

Toyota Language Center

2017 SPRING LEARN TO READ HIRAGANA AND KATAKANA

These mini-workshops offer the *beginning student* of Japanese the opportunity to quickly and efficiently master 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 (794 – 1192). 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 (710 – 794) 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	6:00-8:00 pm
Katakana Workshop:	Thursday, January 26	6:00-8:00 pm

-----REGISTRATION INFORMATION-----

1. Tuition: Mini-Workshops (each workshop): nonmembers \$37, Japan Society members \$30
2. Credit card, check, or cash payment is accepted. **Registration may be completed online with a credit card at www.japansociety.org/language_center.** Alternatively, credit card payment may be made by calling (212) 715-1293. If you would like to pay with a check, please make it payable to Japan Society Inc., and send with this form to Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, attn: Toyota Language Center.
3. Class size is limited to 20 students. Acceptance will be acknowledged by email, phone or mail.
4. **Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable (including for credit) for any reason after 12pm noon, the business day before your class starts.** All refunds are subject to a \$5 service charge, including those requested by the deadline date. No partial registration or auditing is permitted. Please note that cancellations are accepted by phone or in person only. Cancellations via e-mail *are not* accepted.

By registering for a course, you accept and agree to the above terms of the cancellation policy.

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or

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Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ (Name) _____ (Home Telephone)

_____ (Address) _____ (Work Telephone)

_____ (City, State, Zip Code) _____ (E-mail Address)

_____ (Membership Number or Corporate Member Name)

I wish to enroll in the:

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

Please charge \$ _____ to my ___VISA ___MasterCard ___American Express.

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Student Signature: _____

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Spring Japanese Courses

January 30 – April 10

Thirteen levels of Japanese, from beginning to advanced, emphasize conversation, listening, reading, and writing. Afternoon and evening classes are available. All teachers are native Japanese with extensive teaching experience.

TUITION: 10-class course: Members \$260, Nonmembers \$300

20-class course: Members \$450, Nonmembers \$500

Spring Intensive Japanese Weekend Courses

March 18, 19, 25 & 26, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

These concentrated courses are designed to teach beginners (levels 1-3) basic conversational skills. They will be useful to people with traveling or schedule conflicts, or for people who are planning to travel or move to Japan.

TUITION: Members \$270, Nonmembers \$310

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