Welcome to our Introduction to Elementary Japanese Class

Welcome to our JPNS 101! I'm your course coordinator and also the director of Japanese Studies, Mari Fujimoto. This course is designed for the Queens College students with NO previous Japanese exposure, that is, if you have taken any Japanese classes before, this is not a right class for you.

This course will introduce students to the basics of modern Japanese. While emphasis will be on the spoken language, students will learn ひらがな (hiragana), カタカナ (katakana) and 漢字 (Kanji) as well. The goal is to cover the first four chapters of the textbook in the first semester (JPNS 101) and the next four chapter in the second semester (JPNS 102).

Our class organization
Our Japanese classes meet four times a week for 50 minutes. The lecture is conducted in a combination of English and Japanese once a week to let you know the new grammatical expressions that you will learn in that particular week and upcoming quiz and events. The other three hours are conducted completely in Japanese and you are expected not to use English at all during those classes. I know the first few classes can be frustrating and maybe intimidating but don’t be discouraged; it is completely normal! We designed the class this way so that we can simulate naturalistic environment, i.e., if you were in Japan and took a Japanese class, it will be this way. The instructor will be speaking to you only in Japanese and you will be very lost in the beginning but slowly you will start to pick up some clues to what's going on. My goal for this class as your instructor is for you to be able to be navigate around Japan, using Japanese and enjoy the culture and people when you visit Japan in the future. In order to make that happen, sometimes the instructors will correct your pronunciation and ask you to repeat for a few times. We do this because we want you to sound natural, not like Gaijin. We really want you to be able to speak Japanese like a real Japanese one day! So, relax and go with the flow.

Daily schedule on the web
Our daily schedule is one the web. Please go to ttp://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/~mfujimoto/JPN101/ regularly to check our daily class schedule and homework assignments. Also, please read the syllabus that you've received in the first meeting once more and ask me if there's any questions.

The first classes
We will begin the classes speaking only Japanese. We will cover greetings, naming things in the classroom and some common phrases we use in the class. The most important thing during the first classes is for you to get used to Japanese sounds. I will introduce expression and phrases without explanation because at this point, the grammar is not that important. Don't
worry about little things. Just follow the instructor’s lead and have a fun. But just in case, if you’d like to know what’s been covered in the first classes, here is the note for you to review.

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Conversation

いったください
Please say it/ please repeat after me
もうちど歩いてください
Please say it one more time
ゆっくり歩いてください
Please say it slowly
おおきに歩いてください
Please say it loudly
ちいさいこえで歩いてください
Please say it quietly

これ 何 ですか
What is this?
それは 何 ですか
What is that?
あれは 何 ですか
What is that over there (far from both speaker and hearer)?
これは 本 です。
This is a book.
これは 日本語 で 何 と言いますか
What do you say this in Japanese?

Expressions

はい / いいえ
Yes/ No
しつれいします
Excuse me.
おはようございます
Good morning.
こんにちは
Good day. Hello.
こんにちは
Good evening.
こんばんは
Good bye.
おやすみ (なさい)
Good night.
じゃあまた
See you again.
あのう...
(Hesitation) …well/um…
すみません
Excuse me.

Vocabularies: Classroom items

せんせい
Professor, teacher, doctor
先生
がくせい
Student
学生
つくえ
Desk
いす
Chair
ほん
Book
本
えんぴつ
Pencil
铅笔
ペン
ノート
マーカー
ホワイトボード
かばん
バックパック
バッグ
アイパッド
アイフォン
スマートフォン（スマホ）
携帯（電話）
コンピューター
プロジェクター
モニター
ドア
窓
コーヒー
スニーカー
ジャケット
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