

27th Nihongo Quiz



The 27th Nihongo Quiz contest was held on 6th September 2025, organized by Nihongo Kaiwa Kyookai Society with support from the Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata and Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture. 34 students from renowned language schools participated in the Quiz contest. This quiz is being conducted for over two decades in Kolkata to support and motivate Japanese language learners in their devotion of learning a foreign language. Amongst them, 23 of them were participants of the junior category and 11 were in the senior category. The Junior category was divided into 3 qualifiers and was hosted by Khushboo Sensei whereas the senior category was hosted by Poonam Sensei. Both the categories consisted four rounds – Vocabulary, Kanji, Grammar and General Knowledge. Only the final round had an additional Katakana round. The participants armed with enviable knowledge of Japanese language and culture amazed us all. It was truly a melting pot of opportunity to gain knowledge for us. The winner of the junior category was Dwijabanti Polley followed by Aniket Bhowal (2nd) and Saheli Mukherjee (3rd). The winner of the Senior category was Aditya Adhikari followed by Dipanwita Das (2nd) and Soham Sankar Mukherjee (3rd). The bag containing prizes and certificates were distributed by our beloved Nigam Sensei and Ms. Shimada of Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata to the winners. The other participants received a certificate with a pen and chopsticks as tokens of appreciation. The 28th Nihongo Quiz only ended with students asking when it would be held in 2026, so that they could study even more to improve their Japanese language proficiency and aim for the grand positions!

~ Gourav Chakraborty

MEET Bapi Howladar



First it was a curiosity and then gradually it becomes a passion! You have to love the language! TEACHING JAPANESE is his passion. NIHONGO GAKKO --- is the name of Japanese language school in CHAKDAH, North 24 PARGANAS run by BAPI HOWLADAR. BAPI says, "I have been teaching Japanese language for 9 years. I have taught many students who are now successful in their respective fields!"

I asked him, "How do you teach?"

BAPI helps his students to build strong communication skill and cultural understanding of Japan. He focuses on building the power of strong speaking, reading and writing skill. He customizes lessons based on each student's goal.

"You have completed bachelor's degree with honors in Zoology from Netaji Subhas Open University! But what prompted you to learn Japanese language?"

Hearing my question he smiled and said, "Actually one of my friends who wanted to go to Japan started to learn Japanese language. He asked me to join him. But I felt an urge to learn more methodically. I got admission in Ramakrishna Mission's Japanese language class. First Uttara Sensei then Ruma Sensei were my teachers! I started to learn Japanese language seriously and eventually became a teacher of this difficult yet so mesmerizing Language!"

I asked him, "Have you ever been to Japan?"

BAPI regularly studies Japanese culture and watches Japanese news. He definitely wants to go to that dreamy enigmatic country if he gets the chance! And he believes that one day he will get that opportunity!

"What is your hobby, BAPI SAN?"

"Hobby?" he exclaimed, "Learning, teaching and fishing! I am always hungry to learn new things, especially related to Japanese language, culture or education! You can say teaching is also my hobby!"

"Any memorable experience?"

BAPI said that he could not remember any particular moment but he thinks his journey as a Japanese language teacher has been rewarding!

I asked, "Any advice to the Japanese language students?"

BAPI said, "Be consistent! Don't be afraid of making mistakes while learning! Language learning takes time and practice! So you have to be patient! Keep learning! Try to enjoy the process! Watch Japanese news, shows and films! Listen to music! Speak daily! Connect with the Japanese culture! The more you enjoy it the faster you'll improve!"

You have to love the language!!

~ Aloke Basu

GOROAWASE # 9

~ Tuneer Chakrabarti

Pronounce a word using the number

2525

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Hint: You're smiling, aren't you?

GOROAWASE

Solution # 8

4 2 8
= shi bu ya

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29th India-Japan Students' Conference



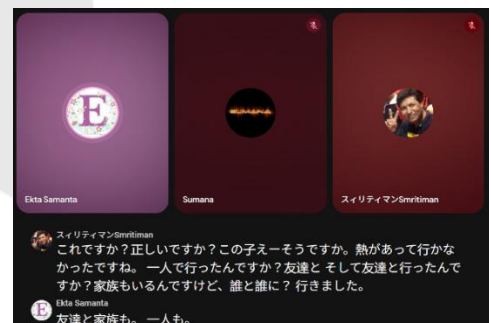
So, what is IJSC about? The simple and common way of explaining it is that it is a 7-day conference that occurs every year where a group of Indian and Japanese students meet and discuss various perspectives of problems faced by the society with fruitful solutions in respect of sustainability. The conference started on 7th August with the Opening Ceremony. In the preparations itself, our communication was so seamless that it felt like we had been friends for years. The bond and the understanding between us soon made us feel like family. The conference consisted of a visit to the Consulate General's residence, Kolkata explorations, group discussion on the topic "Designing Future Society for Our Lives." The discussion was broken into four perspectives: Entertainment, Education, Food and Mobility & Community. We attended a presentation by Banglanatak.com, which laid out the significance of Bengal's culture and how dying traditions can be kept alive through technology. As a conclusion, the we made final presentations and also enjoyed the Sayoonara party. We came to know how to tackle obstacles patiently, how to distribute tasks, and how to lend a helping hand to each other. Above all, I learned how strangers could turn into family, and how the world is waiting for transformation if everyone unites.

~ Soumyojit Chakraborty

My Experience at the NKKS Kaiwa Session

On October 11th, I joined the Kaiwa Session organized by NKKS, where Japanese learners came together online to practice speaking and improve our conversational skills. At first, everyone was in one meeting, but soon we were divided into four groups based on our proficiency levels. I was in the group with Smritiman-san and Ekta-san. We started with a simple jikoshoukai and then decided to perform a short skit.

I played a Japanese tourist visiting Kolkata during Durga Puja, while Ekta-san guided me through the beautiful pandals and celebrations. I couldn't speak very fluently, but I was happy that I could understand most of what she said. Later, Smritiman-san became the tourist, and Ekta-san and I described our own Durga Puja experiences. During our conversation, Sumana-sensei joined to observe and encourage us. After the group meetings ended, everyone returned to the main link to share what we did. Hearing about others' activities was inspiring and fun. Overall, the Kaiwa Session was a great experience. It was friendly, interactive, and motivating. It helped me see where I need to improve, especially in speaking more confidently, and made me even more eager to keep learning Japanese.



~ Aditya Prasad

Riddle

~ Khushboo Agarwal

さわ やぶ
触ることはできないのに、破ることがで
きる。守らないと人が悲しむこともある。
な—んだ？



Riddle Solution

(Sep - Oct 2025)

じかん
時間



15 November 2025 (Sat)
5.00 PM

Bijoya Sammelani

[@Sarat Samity](#)

Further details will be sent by email

28 December 2025 (Sun)

NKKS Picnic

[@Poddar Garden](#)

Departure from RMIC at 7.30am
Further details will be sent by email

Find the Person

~ Tisyagupta Pyne

Fill in the Blanks to Find Out the Famous
Japanese Personality

1. なな__ろびやおき。
2. にほんの__っぽんぎというところにいった
ことがありますか。
3. うちゅうにはちきゅういがいに__いめいが
まだみつかっていません。
4. もうねつがないからし__ぱいしないだね。
5. このクラスの__いとはまじめです。
6. にほんの__なかはうつくしいですね。

Ans: _____. He is
a character from a well known anime.
Known as the best teacher whose
students seek to terminate him.

Find the Person Solution

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おがわ ようこ
小川洋子さん

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