



1.Messages From The Head Teacher

The cherry blossoms are in full bloom in Tokyo. In Japan, the cherry blossom season is when the fiscal year changes, and it is the season of farewells and encounters. On Friday, February 28th, a speech contest was held for graduating students in the Tokyo International University's Ikebukuro campus hall. With the principal watching, the representatives of each class gave a magnificent presentation in front of more than 200 people, and the unity of the class was also seen as they cheered for their representatives. About 60 current students also came to watch the event, so this enthusiasm will surely lead to next year's event.

The graduation exams were completed on Thursday, February 27th, and the graduation ceremony was held on Thursday, March 13th. The ceremony was solemn and moving. Representatives from all classes gave speeches, and there was an award ceremony for those who had studied hard during the school year, represented their classes well, and attended school without an absence.

From this day forward, the graduates will go their separate ways. I hope each of you will steadily progress toward realizing your goals.

On March 14 (Friday), the March test for current students was held, and a conversation test was also held in each class on a separate day. Many students were well prepared for the conversation test, as they had already experienced it at least once.

2.Messages from the Career Counseling Room

On Thursday, March 13th, the 2024 class completed their graduation ceremony and safely departed to pursue their new career paths. As we enter a new semester, there are only about 11 months left until next year's graduation ceremony, and it would be a problem if you hadn't already decided on your future path by then. It's important to plan early and make a good start, rather than taking a year to think carefully.

The Career Guidance Office will provide guidance for a period of one year, or even less than one year, in close contact with the homeroom teacher of each class, based on the following two points: "career guidance" and "individual interviews". If you have any questions, concerns, or frank opinions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

★★Career guidance★★

We have already held three career guidance sessions, once in January and twice in February, for students who will graduate in March 2026. The topics are "About the one-year exam schedule," "Recommendations for taking the EJU and JLPT exams," and "How to select basic subjects for the EJU." The explanation included a detailed analysis of original examination data compiled exclusively by the Career Guidance Office. In the future, we plan to explain what needs to be done at the right time, just before the time when it is most needed.

★★Personal interview★★

Since the "Career Guidance" is for all students, it's only a general discussion, so we offer personalized advice daily based on individual situations to those who wish to receive it. The basic policy of the Career Guidance Office



is not to recommend only one school, but to offer multiple schools to students so that they can make their own final decision on which school to apply to. For example, for those hoping to go on to university, the subjects and weighting of exams vary depending on the university, even within the same faculty, so the best school for each individual will be different. Each student is encouraged to think independently based on the information provided, visit schools independently, and take responsibility for deciding which schools to apply to.

Finally, we attach below the comments of this year's graduates for younger students. The comments of all 165 graduates are posted in the school so that everyone can see how the older students have spent their time at the Japanese language school. We will guide them to aim even higher than this year's graduates.

- The teachers were very kind. And the office staff were also kind, so when I had problems with daily life, they were able to help me solve them. There is a career guidance room in the school, so you can ask about higher education. School life was very fun, and I could take part in many different activities. I'm glad I was able to study at the Japanese Language School affiliated with Tokyo International University. (Student from Taiwan)
- You don't need to worry about what to study when you come to Japan, or whether you will be able to study properly. If you follow the school schedule, you will be fine. What you do every day will gradually become more usable in your daily life, and you will gain confidence and be able to do more, so don't worry, just do your best. (Student from Korea)

3. ～From January to March / Campus Life for Three months ～

January: "Disaster Prevention Experience for 2024 Fall new students "

Students who enrolled in July and October 2024 were divided into four groups and participated in the Disaster Prevention Experience Tour at the Ikebukuro Disaster Prevention Center on January 10, 14, and 15.

They learned the importance of disaster prevention by experiencing the shaking of an earthquake at the "Earthquake Corner," evacuation behavior during smoke at the "Smoke Corner," and fire extinguishing at the "Fire Extinguishing Corner".

They seemed to have a lot of fun experiencing and learning how to respond in the event of a disaster, in preparation for the unlikely event of a disaster.





Club activities

■ Flower Arrangement Club ■

The flower arrangement club was held for six months from October to February, and participants practiced various techniques to arrange seasonal flowers delivered by the flower shop.



