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KANAZAWA LANGUAGE SCHOOL – KANAZAWA, JAPAN

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Kanazawa Language School is a small school and student, teachers and staff form a friendly community where language learning and getting to know one another go hand-in-hand. Class groups are small and lessons focus on spoken Japanese. The school's afternoon program aims to give students an understanding of Japanese culture and society. Lectures are in Japanese or English, so a good basic knowledge of English is needed.

All Kanazawa Language School teachers are trained, qualified staff who specialize in language teaching and are teaching in their native language to adults. Classes are taught by a team of 2 or 3 teachers, one of whom has overall responsibility of course planning. The teachers will use student feedback in weekly and daily work plans taking account of the needs of the individuals in the class.

Because of its beauty and historic interest, **Kanazawa** is known as "little Kyoto". It is situated on the northern coast of the main island of Japan, Honshu, near the conspicuous Noto Peninsula. It is about 200 km north of Kyoto and 400 km from Tokyo. Kanazawa Language School is located right in the centre of the city, only a few minutes walk from important historical sites, parks, museums and a public library.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Language & Culture Course

The course will provide opportunities for students to develop skills in the Japanese language, get to know Japanese culture and way of life and gain insights into Japanese business practices and attitudes. Language & Culture Course is available for students at any level beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. Each afternoon students may also undertake additional language study in the Learning Centre. The course takes place Monday-Friday, morning and afternoon, is divided into the two following areas:

General Language

20 Group classes per week. Students will develop skills in understanding and speaking Japanese and some reading/recognition skills essential for traveling in Japan. The maximum group size is 10 participants.

Culture Program

The Culture Program at Kanazawa Language School is optional and is included in the program at no cost. In the afternoons, there are 4 hours of cultural/social activities per week. Topics are varied and provide a stimulating way to learn about Japanese culture and society. The information in the Culture Program will also be provided in English and participants need at least an intermediate knowledge of English to fully profit from the course. For more details, please see below.

Prerequisites

Minimum age: 16; English knowledge: intermediate level or higher; Previous knowledge of Japanese: not necessary.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Students stay in a Japanese family during the course, so he/she can practice and "live" what is learned at school. There will be at least one person in the family or neighborhood who can communicate in basic English. Half board is included in the homestay, consisting of breakfast and one main meal a day.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Culture Program

The Culture Program at Kanazawa Language School is optional and is included in the program at no cost. Hand-ons activities include: Seal Making in Kanji Names; Tea Ceremony; Japanese Cooking; Kimono Dressing and Manners; Origami Paper Craft.

Visits are offered and planned to places such as: Local Schools (elementary to university levels); Zen Temple and Meditation; Sake Brewery; Police Station with a lecture on police/koban system and martial arts demonstration; Historical Trail Walk Tours (Kenrokuen Gardens, Geisha Quarter, etc.); Noh Theatre.

Excursions

Kanazawa Language School organizes a guided one-day excursion each month with local Japanese friends joining the trip. The following excursions are available (one per month) at a cost of approximately Yen 8,000: Noto Peninsula (northern Ishikawa); Kaga (southern Ishikawa). As places are limited, please make a provisional reservation on the NRCSA Preregistration form.

The school also organizes unguided weekend excursions (Friday afternoon to Sunday evening) for students to Kyoto for approximately Yen 25,000 to 30,000.

Speaking Partners

Kanazawa Language School can arrange Japanese speaking partners for their students upon request.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrca.com>
or e-mail us at study@nrca.com

Program & Admission Information - Kanazawa, Japan

Programs

The teaching of functional language skills in an action-oriented approach is at the heart of our methodology. Students are taught the skills students need to communicate in real life situations. Exercises to improve fluency and accuracy are combined with communicative small-group activities. Very close attention is paid to the degrees of control in the practice leading from initial presentation of the new language towards realistic communicative use of that language.

The Framework of our approach is defined by the Scale of Levels, which is based on over 15 years' research and development.

The Scale of Levels were further developed to produce the Common European Framework, and the related official European Language Passport.

