

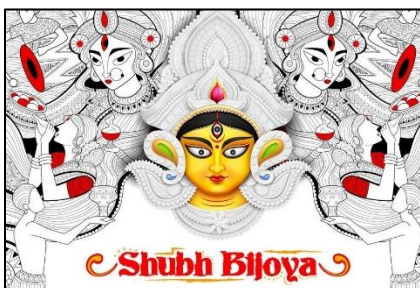
25th Nihongo Quiz



On 9 September 2023, the 25th Nihongo Quiz was organized by NKKS in collaboration with the Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata and The Japan Foundation. This quiz is being conducted for over two decades in Kolkata to support and encourage Japanese language learners in their pursuit of learning a foreign language which is completely different from their own. The quiz, an extremely interesting and anticipated event every

year, begins with a preliminary round, after which students are selected for both the Junior Category and the Senior Category. The selected students then come for the main round, which was held in the Shivananda Hall of Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture (RMIC), Golpark this year. Both the Junior Category and Senior Category participants looked very tensed and many could be seen revising their kanjis and grammar forms in the hall! There were quizzing rounds of vocabulary, kanji, grammar, katakana but the most difficult (and interesting) round was the GK round for questions came from a large variety of topics such as music, literature, cinema, ancient history and so on. Ms. Sumita Murmu, Ms. Nabonita Chakraborty and Ms. Payal Prasad came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively after competing successfully through the Junior Category qualifying and final rounds. Thereafter, the Senior Category quiz began and thus, it was my turn to feel my heart pounding and palms sweating for I was participating there. The questions were quite challenging and I was dreading every round when it was my time to answer to hear the bell ring indicating that my time to think was over; and thinking on the stage in front of so many people and beside such knowledgeable contestants was quite a challenging task. Soon, the two qualifiers were over and the finals began. The vocabulary round took us by surprise because we had to complete kotowaza. Nevertheless, with such intriguing questions, the Senior Category also ended and Mr. Deepak Paswan, Ms. Banhi Sen and Ms. Ayushi Karmakar came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Prizes (including participation gifts) had come all the way from Japan, courtesy of Mr. Pratay Mullick and Mr. Deepro Banerjee, and everyone was very happy to receive such wonderful presents. The 25th Nihongo Quiz only ended with students asking when it would be held in 2024, so that they could study and aim again for the grand positions!

~ Sabarno Sinha



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Meet RAMESH KUMAR PANDEY

KEKKON OMEDETOU GOZAIMASU RAMESH KUMAR PANDEY SAN! He came here to marry and now he is a married man! He went to Japan in 2011 and now lives in Kawaguchi of Saitama prefecture. After his marriage we met at Nigam Sensei's house.

Q: You are engaged in a real estate business in Japan. Please say something about your journey to Japan from Kolkata.

A: I learnt Japanese in Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark from 2008 till 2011 under Ruma Sensei and Nigam Sensei. Then I went to Ichikawa, Japan for continuing my Japanese language study and then started working as well. In 2018, I got permanent residency. I was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Ruma Sensei. She was a great person.

Q: Why did you start to learn Japanese language?

A: Actually my second elder brother was a tour guide and many Japanese tourists used to come to our house. I got interested, and upon the advice of my elder brother I began learning Japanese language. One of the tourists advised me to go to Japan for studying Japanese language.

Q: After completing the study you started to work in a company?

A: When I got work visa I got a job in 2018 but soon I left. Then I opened a restaurant in Japan!

Q: Sugoi! Opening a restaurant in Japan! We have heard that the name of your restaurant in Japan was RAJ -DURBAR! Why this name?

A: In Kolkata we have a family owned restaurant business of the name RAJ -DURBAR. So when I had a chance to open my own restaurant I kept the same name for a tribute to my family business.

Q: You quit your job in 2019 and you started your restaurant in 2021 but now you are in real estate business. What about your restaurant?

A: After Covid 19 there was a great change of people's food habit and the restaurant was not doing well. So one day I decided to close it and rented my restaurant to other people. Then a Japanese friend advised me to engage in real estate business with him. I feel real pleasure when I can help people in their need. Sometimes common people are exploited and harassed by some unscrupulous people and I try to help them according to the laws of Japan.