■ Tea ceremony club ■

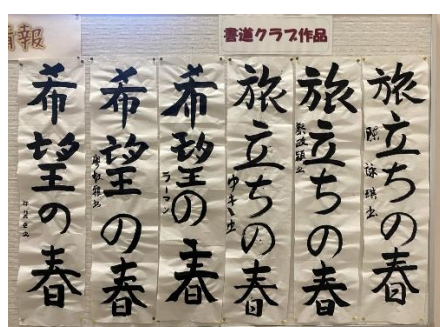
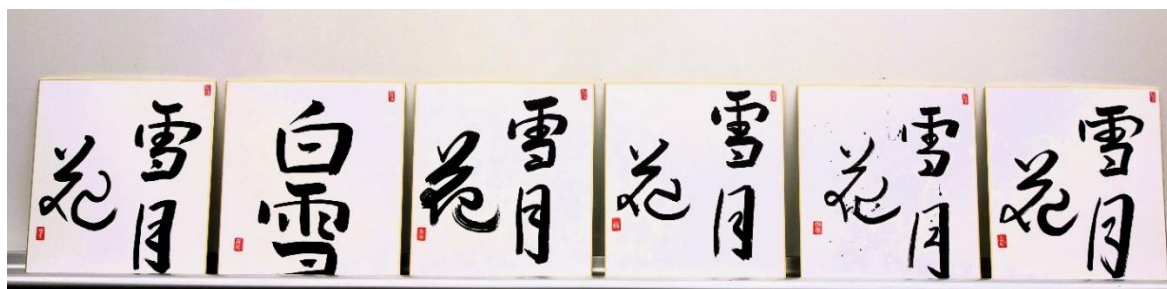
The senior members, who joined in October of the year before and April of last year, as well as the new members who joined in October of last year, held a graduation tea party, inviting guests to show off their results of the lessons they had been practicing for three weeks.

The students who graduated in October last year will become seniors this spring.



■ Calligraphy Club ■

In the calligraphy club, our instructor, Mr. Miyaji, would write examples for participants to practice each time. In the last class, students wrote a large letter in "Hankiri" (calligraphy paper).



■ Kimono Dressing Club ■

With the goal of being able to put on a kimono by themselves. The students were taught how to fold a kimono and how to behave while wearing a kimono.

A kimono beauty was born with her manners.





February 6: "The 2nd EJU Scholarship for Excellence in the Japanese Language Test in FY2024(EJU)"

On Thursday, February 6, we awarded our scholarship, "The 2nd EJU Scholarship for Excellence in the Japanese Language Test in FY2024(EJU)" to the following three students.

- 1st place: KO RYEOHOON (Korea)
- 2nd place: CHEN JUNQUAN GARRETT (Singapore)
- 3rd place: GIM MINGYUL (Korea)

This scholarship awards students who have good results in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) and the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU), which are held twice a year. Each awardee receives 30,000 yen for 1st place, 20,000 yen for 2nd place, and 10,000 yen for 3rd place.

Congratulations to everyone. Let's keep up the good work on your Japanese language studies.



February 9: "The 49th Japan Grand Sumo Tournament"

On Sunday, February 9th, we watched the Japanese Grand Sumo Tournament at the Ryogoku Kokugikan Sumo Hall. All the students were very interested, as this was their first time watching sumo wrestling and visiting Ryogoku.

The audience was fascinated by the unique space of the sumo ring and the powerful matches between the large wrestlers. The moment when the wrestlers stood up from the basic sumo squatting stance and engaged in combat was incredibly powerful.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, experiencing the traditions of sumo firsthand and experiencing the depth of Japanese culture.



February 13: Scholarship Award Ceremony of Kasumikai - Tokyo International University in FY2024

On Thursday, February 13th, Mr. Yako, Chairman of Kasumi-kai (Tokyo International University Alumni Association), visited our school, and the Scholarship Award Ceremony was held.

This scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate excellent character, grades, attendance rate, etc., and will enroll in Tokyo International University.



The Kasumi Association will provide 100,000 yen per student. This year, the following 4 students received the award:

- AYE SU MON (Myanmar)
- NYEIN SHWEYEE LIN (Myanmar)
- PHYO SU WAI (Myanmar)
- HNIN KAY THADAR (Myanmar)

Congratulations to everyone!



February 27: School Scholarships for 2nd Japanese Exam Excellence (JLPT) in FY2024

On Thursday, February 27th, our school awarded the 2024 2nd Japanese Exam Excellence (JLPT) Scholarship to the three students listed below.

