

Language Center

2020 FALL JAPANESE COURSES

Please Note: These courses will be conducted online via Zoom, and is a temporary substitute for our in-person courses due to COVID-19. To participate fully, you will need access to a device with internet, microphone, and camera (such as a laptop, smartphone, or tablet). Further instructions will be emailed to you the business day before your class begins. Please note that all times listed are New York time (ET/UTC-04:00).

JAPANESE LEVEL 1 (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets *once* a week, covers level 1)
The course is designed to introduce elementary Japanese to students with no previous background in the language. Basic vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures will be taught in *romaji* (Japanese written phonetically in the Roman alphabet) so students can carry on a simple conversation. *Hiragana* and some introductory *kanji* will be introduced.

***NEW* Text:** *Genki I, 3rd Edition* (Ch. 1-3)

JAPANESE 1-A Instructor: *Mori*
Mondays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 10/12), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-B Instructor: *Kitaura*
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-C Instructor: *Nakazawa*
Wednesdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 1-D Instructor: *Yamaguchi*
Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

SPECIAL BEGINNER CLASS: ANIME

Structured for fans of Japanese animation, this course will use various popular anime as a medium to introduce students to basic vocabulary, elementary conversation, and simple sentence structures. **No textbook required.**

CASUAL JAPANESE WITH ANIME Instructor: *Aizawa*
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 1&2 (for beginning students with no background in Japanese, meets *twice* a week, covers levels 1 & 2)
This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 1, and is designed to introduce elementary Japanese to students with no previous background in the language. Basic vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures will be taught in *romaji* (Japanese written phonetically in the Roman alphabet) so students can carry on a simple conversation. *Hiragana*, *katakana* and *kanji* will be introduced. **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 1 – 5)

JAPANESE 1&2-E Instructor: *Nakamura*
Wednesdays & Fridays, 9/23 – 12/4 (no class 11/25, 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 1&2-F Instructor: *Yamaguchi*
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9/22 – 12/3 (no class 11/3, 11/26), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 1&2-G Instructor: *TBD*
Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/21 – 12/2 (no class 10/12, 11/25), 4:00-5:50 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 2 (Prerequisite: Japanese 1 or equivalent; recognition of hiragana is expected.)
Students will continue to actively participate in the process of acquiring beginners' level language skills in basic Japanese. *Katakana* and more *kanji* will be introduced. **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 4 & 5).

JAPANESE 2-A Instructor: *Mori*
Wednesdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 2-B Instructor: *Mori*
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 3 (Prerequisite: Japanese 2 or equivalent, recognition of *hiragana* and some *katakana* is expected)

This course will focus on the introduction and use of the *te* and *nai* forms of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary. **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 6 & 7)

JAPANESE 3-A Instructor: *Nakanishi*
Wednesdays, 9/23-12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 3-B Instructor: *Kitaura*
Wednesdays, 9/23-12/2 (no class 11/25), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 3-C Instructor: *Mori*
Fridays, 9/25-12/4 (no class 11/27), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 3&4 (Prerequisite: Japanese 2 or equivalent, recognition of *hiragana* and some *katakana* is expected)

This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 3, and will focus on the introduction and use of the *te* and *nai* forms of verbs, and students will continue to build upon their conversational skills and vocabulary. Students will practice the informal speech style in the present and past tenses. The *ta* form will be introduced, and students will learn to modify nouns with verbs, as well as practice phrases using *to omoimasu* (“I think”) and *to iimasu* (“he/she says”). **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 6 – 9)

JAPANESE 3&4-D Instructor: *Nakanishi*
Mondays & Thursdays, 9/21-12/3 (no class 10/12, 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 3&4-E Instructor: *Nakanishi*
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9/22-12/3 (no class 11/3, 11/26), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 3&4-F Instructor: *Nakamura*
Tuesdays & Fridays, 9/22-12/4 (no class 11/3, 11/27), 4:00-5:50 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 4 (Prerequisite: Japanese 3 or equivalent)

Students will practice the informal speech style in the present and past tenses, and will learn the *nai* form of verbs. The *ta* form will be introduced, and students will learn to modify nouns with verbs, as well as practice phrases using *to omoimasu* (“I think”) and *to iimasu* (“he/she says”). **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 8 & 9)

