

# Toyota Language Center

## 2012 SPRING LEARN TO READ HIRAGANA AND KATAKANA

These mini-workshops offer the *beginning student* of Japanese the opportunity to master quickly and efficiently the reading of the two Japanese syllabaries, hiragana and katakana. It is these two writing systems, in combination with the more complex kanji (ideograms which represent meaning), which constitute the written Japanese language.

Hiragana was developed from the cursive style of kanji in the beginning of the Heian era. Its function is to represent sound rather than meaning, and it is used to write native Japanese words as well as verb inflections, adjectival endings, etc.

Katakana was developed in the Nara period by either simplifying the kanji imported from China or by squaring off its cursive style. It is used to represent foreign names and words imported into the Japanese language, for onomatopoeic and mimetic words, certain slang expressions, telegrams, technical terms, and so forth.

The hiragana and katakana workshops are taught by **Ms. Yuko Aizawa**, who has taught at the Sendagaya Japanese Institute in Tokyo, Japan and at the Royal Hawaiian Academy in the United States. She has been an instructor at the Toyota Language Center since 1994.

Hiragana Workshop:	Wednesday, January 25	6:00-8:00pm
Katakana Workshop:	Thursday, January 26	6:00-8:00pm

### -----REGISTRATION INFORMATION-----

1. Tuition: Mini-Workshops (each workshop): \$35, Japan Society members \$28
2. With a credit card, you may register either by fax: (212) 715-1279, or by phone: (212) 715-1256 or 715-1293.
3. Class size is limited to 20 students. Acceptance will be acknowledged by mail.
4. **Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable for any reason after 12pm, Tuesday, January 24, 2012.**  
Please note that cancellations are accepted by phone or in person only. Cancellations via e-mail *are not* accepted.

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**I wish to enroll in the:**

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Please return this registration form with full payment. Checks should be made payable to **Japan Society** and sent to: **Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, Attention: Toyota Language Center.**

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***2012 Spring Japanese Classes***  
***January 30– April 9***  
***Registration begins December 12, 2011***

Twelve levels of Japanese, from beginning to advanced, emphasize conversation, listening, reading, and writing. Three kanji courses and an advanced reading course are also offered. Lunchtime, afternoon and evening classes are available for a total of either 18.5 or 37 hours. All teachers are native Japanese with extensive teaching experience in both the United States and Japan.

TUITION: 18.5-hour course: MEMBERS \$250\*, NONMEMBERS \$290.  
37-hour course: MEMBERS \$440\*, NONMEMBERS \$490.

\* If you are interested in becoming a Japan Society Individual member, please let us know at the registration for the language class. We can register both for the membership and for the language class at the same time.

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