- 1st place : HUANG PO SYUAN (Taiwan)
- 2nd place : HUANG YUEH CHUN (Taiwan)
- 3rd place : JE YEONJU (Korea)

This scholarship will be awarded to the top three students who have achieved excellent results in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT). It will be based on a comprehensive assessment of factors, including their school attendance rate. The first place winner will receive 30,000 yen, the second place winner will receive 20,000 yen, and the third place winner will receive 10,000 yen.

Congratulations to everyone. Let's keep up the good work on your Japanese language studies.



February 28: "2024 Speech Contest by Graduating Students & TIU Campus Tour"

On February 28, a speech contest was held at Tokyo International University's Ikebukuro campus.

Following the opening speech by Chancellor and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Principal Kurata, 12 students representing the graduating classes presented their speeches about their studies in Japan.

Despite the tense atmosphere, the speeches given by the representatives of each class, who had practiced over and over, were excellent, and with the support of their classmates, the atmosphere was very lively. The experience of giving a speech in Japanese in front of a large audience must have given the students a lot of confidence.

After a rigorous judging process, the following students were selected to receive Grand Award, Superior Award, and Excellent Award, as well as the Special Award that based on votes from the audience.

■ Speech Contest Winners

- Grand Award: EANT PHONE WAI (Myanmar) [Dreams given to me through experience].
- Superior Award: ALDANA DESSY DANE GOMEZ (Philippines) [Enough as it is]
- Excellent Award: DEBBY RATNASARI (Indonesia) [We are fine sailors]
- Special Award: WU TING HSUAN (Taiwan) [Life in Japan was different from what I had imagined]

After lunch, about 30 interested students took a tour of the TIU Ikebukuro campus.

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Tokyo International University Ikebukuro Campus offers a full range of facilities to support all aspects of learning, socializing, and health.

In particular, the learning and exchange spaces, consisting of the "Global Commons" on the second floor and the "Learning Commons" on the third floor, allow Japanese and international students to deepen their interactions in English, Japanese, and other languages, and immerse themselves in a global environment, creating an environment where international students do not feel isolated.

We have created an environment where international students do not feel isolated, including being able to immerse themselves in a global environment.



We are introducing what is happening at school on our Facebook page below. Please take a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/tiujapanese>



About weekends, holidays, etc.

◇ Domestic travel with student discounts ◇

Some students took advantage of student discounts and enjoyed trips with classmates on weekends and long holidays.

They shared some photos of their fun memories with us, so we'd like to introduce them to you.

In February: Snowboarding trip with classmates at Echigo Yuzawa (Shared by Iko from Tawan, 10 の 3 Class)



○ Student discount certificate and issuance procedures ○

If you present your student discount certificate, you will receive a 20% discount on JR fares if the one-way commercial kilometres of the section you are travelling on are 101 kilometres or more, so please take advantage of this offer if you are traveling long distances within Japan.

Student discount certificates will be issued by the administration office upon request by students (excluding audit students). If you need one, please fill out the designated form and apply.

Please note that the validity period of the student discount certificate you receive will be within three months from the date of issue. If you graduate or withdraw from the university, you will no longer be able to use the card, even if it is within three months.

If you are planning a trip a little further away, be sure to take advantage of the student discount.

It takes a few days to issue, so please apply in advance. For more information, please contact the school's office.

In March: Visit Tokyo National Museum, Special Exhibition "Daikokuji Temple" (Shared by Yui from Taiwan - D class)





National Museum of Art, Tokyo National Museum, and National Theatre “Campus Members”

Tokyo International University Japanese Language School has joined the Campus Members of the National Museum of Art (Kanto block), Tokyo National Museum and the National Theatre.

By showing your student ID card, you can enjoy free admission to the permanent exhibitions and discounts on the special exhibitions. Students are welcome to visit as many times as they like.

<http://www.jpschool.ac.jp/campusmembers>

● Schedule from April to June ●

Mar 21～	Spring break(～Apr 7)
Apr 8	All classes begin Application of The Japan Student Services Organization(JASSO) Career counseling
Apr 25	Class replacement announcement
May 7～	Start of university preparatory class and EJU preparatory class
Jun 4	EJU mock test (Japanese)
Jun 5	EJU mock test (basic subjects)
Jun 15	1st EJU Exam
Jun 17	JLPT mock test
Jun 25	Regular test (June test)
June 26	School field trip (Noh play)
June 30	Class replacement announcement
May ～June	Career Guidance sessions (multiple times)