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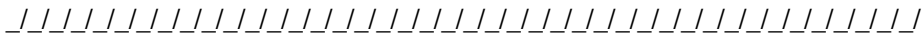
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Living Information

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FAQs Now Available!  
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The i-house will provide a Q & A page that will cover the necessary living information in Osaka. This page will be available in Japanese (with furigana), English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Portuguese. You can also access the website (in Japanese and English only) by mobile phone.

Website : [http : //www.osaka-livinginfo.jp/](http://www.osaka-livinginfo.jp/)

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## Waste & Recycling

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To minimize raw material consumption and to protect our environment, Osaka City will enforce a policy of separation and collection of waste and recycling.

1. All wastes including domestic wastes, recyclable wastes, plastic containers and packaging collection must be disposed by using “See-Through Trash Bags”. If you don’t want anyone to see your waste, wrap up the waste and dispose it with other waste. Please minimize the waste as little as possible.

### 2. Separation & Collection of Waste

#### <Household Waste>

Kitchen trash, waste paper, and others measuring less than 30cm inside or diameter. Sticks or rod-shaped objects measuring less than 1m.

#### <Recyclable Waste>

Cans, bottles, metal house wares or plastic bottles.

#### <Plastic Containers and Packaging>

Product packaging and containers with “Plastic” Mark.

#### <Bulky Waste (charges will apply)>

Household durable consumer goods that exceed 30cm in diameter or stick length items that exceed 1m. You may need to take out bulky waste when moving out or doing major household cleaning. Please call the “Bulky Waste Collection Center” in advance to request collection.

#### <Non-collectable items>

Harmful, flammable or explosive waste.

Inquiry for 1 & 2: Environmental Management Bureau

Tel: 06-6630-3226

3. Newspapers, magazines and cardboard boxes should be disposed on the waste collection day in your local area. If quantity is too big, tie the items and dispose them separately on the household waste collection days.
4. Each ward office and Environment Management Center collect paper-packs, batteries, fluorescent lighting tubes, mercury thermometers, maternity wear, baby clothes and children's clothes. Please note that 13 collection centers in Osaka were closed in March. From April, collection boxes will be set up in supermarkets.

Inquiry for 3 & 4: Environmental Management Bureau

Tel: 06-6630-3259

<http://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/kankyo/index.html>

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#### Event Updates

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The 8<sup>th</sup> Japan-Europe Cultural Exchange Day  
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Each year, European Cultural Centers in Osaka co-organize an event with i-house to promote European and Japanese culture. The topic this year is to introduce a variety of European cultures through a multilingual "Poetry Slam". Slam poets from England, Spain, Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands will conduct a workshop and they will collaborate with Japanese slam poets in the "Poetry Slam". This is a good opportunity to feel the sound and rhythm of each language. We look forward to your participation!

\* Date & Time:                    Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
   13:00 – 16:00 (Workshops), 19:00 – 21:00 (Poetry Slam)

<Workshops>

- \* Venue:                                International House, Osaka
- \* Spaces Available:                80 (in order of application)
- \* Admission:                         Free
- \* How to Apply: Please send a postcard, fax or e-mail with your postal code, address, name, telephone number and number of applicants.
- \* Application Deadline: Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

<Poetry Slam>

- \* Venue: Club Jungle (<http://www.clubjungle.jp/>)
- \* Spaces Available: 200 (in order of application)
- \* Admission: 1,500yen
- \* Tickets available: Information Center, International House, Osaka, Club Jungle and others.

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For further information  
<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/>

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 International Picture Book Readings "AI-AI"  
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"AI-AI" International Picture Book Readings is for children and parents of all nationalities to enjoy. We provide an opportunity to make friends while experiencing different languages and cultures through picture books from all around the world. Not only can you enjoy book readings in various languages, but there are also sing-along and panel theaters.

No need to book, just turn up on the day! It's free, so please come and enjoy some fun reading!

