



**New: Moshi-Moshi
Japanese Hotline**

With Japanese classes cancelled and everyone doing their best to practice social distancing, it can be hard to study, especially by yourselves! Our new Moshi-Moshi Japanese Hotline is an online mail service that language learners and our language volunteers can use to study and exchange information. This is a free service available to all our members until June 28. For more details, check the post on our Facebook page, or email us directly.

The Hotline was featured on NHK's "Hama-naka-aizu" evening show on May 27. We'll post it to our Facebook—check it out!

<http://awia.jp>

<http://facebook.com/awiajp>



Visit our homepage or Facebook for the latest updates in multiple languages!

Members General Meeting

This year's General Meeting will be held in writing. We will send out instructions separately to participants. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Online Japanese Lessons

AWIA is currently running online Japanese lessons for those who want some extra help. You can reserve a time slot by emailing us with your top 3* choices. We are currently accepting reservations for June. The timetable for the first week is as below—please contact us for the full schedule.



**Little Trip Around the
World: Ancient China
"The World of
Chinese Poetry"**

You may have read some Chinese Poetry before, but why not try experiencing it in the original Chinese?

Our Chinese guest speaker will guide you through the beauty of the Chinese language, and the perpetual arts of ancient China.

Date: Saturday 18 July

Time: 14:00~15:30

Place: Aizu Keikodo

More details to come in the July's JTF!

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JLPT Japanese-Language Proficiency Test

The July JLPT exam, previously scheduled for July 5, has been cancelled. Test fees for those who have paid will be refunded. Please see the JLPT website for full details (in English and Japanese).

<http://info.jees-jlpt.jp/>



Seasonal Specialty: Aizu Asparagus!

As you all probably know, Japan is big on using seasonal produce. In Aizu, spring is the time for asparagus! Aizu farmers began cultivating asparagus here in the 1960's, and Fukushima has since become famous for it. This is because Aizu's unique climate, with lots of snow during winter (although not last winter!) and large temperature differences between day and night, is perfect for creating sweet, healthy vegetables. Why don't you try some asparagus tempura, or try wrapping it in meat? It's also great as a ramen topping, or simply grilled

COVID-19 Cash Benefit

Application forms for the ¥100,000 cash benefits were sent out to all registered heads of household on May 18 (for Aizuwakamatsu). Only one application is filled out for each household. If you're having trouble filling it out, you can check out our explanation on our Facebook page, or contact AWIA directly.

Visa Application Extensions

For foreign nationals whose visas are due to expire between March~July 2020, Immigration has applied an extension to reduce congestion during this usually busy time. Your current visa will be considered valid for an extra three months from the date of expiration.

Example: If your visa expires on July 1, 2020, it is now valid until October 1, 2020.

However, if you leave Japan on or after your visa's current expiration date (July 1 in the above example), you will NOT be able to return using a re-entry permit.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Japanese Immigration.

Full article at the following address—multiple languages available.

<http://www.moj.go.jp/content/001316300.pdf>

Other COVID-19 Updates

Fukushima Prefecture has issued a set of guidelines regarding events and daily life. Recently there have been less cases reported, but we still cannot be too careful! Please don't forget to avoid the 3 C's (closed spaces, crowded places, close contact), wash hands and gargle when returning home, check your temperature regularly, wear face masks, and work remotely where possible. For the full English article, please visit the link below.

<http://www.pref.fukushima.lg.jp/uploaded/attachment/385740.pdf>