JAPANESE 4-A Instructor: *Nakazawa*
Thursdays, 9/24-12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 4-B Instructor: *Kitaura*
Fridays, 9/25-12/4 (no class 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 4-C Instructor: *Shio*
Fridays, 9/25-12/4 (no class 11/27), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 5 (Prerequisite: Japanese 4 or equivalent)

Students will learn various usages of the *ta* form, and comparative sentence patterns will be introduced. **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Ch. 10 & 11)

JAPANESE 5-A Instructor: *Nakazawa*
Tuesdays, 9/22-12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 5-B Instructor: *Nakanishi*
Fridays, 9/25-12/4 (no class 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 5&6 (Prerequisite: Japanese 4 or equivalent)

This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 5. Students will learn various usages of the *ta* form, and comparative sentence patterns will be introduced. Students will learn how to use various modifying clauses to create complex sentences. **Text:** *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 10 – 12), *Genki II, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 13 & 14)

JAPANESE 5&6-C Instructor: *Shio*
Mondays & Thursdays, 9/21-12/3 (no class 10/12, 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (20 lessons)

JAPANESE 5&6-DInstructor: *Nakanishi*Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/21-12/2 (no class 10/12, 11/25), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)**JAPANESE 5&6-E**Instructor: *Mori*Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/21-12/2 (no class 10/12, 11/25), 4:00-5:50 pm (20 lessons)**SPECIAL INTERMEDIATE CLASS: ANIME** (Prerequisite: Japanese 5 or equivalent)

While introducing fundamental grammar, this class will look at the spoken expressions, vocabulary, slang, and onomatopoeia that commonly appear in anime. There will also be simple discussions about the story. This course is recommended for student considering Levels 6-9. Selected anime for this semester: TBA **No textbook required.**

INTERMEDIATE JAPANESE WITH ANIMEInstructor: *Aizawa*Fridays, 9/25 – 12/4 (no class 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)**JAPANESE LEVEL 6** (Prerequisite: Japanese 5 or equivalent)

Students will learn how to use various modifying clauses to create complex sentences. Recognition of 100 *kanji* is expected.

Text: *Genki I, 2nd Edition* (Chapter 12) (purchase of *Genki I* textbook not required), *Genki II, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 13 & 14)

JAPANESE 6-AInstructor: *Aizawa*Tuesdays, 9/22-12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)**JAPANESE 6-B**Instructor: *Mori*Fridays, 9/25-12/4 (no class 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)**JAPANESE LEVEL 7** (Prerequisite: Japanese 6 or equivalent)

Students will be introduced to the volitional form, and will learn to describe the giving and receiving of services (instead of goods). The structure for reporting hearsay (*sou desu*) will be practiced. The *tara* variation of conditional sentence structures will be taught. **Text:** *Genki II, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 15, 16 & 17)

JAPANESE 7-AInstructor: *Nakazawa*Mondays, 9/21-11/30 (no class 10/12), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)**JAPANESE 7-B**Instructor: *Kurahara*Fridays, 9/25-12/4 (no class 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)**JAPANESE LEVEL 7&8** (Prerequisite: Japanese 6 or equivalent)

This course progresses twice as quickly as Level 7. Students will be introduced to the volitional form, and will learn to describe the giving and receiving of services (instead of goods). The structure for reporting hearsay (*sou desu*) will be practiced. The *tara* variation of conditional sentence structures will be taught. Transitive and intransitive verbs will be compared extensively, and honorific verbs will be introduced. *Hazudesu* (supposed to be the case) will be taught. Students will practice “extra-modest expressions” followed by “humble expressions.” Students will also study how to include a question as a part of a longer sentence such as “Do you know when David will go to Japan?” **Text:** *Genki II, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 15 – 20)

JAPANESE 7&8-CInstructor: *Kitaura*Mondays & Thursdays, 9/21-12/3 (no class 10/12, 11/26), 12:00-1:50 pm (20 lessons)**JAPANESE LEVEL 8** (Prerequisite: Japanese 7 or equivalent)

Transitive and intransitive verbs will be compared extensively, and honorific verbs will be introduced. *Hazudesu* (supposed to be the case) will be taught. Students will practice “extra-modest expressions” followed by “humble expressions.” Students will also study how to include a question as a part of a longer sentence such as “Do you know when David will go to Japan?” **Text:** *Genki II, 2nd Edition* (Chapters 18, 19 & 20)