Q: The name of your real estate concern is Real Dimension and you are also a legal adviser of the Governor of Chiba prefecture. That is great! You are also Secretary of Bengali Indian Community of Japan which is an NPO. Please tell us about some activities of this organisation.

A: Yes we have Durga Puja celebration in our area in great style and gusto. Gatherings are overwhelming. We have many cultural activities as well. Every year we organise a Blood Donation Camp on 15th August remembering the Indian Independence Day!

Q: Your opinion about Japan and Japanese people.

A: Japanese people are very honest, disciplined and punctual. They are also very very helpful. Prices in Japan are quite high but it is a very good place to live in. You have 24- hour supermarket everywhere and there is definitely a convenient store nearby.

Q: Your advice to Japanese language learning students.

A: It goes without saying that there is no royal road to learning. Also, there is no other way but hard work. And if you think in Japanese language you have to think it directly not by translating from other languages.

~ Alope Basu

JLPT N5 Preparatory Session



On 2nd October 2023, the JLPT Practice Session was conducted by Sumana Dey Sensei, Japanese language teacher at RMIC and Papiya Dasgupta Sensei teaching Japanese at Rabindra Okakura Bhawan. The teachers explained very precisely how to mark answers in OMR sheet and gave all the necessary instructions to the students regarding how to stay calm, read the questions and check their answers properly. The session was focused on vocabulary which was explained by Sumana Sensei and grammar explained by Papiya Sensei. At first there were some confusions amongst the students since it is the very first Japanese proficiency exam they will be sitting for and had little to no idea how it is conducted but the incredible guidance of both Sumana Sensei and Papiya Sensei helped the students to understand and take active part in the session. Nigam Sensei also guided the students by giving valuable insights and Sritiman Barua san and Shreya Bose san helped in presenting the pages of the JLPT question sheet. The 2 hour session ended with the students feeling very content and more confident.

~ Riddhika Chatterjee



19 November 2023 (Sun)

5.00 PM

Bijoya Sammelani
Sarat Samity

26 November 2023 (Sun)

5.00 PM

Online JLPT N5 Orientation
~ by Sumana sensei and Papiya sensei
(registration link will be sent by email)

27th IJSC



The 27th India-Japan Students' Conference took place between 6th to 16th August, 2023. Every edition of the conference is different, where members engage in fruitful discussions for a final presentation at the end where their viewpoints are expressed with a presentation.

The "Sustainable Development Goal" for the 27th India-Japan Students' Conference was "Water and Sanitation" with sub-topics which were further divided into three groups. Water-related disasters, urban and rural problems associated with water and issues concerning water were primarily discussed with various plausible solutions to the problem.

The Indian Museum, Metcalfe Hall, Tram Ride and Victoria Memorial served as primary venues for sightseeing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by each member. The delectable range of Bengali food in K.C Das and Bhoj Company was appreciated by everyone. Homestay commenced from 12th August after the "Final Presentation". The hosts took the Japanese members to their homes for an authentic Indian homestay experience and created several precious memories together.

The visit to residence of Consul General of Japan in Kolkata took place on 14th August. The members interacted with MEXT scholars amidst several others over dinner as Consul General and his wife graced us with their presence. The members rejoiced in their efforts to beat sickness amidst such unpredictable weather and created beautiful, long-lasting memories and friendships.

~ Drishti Shroff

Word Grid

~ Soham Pal

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Find out at least ten **4 letter** Japanese words present in the above grid. You can go vertically, diagonally and horizontally.

Word Grid Solution

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Find the Person

~ Tisyagupta Pyne

Fill in the Blanks to Find Out the Famous Japanese Personality

1. ふゆのとき、ほっかいどうにしろい__きがたくさんあるからきれいですね？
2. きたインドの__ __はたいていやまからきます。そしてそのみずはなつにもつめたいです。
3. あの__わたしたちはデートにいきました。どううびでした。
4. りょうしんはたんじょうびプレゼントにけいたい__んわをくれました。
5. なつで__ものはちょっとたいへんですね。ゆかたはもつといいですよ。

Ans: _____ さん. theoretical physicist to win the Nobel Prize for his prediction of Pi-meson.

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