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Nihongo (Japanese) Perapera (fluent) Newsletter

Once a month language-focused newsletter designed for both new
and seasoned Japanese learners to use as a resource for study.

Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

pass through

通

訓読み: と/-どお(る/り/す),
かよ(う)
音読み: ツウ, ツ

10 strokes

Associated Common Words

大通り (おおどおり) - main street

通勤 (つうきん) - commuting

通訳 (つうやく) する - to interpret

History of Kanji 通



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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

ばんこくきょうつう

万国共通

Things that are the same no matter what country you
go to; common to the whole world; universal

Example

美味しい食べ物は万国共通だ。

Oishii tabemono wa bankokukyoutsuu da.

Delicious food is universal.

ことわざ (Proverb)

むり とお どうり ひ こ

無理が通れば道理引っ込む

When the unreasonable prevails, reason retreats

Example

たった一分遅れただけと言って、締め切りに遅れても
点数を引かなければ、「無理が通れば道理引っ込む」
で、学生は締め切り守らなくなってくるから、
やめたほうがいいだろう。Tatta ichifun okureta dake to itte, shimekiri ni okurete mo
tensuu wo hikanakareba, "muri ga tooreba douri hikkomu"
de, gakusei wa shimekiri mamoranakunattekururu kara,
yameta hou ga ii darou.If you don't deduct points for missing the deadline even by one
minute, students will stop observing the deadline in a case of
"when the unreasonable prevails, reason retreats," so it's best
not to go down that path.日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-
福岡県 (ふくおかけん) - Fukuoka Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Fukuoka prefecture is the northernmost prefecture on the island
of Kyushu in southwestern Japan-The capital city Fukuoka is the result of the fusion of two cities in
1889, when the port city of Hakata and the former castle town of
Fukuoka were merged into one-The name Hakata is still used for many things, including ramen,
clay dolls, the main railway station, and a major ward downtown
-Seaside Momochi is Fukuoka's waterfront located on reclaimed
land along Hakata Bay. The area was originally developed to serve
as the site of the 1989 Asia Pacific Expo. Fukuoka Tower, beaches,
museums, and the Fukuoka Paypay Dome can all be found here
-For more info about Fukuoka, check out our March 2023 issue!



南蔵院(なんぞいん) - Nanzo-in Temple

Nanzo-in Temple is a Shingon Buddhist temple in Sasaguri, Fukuoka. Of the 88 temples that make up the Sasaguri pilgrimage route, it is considered the head temple. It is most famous for its huge bronze statue of a reclining Buddha: 41 m/135 ft long, 11 m/36 ft high, and nearly 300 tons. Buddha is shown at the moment of death, or entrance into nirvana.

Dialect Discovery

博多弁 - はかたべん

- や (ya; it is) です・だ
- やけん (yaken; because, so) だから
- よか (yoka; good, nice) いい
- ばり (bari; very) とても、めっちゃ

To read about JET Alum Anise's experience living and teaching in Fukuoka Prefecture,

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クイズタイム!

1. Q: () 大学に通っていますか。

A: 車で通っています。

Q: How do you commute to university?

A: I commute by car.

a. どうして b. どうやって c. どのまで

2. 今晚の献立を何にするか ()。

I'll think about what to make for tonight's menu.

a. 考える b. 思う c. 予定する

3. せまくて () から、この椅子を動かしてもらえませんか。

a. 通れない b. 通えない c. 通じない



☆ポッキーの日

11/11 is Pocky Day in Japan! The long, thin snacks match perfectly with the four number 1s in the date. Pocky was first introduced in 1968 and Pocky Day was officially established on November 11, 1999 to celebrate over 30 years of the snack. It is even an officially recognized memorial day by the Japan Anniversary Association.

Food Stall Vocab! - 屋台の単語!

屋台 (やたい) - Food cart/stall/stand

餃子(ぎょうざ) - Gyoza: pot sticker

蕎麦 (そば) - Soba noodles

焼酎 (しょうちゅう) - Shōchū: Japanese spirit distilled from sweet potatoes, rice, etc

ラーメン・らーめん - Ramen noodles

天(てん)ぷら - Tempura

たこ焼(や)き - Takoyaki: octopus dumplings

酒 (さけ) - Alcohol, sake

ビール - Beer

Speakers

Green Approaches to Japanese Woodworking & Bath Culture

Organized by the Japan Society of Boston in collaboration with Koguma Benefit Corp.

**TUESDAY
DEC. 16, 2025**

**6 - 7 PM ET
ONLINE**

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They will also discuss how their respective disciplines are converging at OnsenKoguma, an exciting project to create an authentic bathhouse in rural Vermont!

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