JAPANESE 8-AInstructor: *Nakanishi*Tuesdays, 9/22-12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)**JAPANESE 8-B**Instructor: *Nakazawa*Wednesdays, 9/23-12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 9 (Prerequisite: Japanese 8 or equivalent)

This is the last level in which students learn essential grammar. Students will learn passive and causative sentence patterns along with other expressions such as *ba*, *noni* and *temo* to achieve more effective communication skills. **Text:** *Genki II, 2nd Edition* (Ch. 21, 22 & 23)

JAPANESE 9-A Instructor: *Takeda*
Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 9-B Instructor: *Shio*
Wednesdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 9-C Instructor: *Kitaura*
Fridays, 9/25 – 12/4 (no class 11/27), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

-----PLEASE NOTE: Courses above Level 9 and JLPT & Kanji courses are designed to be taken repeatedly. -----
Enrollment in a JLPT or kanji course is recommended for students at these levels.

GRAND REVIEW (Prerequisite: Japanese 9 or equivalent)

Essential grammar and sentence patterns learned in previous levels will be reviewed and practiced through conversation.
No textbook required.

GRAND REVIEW-A: Conversation Instructor: *Nakazawa*
Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

GRAND REVIEW-B: Conversation Instructor: *Nakazawa*
Mondays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 10/12), 4:00-5:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 10 (Prerequisite: level 9 or equivalent)

This class follows level 9 in the progression from the *Genki II* textbook, continuing a formal study of Japanese grammar. More advanced grammar, vocabulary and kanji will be introduced over several semesters (part 1 - 4: **can be taken in any order**). A particular emphasis will be placed on speaking practice. This course is designed to provide students with the necessary tools to move up to Level 11. **Text:** *An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (Revised Edition)*, (**Part 3: Lessons 9-12**)
Optional Text: *An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese Workbook (Revised Edition)*

JAPANESE 10-A (Part 3) Instructor: *Nakamura*
Mondays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 10/12), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-B (Part 3) Instructor: *Nakamura*
Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-C (Part 3) Instructor: *Kurahara*
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-D (Part 3) Instructor: *Kurahara*
Fridays, 9/25 – 12/4 (no class 11/27), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-E (Part 3) Instructor: *Aizawa*
Mondays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 10/12), 4:00 – 5:50 pm (10 lessons)

SPECIAL CLASS: JAPANESE LEVEL 10

This class will reveal current Japanese society and language by exploring only the latest news in Japan every week. Students will first read articles written in simpler Japanese and actively discuss them. Having understood the basic concept, students will then take the challenge of reading the original articles written with sophisticated vocabulary and grammar for native-speaking audience. There will also be listening exercises through video and audio clips. **No textbook required.**

This class is ideal if you want to reinforce any of the following skills:

- Reading comprehension
- Vocabulary building (including very advanced-level words)
- Kanji building and refresher
- Listening comprehension

- Discussion skill
- Learning about Japanese society

JAPANESE 10-F: Japan Right Now Instructor: *Kurahara*
Wednesdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 10-G: Japan Right Now Instructor: *Kurahara*
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), *12:10-2:00 pm* (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 11 (Prerequisite: minimum of three semesters of Japanese 10 or equivalent)

Students will use real-life sources, somewhat modified, to continue to increase their knowledge of current written and spoken Japanese. Vocabulary and common expressions will be emphasized. Students will study and discuss Japanese culture at a deeper level. Recognition of 500 *kanji* is expected. **No textbook required.**

JAPANESE 11-A: Culture + Current Topics Instructor: *Aizawa*
Wednesdays, 9/23 – 12/2 (no class 11/25), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 11-B: Culture + Current Topics Instructor: *Hama*
Fridays, 9/25 – 12/4 (no class 11/27), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

SPECIAL CLASS: JAPANESE LEVEL 11

Students will read a few short stories each week and discuss the themes, character motivation, and hidden meanings. There will be a *Rodoku* (staged reading) exercise, which provides a special training on fluency and pronunciation. This course is an excellent opportunity to increase vocabulary in an enjoyable way. Students will be able to access to the material and prepare in advance.

