FAQ for Shinjuku City Japanese-Language Classes

Q: I want to know the availability of classes, please.

A: Due to the fluid nature of these classes, we are unable to provide an answer right now. If you wish to enter the class, please submit an application form.

Q: I would like to observe the class.

A: It is not possible to observe classes, sorry.

Q: I submitted my application but have not received a response.

A: If you do not receive a reply within one week, please contact the office. For those who plan to participate for the first time, please refer to the "Q. I would like to participate from next term. When can I apply?"

Q: I want to participate with my friends.

Q: We will contact each student one by one based on classroom availability and the application form you submitted.

Q: Can I join even in the middle of the term?

Q: **In principle, the last day to enter the class is the beginning of the 3rd week of June for the 1st term, the 3rd week of November for the 2nd term, and the 3rd week of February for the 3rd term.**

Q: I would like to participate from next term. When can I apply?

A: Applications for the 1st term will be accepted after March 15th, 2nd term applications will be accepted after July 15th, and 3rd term applications will be accepted after December 15th. Regarding new admissions from the next term, we will notify you in sequence by March 31st for the first term, July 31st for the second term, and December 28th for the third term. Please note that classes begin after the 7th of each term's starting month (April, September, January) and end after the 10th of each term's ending month (July, December, March).

Q: I received contact from the office, but I would like to change to another class.

A: We will cancel your registration, re-register you for the changed class, and notify you accordingly. Preferential treatment will not be given to secure your registration in the original class or getting into the new class.

Q: I have been notified that I am on a waiting list, but when can I join?

A: We are unable to provide a specific answer right now. As soon as space becomes available, priority will be given to those who live in Shinjuku City. Unfortunately, participation is not guaranteed.

Q: I submitted my application, but was unable to participate because I was on the waiting list. Can I participate from next term?

A: The expiration date of the application form is the 3rd week of June for the 1st term, the 3rd week of November for the 2nd term, and the 3rd week of February for the 3rd term. (This is the same as the last admission date for each term.) If you are unable to enroll by the expiration date and wish to participate from the next term, please resubmit the application form. Applications for the 1st term will be accepted after March 15th, applications for the 2nd term will be accepted after July 15th, and applications for the 3rd term will be accepted after December 15th.

Q: How do I pay the fee?

A: We will inform you as soon as you enter our class.

Q: I would like to continue attending the same class next term.

A: Those who are subject to termination will not be able to continue participating. Volunteers will notify those eligible for termination at the beginning of the term. For those who are not eligible for termination, please apply for the next term to the volunteers in the classroom at the end of the term. If you continue to participate in the same class, there is no need to resubmit the application form. If you wish to study in a different class, please resubmit an application form. In this case, you will need to cancel your registration for the previous class and re-register for the new class. Preferential treatment will not be given to secure your registration in the original class or getting into the new class.

Q: I attended a class before, and I would like to study again.

A: If you are not eligible for termination, please resubmit an application form.

Q: I would like to be introduced to other Japanese language class.

A: Although we cannot introduce you to them, please try searching for Nihongo Hiroba (Shinjuku City), Tokyo Nihongo Kyoshitsu Site (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation "TSUNAGARI"), Tokyo Nihongo Volunteer Network (TNVN), and so on as these are recommended.

Q. Do I need to bring anything?

A. There are no specific items required.

Q. Which text are your teachers using?

A. The secretariat has not specified text for the volunteer teachers.

Q. How do the students learn?

A. Basically, it is a study group where several learners participate with one volunteer. New learners can join from the first day of the term, and others joining later can study in the class accordingly.

Q. I want to learn grammar, sentence structure, reading, and writing.

A. SJC focuses on listening and speaking, aiming to support people living in Shinjuku to communicate smoothly in Japanese within the community. Those who wish to receive support for reading and writing should consider attending other schools.

Q. Are there any people in the secretariat or classrooms who can speak foreign languages, such as English or Chinese?

A. Basically, there are not any. Communication is carried only in Japanese language. If you need assistance, please use application or another AI tool.

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