A placement test is given on arrival to place students in classes appropriate to their current language levels. The results of the placement test are given to the teachers who then create an adapted teaching plan for each class and student.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SCALE OF LEVELS](#)

Students need two components to achieve success in language learning:

1. Language Resources: Knowledge of the grammatical structures, the vocabulary, the types of phrase and pronunciation necessary in order to be able to communicate.
2. Communicative Interaction: Experiential learning to get used to formulating what he/she wants to say, reacting spontaneously, finding ways around difficulties of expression.

Student progress is monitored through regular homework, a feedback session every Friday, which is used to discuss the previous week and the plans for the following week, and a weekly quiz on the language learned that week. At regular intervals, local coordinators talk to groups of students about their satisfaction with progress in language learning. In addition, regular and end of course tests are given to each student to evaluate the language level reached. There are two tests:

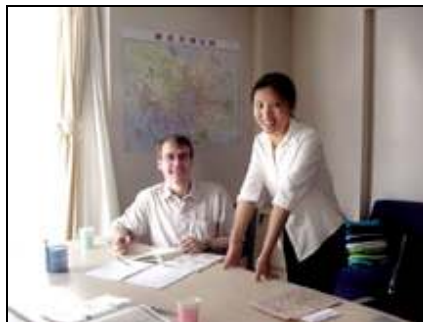
1. Language Resources
2. Communicative Abilities

The Language Resources test is taken from a bank of questions testing knowledge of the grammatical structures, the vocabulary, the turns of phrase necessary in order to be able to communicate at the student's level. This test may be taken on paper, or on computer in the multimedia learning center.

The Communicative Abilities test may not appear to be a test. Every week, the student has a longer communicative activity, which the teacher uses to spot strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the teacher uses a detailed set of criteria to evaluate the language level demonstrated by those students who are leaving that week. Teachers already have a good impression of what the student can do, but they follow a standardized assessment procedure, in order to ensure that their impression is fair.

The Language & Culture Course is available for students at any level beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The course will provide opportunities for students to develop skills in the Japanese language, get to know Japanese culture and way of life and gain insights into Japanese business practices and attitudes.

Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students and there are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.



Programs
Language & Culture
Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates

Activities
Cultural Program

Comments

"Kanazawa is a wonderful city. My homestay family was terrific & and the facilities were great. I am now better able to communicate with Japanese guests and feel much more confident in my job."

Flight Attendant, Kaneohe, HI.

"Teachers were outstanding. Students from around the world were compatible. People of Kanazawa were very friendly and the homestay hostess was very gracious."

Businessman, Oakland, CA

"During my studies at the Eurocentre (Kanazawa, Japan) I really enjoyed the human element of the program and the interaction between myself and the Japanese."

Oral Surgeon, Sunriver, OR

"I most enjoyed the excellent language teachers and the diversity of the student body at the Eurocentre (Kanazawa, Japan). Thank you all, I am so pleased that I went and really enjoyed all aspects of my stay. Knowledge of Japanese is very much in demand for a growing number of business careers."

Business Professional, Yonkers, NY

"School program was excellent. I am most satisfied. My home stay arrangement could not have been better, being in a home of two musicians with one child (pianist)."

Retired Musician, Bayside, NY

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- **Culture Program**

The Culture Program is optional and is included in the program at no additional cost. In the afternoons, there are 5 hours of cultural/social activities per week. Topics are varied and provide a stimulating way to learn about Japanese culture and society. The information in the Culture Program will also be provided in English and participants need at least an intermediate knowledge of English to fully profit from the course.

Day - At - A - Glance

9:00 - 9:50 Grammar
10:00 - 10:50 Oral Skills
11:10 - 12:00 Vocabulary & Games
12:10 - 13:00 Video & Listening Skills
13:00 - 14:30 Lunch
14:30 - 16:40 Cultural & Social Program

* Day-At-A-Glance is a sample day and will vary depending on enrollment, time of year, lodging, etc. It is designed to show content rather than precise scheduling

Admissions & Academic Credit

All students age 16 years and over who have a basic knowledge of English regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality are accepted in the program. No prior knowledge of Japanese is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates

A certificate will be issued to students provided he/she has attended the course regularly. The certificate describes quite precisely the stage the student has reached in language training in the following areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print

_____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:

Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**
- Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either
- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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EMERGENCY REUNION UP TO \$5,000

REPATRIATION UP TO \$7,500

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.