JAPANESE 11-C: Short Stories Instructor: *Kurahara*
Mondays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 10/12), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 12 (Prerequisite: Japanese 11 or equivalent)

Students will watch episodes of a Japanese TV series and actively discuss the themes, language nuances, and specific cultural references. Non-traditional aspects such as slang and regionalisms will be analyzed in detail. **No textbook required.**

JAPANESE 12-A: J-Drama Instructor: *Kurahara*
Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE 12-B: J-Drama Instructor: *Kurahara*
Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 12:00-1:50 pm (10 lessons)

JAPANESE LEVEL 13 (Prerequisite: at least five years of Japanese)

The highest level for conversation and reading. There will be extended discussions about current events from TV programs and articles to increase knowledge of useful advanced vocabulary for oral communication. Movies and dramas will be used to learn current expressions and idioms. Students should recognize at least 1,200 *kanji*. **No textbook required.**

JAPANESE 13-A: Culture + Current Topics Instructor: *Aizawa*
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JLPT COURSES

JLPT N4 (Prerequisite: Japanese 8 or equivalent) Instructor: *Hama*
 This course will prepare students for the elementary (N4) level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, which is the standard certification exam administered by the Japanese Ministry of Education. This exam encompasses simple day-to-day vocabulary, as well as hiragana, katakana, and basic kanji. **No textbook required.**
Thursdays, 9/24 – 12/3 (no class 11/26), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JLPT N3 (Prerequisite: Japanese 9 or equivalent) Instructor: *Hama*

This course will prepare students for the intermediate (N3) level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, which is the standard certification exam administered by the Japanese Ministry of Education. This level requires students to comprehend a higher level of written material than the N4 and N5 exams, as well as everyday conversations spoken at near-natural speed. **No textbook required.**

Tuesdays, 9/22 – 12/1 (no class 11/3), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JLPT N2 (Prerequisite: Japanese 11 or equivalent)

Instructor: **Aizawa**

This course will prepare students for the upper-intermediate (N2) level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, which is the standard certification exam administered by the Japanese Ministry of Education. This level requires a more complex and nuanced understanding of written materials such as newspaper and magazine articles, as well as more advanced spoken materials such as more specific conversations and news reports. **No textbook required.**

Mondays, 9/21 – 11/30 (no class 10/12), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

JLPT N1 (Prerequisite: Japanese 12 or equivalent)

Instructor: **Kakutani**

This course will prepare students for the uppermost, advanced (N1) level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, which is the standard certification exam administered by the Japanese Ministry of Education. This level requires a deep understanding of written and spoken content that is abstract or logically complex. Spoken material is presented at natural speed. **No textbook required.**

Fridays, 9/25 – 12/4 (no class 11/27), 6:30-8:20 pm (10 lessons)

REGISTRATION

Important Note: Classes fill up quickly! Please register early to ensure enrollment in your first choice of class.

NEW THIS SEMESTER:

We highly recommend that you register online, if possible.

To enroll in two once-a week courses (total of 20 lessons) at the combined discount, please call (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293.

Students with credit: please also call the office at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293.

To purchase or renew a membership, please visit www.japansociety.org/become_a_member. At the moment we cannot process a membership with your tuition payment.

- Tuition:

	<u>Early Registration Discount: now through Mon., Aug. 31, 2020</u>	
Japan Society members:	\$270 (10 lessons)	\$460 (20 lessons)
Non-members:	\$310 (10 lessons)	\$520 (20 lessons)

	<u>Regular Tuition: starting Tues., Sept. 1, 2020</u>	
Japan Society members:	\$280 (10 lessons)	\$470 (20 lessons)
Non-members:	\$320 (10 lessons)	\$540 (20 lessons)
- Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable for any reason (including for credit) after 12 pm, the business day before your class starts.** All refunds are subject to a \$20 service charge, including those requested by the deadline date. No partial registration or auditing is permitted. Please note that cancellations are accepted by phone only. Cancellations via e-mail *are not* accepted.
- Japan Society reserves the right to cancel any course if sufficient enrollment is not obtained. In such a case, students already enrolled will receive full refunds.
- New Language Center students with no previous background in Japanese should enroll in a Level 1 course. Students with some background should refer to the [Level Guide](#) (at www.japansociety.org/language) or course textbooks to determine the most appropriate class. There is no placement exam.
- For more information, please email us at language@japansociety.org, or call at **(212) 715-1269**. Please note that while we are working remotely, we may not always be reachable by phone. At the moment,

registration is only accepted through online (recommended) or by phone, and we are only taking payment in the form of credit or debit cards (no checks or cash). Acceptance will be acknowledged by email, or letter if an email address is not provided.