- ★ We are looking for native English, Chinese speaking volunteers for picture book readings. For further information, please see contact details below.  
<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/032/post-9.html>



Japanese Lessons

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 Tanoshii Nihongo Applications Open!  
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This Japanese course is based on textbooks to practice everyday Japanese conversation

necessary for living in Japan. A placement interview is needed to enroll at the class.  
Join us to enjoy studying Japanese!

Classes offered:

<Elementary Class 1 & 2> (Tuesday)

<Elementary Class 3 & 4> (Wednesday)

12 classes in total, once a week

Date: [Tuesday Class]

From May 12<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup> (Every Tuesday)

[Wednesday Class]

From May 13<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> (Every Wednesday)

Time: Each class runs from 19:00 to 20:30

Enrollment limit: Ten students for each class (in order of application)

Placement Interview: Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> or Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

19:00 - 20:30 (10 minutes per person)

\*Appointment necessary.

Tuition: 5,000 yen (includes 12 classes and textbook )

Venue: International House, Osaka

(map: <http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/map/localmap.html>)

Inquiries: Planning and Communications Division.

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For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/010/tanoshinihongo-yomi.html>

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Fureai Salon  
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Enjoy learning Japanese with experienced volunteer teachers!

The initial class is free.

No booking needed. Visit us on the class day!

※ Next registration for the free initial lesson will be on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> by 2pm.

Classes: Classes are usually taught on a one-on-one basis.  
(In some cases you may have a group lesson depending on the number of participants)  
Date & Time: Every Saturday 14:00 - 15:30

Venue: International House, Osaka  
(Map: <http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/map/map.html>)

Tuition: ¥500 for registration - ¥1,500 for 12 lessons (valid for one year)

Application: Visit us at the Information Center on the day of the class (Saturday).  
\* Free trial lessons are available.  
\* We accept participants of any level.

For further information:  
<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/031/post-6.html>

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>> Please Introduce Your Culture

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i-house Culture Salon - Native Volunteers Required

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We are looking for foreign residents who are able to introduce their culture to Japanese people at the next i-house culture salon. Please feel free to inquire.

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<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/032/post-10.html>  
(Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)

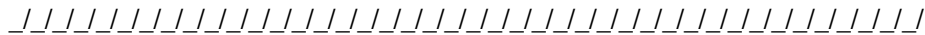
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Volunteer Indonesian Interpreters Required  
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We are looking for volunteer Indonesian interpreters who are able to interpret between our staff and people seeking advice.

Conditions for Volunteering:

- \* You are able to work at home.
- \* Indonesian interpretation applicants must be able to work Wednesdays.
- \* Registration fee to volunteer is 300 yen per year.

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(Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)



Living Information Services Available in 7 Languages  
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Information Plaza Osaka  
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Information Plaza Osaka offers free consultation and counseling services by professionals over Telephone or in person, for issues relating to life in Osaka.

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/020/information-center.html#i-osaka>

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Counseling for Foreign Residents  
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Counseling services for foreign residents including legal advice are available in 7 languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Indonesian and Thai).

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/030/post-4.html>

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Living Information  
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Have you seen the website with useful living information for foreigners in Osaka? There

is information about various topics such as medical agencies with foreign language services, living procedures (i.e. registration for foreign residents), habitation, as well as others. (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)

Access at: <http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/enjoy/en/index.html>

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Access to International House, Osaka

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<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/900/map.html>

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i-koko

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This website is hosted by International House, Osaka, to provide information on international exchange events held by other organizations and volunteer activities. (Japanese only)

<http://www.i-koko.com/>

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Should you wish to change your registration details or stop receiving this Ezine, please enter the email address you used to register in the Member Registration.

To update: [http://www.ih-osaka.info/asp/user\\_mail\\_top.asp?Lang\\_flg=1](http://www.ih-osaka.info/asp/user_mail_top.asp?Lang_flg=1)

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