

# Inuyama Multilingual News in English

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## Life in Japan • Getting to know your neighbors



### • Greeting

Say hello to people who live near you. Greeting people is the first step to becoming friends. The more often you greet people, the easier it will be for them to open up to you.

Greeting	Japanese	Pronunciation (How to pronounce)
Nice to meet you	はじめまして	hajime mashite
Good morning	おはようございます	ohayou gozaimasu
Good afternoon	こんにちは	konnichiwa
Good evening	こんばんは	konbanwa
Goodbye	さようなら	sayounara
Thank you very much	ありがとうございます	arigatou gozaimasu
I am sorry	ごめんなさい	gomennasai

### • Noise (Loud noises)

Do not be noisy or make loud noises, especially in apartments or condominiums, as it will disturb the people living nearby. Be especially careful about noise in the middle of the night.

- Please do not speak in a loud voice.
- Please do not listen to music or watch TV with the volume set too loud.
- Please do not run around inside the house.
- Please do not have a party and sing and dance.
- Please do not play a guitar or other instruments.






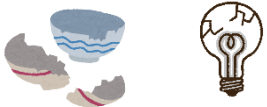


## ● Garbage

In Japan, garbage is separated when it is disposed of. Each community has its own rules regarding garbage disposal, including when, how to separate it, and where to dispose of it. If you don't know the rules, or if they are too difficult to understand, please ask the local government or your neighbors.

Separating Garbage

- Separate by type of garbage.

Common types of garbage (examples)

<p><b>Burnable Garbage</b> </p> <p>Burnable and combustible garbage</p>	<p>Food waste from the kitchen and paper waste, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Non-burnable Garbage</b> </p> <p>Garbage which should not be burned, incombustible garbage</p>	<p>Broken plates, cups, metal, glass, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Recyclable garbage</b></p>	<p>Bottles, cans, PET bottles, newspapers, books, plastic containers, cardboard, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Oversized garbage</b></p>	<p>Furniture such as tables and chairs, bicycles, futons, air conditioners, TVs, refrigerators, etc.</p>	

Disposing of Garbage



- What day of the week and by what time should I put out the garbage?
- What kinds of garbage can you throw away?
- Where should I put out the garbage?
- ※ There are different days of the week and places to dispose of different types of garbage.
- ※ In some areas, you should buy and use specially marked garbage bags. Your local store will likely sell the garbage bags for your locality.

In some areas, there are apps that can be viewed in multiple languages. Please search for "Garbage Separation App". Inuyama City has an app called "ThreeR".

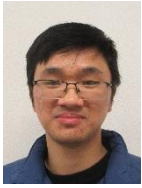
Some rules that apply in your own country may be incorrect in Japan. If you don't follow the rules in your area, it may be a nuisance for people living nearby. It can also be a cause of problems. Let's learn the Japanese rules so that we can all live together in harmony.



## What Working Foreigners Feel

**“You come to Japan after studying, but you don’t understand Japanese.”**

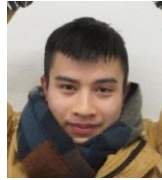
We interviewed five people from different workplaces and backgrounds about their experiences.  
(Inuyama International Association, Aiko Tsuji, Jan. 17, 2021)



Mr. Tai  
Mechanical  
Assembly, 2<sup>nd</sup> year



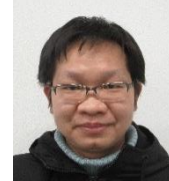
Ms. Thuong Thuong  
Machining, 3<sup>rd</sup> year



Mr. Huy  
Equipment  
Design, 2<sup>nd</sup> year



Ms. Yang  
Quality Control,  
9<sup>th</sup> year



Mr. Triet  
Mechanical Design,  
13<sup>th</sup> year



## “Were there any surprises that were different from your image of Japan before coming here?”

**Huy:** Before coming to Japan, I studied Japanese for about four months and thought that I would be fine, but when I came to Japan, I couldn’t understand a word of conversation.

**Thuong Thuong:** When I came to Japan, I was surprised to see that Kanji is used everywhere. Also, I found conversation does not always seem to follow the grammar I had learned, so I could not even understand what the other person was saying.

**Triet:** I didn’t expect to work so late. In Vietnam, we go home at five o’clock but people work until ten o’clock here in Japan. It was surprising.

**Tai:** I thought everyone is rich in Japan but not everyone was so. That is the same as it is in Vietnam. I was surprised the long hours I had to work in a day, and I was also surprised at how hard Japanese people work.

**Yang:** I thought everywhere in Japan was a city like in Tokyo, but it wasn’t. Also I was surprised at how many categories garbage needs to be sorted into.



## “Do you understand Japanese?”

**Tai:** I came to Japan after passing Level 4 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test, but I found it was difficult to catch how Japanese people speak the language.

**Yang:** I’ve been in Japan for more than 8 years now, but I still can’t speak Japanese very well. During work, I cannot interact freely, so I don’t have many opportunities to talk with Japanese people.

**Triet:** Even if you study it, sometimes the meaning doesn’t make sense when you speak.

**Tsuji:** Maybe there are things that we don’t understand about each other because of the differences in customs and cultures.

<Despite the unexpected situations, everyone is actively working hard! To be continued...>

## Introducing a Student in the Inuyama Japanese Language Class!



**Mr. Bui Dinh Quyen**

Nationality: Vietnamese

Arrived: March 2020

Job: Electrical work



I was really happy when I could participate in the Japanese class for the first time. Thanks to the people in the class, I can learn a lot about the language and culture. I want to practice speaking Japanese every day, however; everyone seems to be busy at work, so I can hardly practice speaking.

I want to make a lot of Japanese friends, and I feel my Japanese is getting better by coming to this class so I will keep studying here. One day, I want to travel to all the beautiful places in Japan. I want to improve my Japanese to speak like Japanese people.

If I earn a lot of money, I would like to build a house in Vietnam for my parents.

### ◆At the Aichi Prefectural Police Department website “Other Languages” provides information on what to watch out for in daily life.

URL <https://www.pref.aichi.jp/police/other-languages/index.html>

15 languages: Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Indonesian, Nepali, Sinhalese, Urdu, Turkish, and Thai. As of February 2, 2021

### ◆Using “Minna no Karuta”, you can learn the rules of daily life while playing.

While playing Karuta, you can learn the rules for living safely in Japan and what to pay attention to in daily life. Let’s have fun while learning Japanese! (Japanese Only)

URL <https://www.pref.aichi.jp/police/other-languages/anshin-karuta.html>

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