2020 SUMMER  
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 at 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, onomatopoeic and mimetic words, certain slang expressions, telegrams, technical terms, and so forth.

The workshops are taught by Ms. Kazue Kurahara. Ms. Kurahara earned a BA from Hunter College and an MA in Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language from NYU. She holds teaching certifications in both Japanese and English as a Second Language. 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.

Hiragana Workshop: Friday, May 1 6:00-8:00 pm  
Katakana Workshop: Friday, May 8 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. Alternatively, credit card payment may be made by calling (212) 715-1269. If by check, please make checks payable to Japan Society Inc., and send with this form to Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, Attn: Language Center.

3. Class size is limited. Acceptance will be acknowledged by email, phone or mail.

4. Tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable (including for credit) for any reason after 12 pm noon, the business day before your workshop 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.

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