6. The following textbooks are required. **Until further notice, textbooks are not available for purchase at the Language Center.** Please purchase your book from an online vendor.

Level 1:

NEW *GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese)* 3rd Edition published by The Japan Times
ISBN: 978-4789017305

Levels 1&2 - 5:

GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 2nd Edition published by The Japan Times
ISBN: 978-4789014403

Levels 6 - 9:

GENKI II (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 2nd Edition published by The Japan Times
ISBN: 978-4789014434

Level 10 (Part 3):

An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese (Revised Edition) published by The Japan Times
ISBN: 978-4789013079

Instructors: *All of Japan Society's instructors are native Japanese.*

Ms. Yuko Aizawa 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 Language Center since 1994.

Ms. Keiko Hama has taught Japanese in Germany and the United States for over ten years. She received her master's degree in Japanese Sociology and Linguistics at the University of Heidelberg. Since then, she has been an interpreter, translator and Japanese teacher in the private and public sectors.

Ms. Yumiko Kakutani has a BA in French Literature from Keio University in Tokyo and is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has taught privately in the United States for a number of years (including JLPT and SAT II students).

Ms. Momoyo Kitaura has a BA from Tokyo Woman's Christian University. She is a certified Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) tester for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). She passed the Japanese Language Teaching Competency test and has over 15 years of experience working at a Japanese language school in Japan. She's also a co-researcher of the National Institute of Language and Linguistics.

Ms. Kazue Kurahara holds a BA from Hunter College and an MA in Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language and TESOL from NYU. She holds teaching certificates in both Japanese and ESL. She has taught Japanese at various institutions, including New York University, Hunter College, Pace University, and The New School. She is currently hosting Japan Society's YouTube series "Uki Uki NihonGO! + Culture".

Ms. Yumi Mori has a bachelor's degree in Law from Sophia University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has taught privately in the United States for a number of years.

Ms. Mari Nakamura has an MA in Linguistics from The Ohio State University and has taught Japanese for 25 years at universities including Harvard, Indiana University, and the University of Maryland. She has also taught at several Fortune 500 Corporations.

Ms. Mami Nakanishi has a BA in Literature from Sophia University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program and has been on Japan Society's teaching staff since the summer of 2010.

Ms. Kazuko Nakazawa has a BA in Japanese Literature from Tokyo Woman's Christian University and is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has taught Japanese privately and in an after-school program in Japan for three years, and privately in the United States for two years. She has been on Japan Society's teaching staff since the summer of 2010.

Ms. Atsuko Shio has a BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Hoshi University in Tokyo. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program.

Mr. Shuichiro Takeda received a BA in English and American Literature from Nanzan University in Nagoya and a BA in Psychology from Hunter College. He also holds a master's degree in Educational Technology from the University of British Columbia in Canada. He contributed to the establishment of a Japanese program for adults at Centre Japonais de Quebec in Quebec City as their first instructor, and continued to teach there until 2015. He currently teaches at Hunter College.

Ms. Yukie Yamaguchi has a BA in Foreign Languages (specializing in English) from Bukkyo University in Kyoto and holds an instructor certification from the World Japanese Centre, Australia. She has been teaching English in Japan and the United States since 1997, most recently at Baruch College, Brooklyn College, and teaching English online.

JOIN US FOR OTHER WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS!

Learn to Read Hiragana: Fri., Aug. 28, 6-8 pm

Learn to Read Katakana: Fri., Sept. 4, 6-8 pm

***NEW* Onomatopoeia:** Thurs., Sep. 10, 6-8 pm

Fundamentals of Kanji: Fri., Sep. 11, 6-8 pm

Teacher Training Open House: Wed., Aug. 19, 11 am – 1 pm

Nihongo Chat: Fri., Aug. 21, 6-7 pm

Japanese Business Etiquette: Sept. 10, 6-8 pm

Crash Course for Travelers to Japan: Fri., Oct. 2, 6-8 pm

Mon., Nov. 2, 6-8 pm