jinken sodan madoguchi

The service is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Indonesian.

Open: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.~5:00 p.m.

TEL: (0570) 090911 (not a toll free number)

Administrative Counseling Center (総務省行政相談センター) sōmushō gyōseisōdan center

If you have questions or problems related to jobs, immigration, medical insurance, pension plans, education, or welfare, you can contact the Center. The service is free, and confidentiality is strictly assured.

Service in Japanese: TEL: (0570) 09-0110

http://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/hyouka/soudan.html

Service in English: kikumimi.japan@soumu.go.jp (English only)

Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) (愛媛県国際交流センター)

1. Counseling Service for Foreigners

* Consultation direct line (080) 4783-5253

EPIC's non-Japanese consultants offer help and advice regarding Japanese language education, employment, labor issues, and international marriage.

* Available languages

English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai, Nepalese, Italian, French, German, Malay, Khmer, Burmese, and Japanese

* by E-mail: sodan@epic.or.jp English, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese

* Available: Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m.~5:00 p.m. excluding holidays.

Closed Dec. 29th ~ Jan. 3rd

2. Consultation Desk

Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) Dōgoichiman 1-1, Matsuyama

Making a reservation is highly recommended for in-person counseling.

For further information: <http://www.epic.or.jp/contact/index>.

Japan Association of Language Teachers (JALT)

Matsuyama JALT meets on the 3rd Sunday afternoon of most months (except August, September, and November). Meetings are held at the M33, Aidai Muse, Ehime University. <http://www.ehime-u.ac.jp/english/access/johoku/cge.html> Those teaching a foreign language or who are interested in language teaching are welcome.

Multilingual Living Information in Japan→ <http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengo/index.html>

Niihama International Association (新居浜市国際交流協会)

Provides help and advice for foreigners living in Japan. If you have any trouble getting used to living here, they will give you a hand.

The service is available in English, Korean, and Malay.

Address: Niihama-shi Shigemoto-chō 8-65 Located on the first floor of the Niihama Culture Center Annex.

TEL: (0897) 65-1579 FAX: (0897) 65-3157

E-mail: niihamashikokusai@gmail.com

Open: 12:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

Closed: Sundays, Mondays, and holidays

Niihama Nihongo no Kai (にいほま日本語の会)

Let us study Japanese and make friends!

We can provide you:

- * Private Lessons (arranged individually for ¥500/hour)
- * Group Lessons (no registration necessary, just come, free)

Time: Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 p.m.~9:00 p.m.

Place: Niihama Welfare Center

(Fureai Plaza ふれあいプラザ) TEL: (0897) 35-2940

We provide lessons for students aiming to pass the N1-N5 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. If you would like to have private lessons or tutoring for the Japanese Proficiency Test, please contact us.

Group lessons are open to everyone. Please attend any time you would like.

Contact: Ms. Manami Miki, Niihama Nihongo no Kai

E-mail address: manami-m@js6.so-net.ne.jp

Chairperson: Ms. Yumi Nagano

E-mail address: yuuei0511@yahoo.co.jp



SGG Niihama (Systematized Goodwill Guides)

SGG Niihama is the Niihama branch of a national organization of volunteers who aid foreigners in Japan.

We can provide you with:

Interpreters, assistance in getting settled, assistance in an emergency, the Niihama monthly newsletter *What's New?* guides, help in arranging homestay visits, and this “Guide for Living in Niihama.”

SGG members are ready to help you!

If you are interested in joining or assisting SGG Niihama, please contact below.

E-mail: yasumi@galaxy.ocn.ne.jp

SGG is Here to Help You!

SGG Niihama is a volunteer society of goodwill guides which was formed in 1991 with the aim of serving foreign visitors and residents living in Niihama. Initially, our work consisted mainly of guiding, interpreting, and introducing newcomers to Japanese culture.

We have been helping foreigners with different needs, such as moving and renewing driver's licenses, and helping with procedures at the city hall, going with people to the hospital, and so on.

We also hold a 'Global Party' annually for foreigners living in the Niihama area to provide an opportunity for internationally-oriented people to get together and interact with one another. We make a wide appeal to citizens, and recruit staff, so many people can take part in the event as volunteers.

In addition, a Niihama Newsletter in English called *What's New?* is published monthly by our organization to keep you up to date on activities and programs available in our city, as well as other important information. This newsletter is free and is available at various places around Niihama such as the City Office lobby, Women's Plaza 1F, the City Library, and English language schools.

