

"Tusome Nihongo" Research Project (MS): Participant Application Form

Hello everyone! My name is Njeri K., Chairperson of the Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Kenya. I am also a PhD candidate at Tohoku University in Japan, currently doing my research in the field of Japanese language education.

As part of my PhD project, I will be conducting a Japanese language and culture research class whose aim is to investigate matters related to learning materials. I hereby look for volunteer participants to take part in my project which is expected to be conducted from early May 2024-early July 2024. The actual program dates and other detailed information will be shared upon achievement of quorum.

The DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION is 7th May 2024. Questions in this form with an asterisk (*) are to be answered by all applicants, while those without an asterisk (*) are only to be answered by those that the question targets.

This program is targeted at those who:

- Are KENYAN.
- Are between the ages of 18-25.
- Have no prior knowledge of Japanese. The program is aimed at participants who are at zero beginner level.
- Attained grade C- or above in KCSE.
- Can dedicate at least 2 hours daily for self-study of Japanese, with a 2-hour online lesson being conducted once a week by the researcher.
- Can commit to doing all assignments and submitting them within the deadlines. Late submissions will not be accepted since they will significantly affect research outcomes in a negative way.
- Have stable access to the Internet, since all materials, assignments and announcements will be shared online, besides the weekly class being held online.
- Can actively participate in the program for the 9-week period stated above.

Please note:

This program is free of charge.

- Participants will not receive any honorarium (payment). The main benefit for the participants will be to get free lessons on Japanese language and culture, and guidance on

how to continue learning Japanese after the program. This guidance will be given during the program period stated above.

- All information and data pertaining to the participants will be handled confidentially and will only be used for research purposes.
- Consistency is key, so if you cannot manage the program timelines due to family commitments, work demands, or other circumstances, please do not apply for this program.
- While the classes will be held fully online, there will be a possibility of face-to-face consultation between participant(s) and the researcher, subject to circumstances being favorable.
- Admission to the program is on a first come basis, and once the maximum number of 30 participants is reached, applications will be closed.

Tujitahidi kusoma Nihongo!

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Name *

3. Gender *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Male

☐ Female

4. Age as of May 1st 2024 *

Mark only one oval.

☐ 18

☐ 19

☐ 20

☐ 21

☐ 22

☐ 23

☐ 24

☐ 25

5. KCSE grade achieved (grade will be verified at the beginning of the program)

Mark only one oval.

☐ A

☐ A-

☐ B+

☐ B

☐ B-

☐ C+

☐ C

☐ C-

6. Phone number (a number that is connected to WhatsApp is preferable) *

7. Have you ever studied Japanese? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Can you spare about 2 hours daily to study Japanese? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

9. Are you currently a student? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. FOR ONLY those who are students: If you are student, where do you study?

11. Reason(s) why you desire to study Japanese. Select all reasons that apply *

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ To study in Japan
- ☐ Interest in Japan as a country
- ☐ Interest in Japanese Culture
- ☐ Marriage/romantic connection with a Japanese person
- ☐ To be employed by a Japanese company in Kenya
- ☐ To do (independent) business that involves interaction with Japanese people
- ☐ To work in Japan
- ☐ Interest in Japanese entertainment: Anime, manga, etc
- ☐ Interest in Japanese technology
- ☐ I would like to learn a new language just for the fun of it/Learning languages is a hobby
- ☐ Other: _____

12. MAIN reason why you desire to study Japanese. Select ONLY ONE reason *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ To study in Japan
- ☐ Interest in Japan as a country/Japanese culture/Japanese entertainment/Japanese technology
- ☐ Marriage/romantic connection with a Japanese person
- ☐ For work/employment/business purposes
- ☐ I would like to learn a new language just for the fun of it/Learning languages is a hobby
- ☐ Other: _____

13. Why have you not started learning Japanese yet? Select all reasons that apply. *

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Lack of time to study
- ☐ Lack of money to pay for Japanese lessons
- ☐ Lack of courage to begin
- ☐ I did not know where I could study Japanese
- ☐ Japanese seemed hard to me
- ☐ I am far from the institutions that teach Japanese
- ☐ I just kept postponing/procrastinating
- ☐ My institution does not offer Japanese lessons
- ☐ The time that Japanese lessons are offered at my institution clashes with my regular schedule
- ☐ I was not so sure how learning Japanese language would add value to me/my life.
- ☐ Other: _____

14. Have you learned another foreign language in the past? *

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

15. For ONLY those who have learned a foreign language in the past:
Which language did you learn in the past?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ German
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ French
- ☐ Dutch
- ☐ Other: _____

16. Are currently learning another foreign language? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

17. For ONLY those who are currently learning a foreign language:
Which language are you currently learning?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Italian
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ German
- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ French
- ☐ Dutch
- ☐ Other: _____

18. For ONLY those who have studied another foreign language in the past/are currently learning a foreign language: Did/your language learning involve being taught by a teacher, or is it by self-study?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ I was taught/I am being taught by a teacher
- ☐ I learned/ I learn by myself (no teacher/self-study)
- ☐ I am taught by a teacher and I also engage in self-study

19. For ONLY those who engage in self-study of other foreign languages: What kind of resources/platforms do you use? Choose ALL that apply.

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ Textbook(s)
- ☐ Applications (e.g., Duolingo)
- ☐ Websites on language learning/E-learning materials
- ☐ Learning from/with other people via Whatsapp
- ☐ Learning from/with other people via another social media platform (not WhatsApp)
- ☐ Other: _____

20. How easy/difficult do you think it is learn Japanese on a scale of 1-10, where 1 is * very easy, and 10 is very difficult?

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Very	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very difficult

21. Do you desire to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) in the * future?

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

22. (OPTIONAL) Please note down any requests, special needs, or suggestions that you may have before this course begins.

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