

## Japanese Language Classes in Meguro City

If you are to learn Japanese from scratch, or to brush up your communication skills in Japanese, please be aware that there are nine Japanese language classes run by volunteer-based organizations in Meguro. And they all are the registered members of Meguro International Friendship Association (MIFA).

You could either choose a class from time and location that are good for you, or what your objective of learning Japanese is. Here is a list of those classes with brief description for your reference:



### 1. International Communication Network Komaba Japanese Language Class

Small group lessons meant for int'l students residing in Todai lodge or TiTech dorm

Email: midorino@nifty.com

### 2. Aruku-kai

Small group lessons by the certified teachers

<http://aruku-kai.jimdo.com>

Email: arukukai\_nihongo@yahoo.co.jp

### 3. Japanese Conversation Salon by MIFA DAY TIME / NIGHT TIME

Person-to-person conversation to support non-Japanese residents

<http://www.mifa.jp>

Email: info@mifa.jp

### 4. Japanese Language Group "DONGURI"

Person-to-person lessons open to student's request

<https://sites.google.com/site/megurodonguri/home>

Email: dongurinewentry@googlegroups.com

### 5. Japanese Language Group "CRAYONS"

Children allowed

Person-to-person or small group lessons and cultural events

<http://www006.upp.so-net.ne.jp/crayons/>

Email: nihongo\_crayons@yahoo.co.jp

### 6. Meguro UNESCO Japanese Class

Group lessons organized three terms a year for different fluency levels

<http://www.unesco.or.jp/meguro/>

Email: meguro@unesco.or.jp

Tel & Fax:

03-5430-5952 (Fujisaki), 03-3717-7418 (Yoshitake)

### 7. "Let's Speak Japanese"

Small group lessons and cultural events

<http://speak-jp.jugem.jp/>

Email: nihongonet.meguro@gmail.com

### 8. Midorigaoka Japanese Chat

Person-to-person conversation and cultural events

<http://midorigaoka-chat.jimdo.com/>

Email: nanaosy385@yahoo.co.jp

The details of each class can be found in MIFA's Web site:



<http://www.mifa.jp/mifa2/nihongo2/nihongo2.htm>



## St. Valentine's Day in Japan

Nowadays there are no ones who don't know about St.Valentine's Day on the February 14th. In Japan, it's said that women will confess their feelings to the person they like with chocolates.

The chocolate presented with such feeling is called *Honmei choco* and men look forward to them.

In Japan we also have the custom which women give chocolates to those who have always been helpful to them. For example *Giri choco* to male friends, *Tomo choco* to female friends, *Sewa choco* to all of those who have been very helpful. Men might be nervous about what kind of chocolate they would receive, however every chocolate is full of gratitude, so please accept the chocolate regardless of its type and appreciate it.

Perhaps it is a good opportunity for women to give their thanks to someone whom they're in debt with. February could be defined as the coldest month of the year and it is wonderful for everyone to be able to feel the warmth thanks to the chocolates which are filled with gratitude.

