

**This announcement is addressed specifically to international students, but not to Japanese students.**

## **Start Japanese Lessons Now**

Congratulations to pass the entrance exam to NAIST. You are welcomed to study soon at our campus to pursue your bright carrier.

The NAIST curriculum offers two Japanese language subjects (**Intensive Japanese I and II**) for international students who eagerly want to study Japanese in order, for example, to find a job at companies which typically require N3-level Japanese competency. For our language subjects most effective, we encourage you to study introductory level Japanese by yourself before enrolled at NAIST. To support your study, we strongly recommend **JF Japanese e-learning *Minato*** (URL: <https://minato-jf.jp>).

JF Japanese e-Learning *Minato* is a Japanese language learning platform provided by the Japan Foundation (JF). *Minato* means "port". Here at *Minato*, a place to learn and meet other like-minded people, you can start and expand your understanding and knowledge of Japan, Japanese people, and the Japanese language. User registration is free of charge. There are free courses and also paid courses. Please check the course outline for each separate course.

Prior to coming to NAIST, try to complete the “**Katsudoo & Rikai**” (which means “Action and Understanding”) courses in the **A1-1** (48 hours) and **A1-2** (40 hours) free programs at *Minato*. Also, learn how to write and read Japanese alphabets (Hiragana and Katakana).

There will be a brief test to check your Japanese level just before the first class of Intensive Japanese I begins in October. If your Japanese level is then judged far below our requirement, you will not register Intensive Japanese I at that semester. In this case, please study introductory Japanese again by yourself to master the A1-1 and A1-2 courses and try to register Intensive Japanese I at the following year.

Other useful URL sites and apps are listed below:

- 1) HIRAGANA/KATAKANA Memory Hint Apps for learning Japanese Characters  
Hiragana and Katakana: <https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/kansai/clip/kanamemoryhint/>

Kanji (Chinese characters used in Japan): <https://www.jpf.go.jp/j/kansai/clip/kanjmemoryhint/>

2) Quizlet for Japanese vocabulary

L1-L8: <https://quizlet.com/join/gR6qY68mb>

L9-L10: <https://quizlet.com/join/uVkKJ2Dtc>

3) Japanese word list

[http://www.dekirunihongo.jp/?page\\_id=175](http://www.dekirunihongo.jp/?page_id=175)

4) Information site to study Japanese

<https://nihongo-e-na.com/jpn/>