

Cultural Awareness

The Yokosuka Fleet and Family Support Center offers a variety of workshops to introduce you to Japan and make your experience here a more memorable one.

Area Orientation Brief/Intercultural Relations – Welcome to the land of the rising sun, kanji, yen & bowing. This combined class is a must for all newcomers. Representatives from around the base will talk about their unique policies, procedures and benefits associated with living in Japan; and local experts will discuss cultural issues and adjusting to your new home.

Your Japanese Home – Tatami got you down, or mildew taking over? Come learn from our local resident experts about how to make your new “uchi” a comfortable home. We’ll take you on a field trip to a local store to point out products that can help solve common household problems and discuss temperature control without thermostats, using your “ofuro” and taking out the trash Japanese style.

Home Visitor Program – FFSC’s Home Visitor will make a personal visit to your home after you have attended the class, *Your Japanese Home*, tell you about the facilities in your neighborhood and introduce you to your Japanese neighbors.

Japanese Language Series – This four-part language series focuses on Japanese vocabulary and phrases needed to enjoy specific activities in Japan such as shopping, eating out, traveling and making friends. Emphasis is placed on practical language training using phrases and simple grammar structures.

A Yen for Shopping – Join us to learn about the shopping opportunities and deals both on and off base. We will discuss banking in Japan, finding deals at shrine sales, the various oriental bazaars and tips for shopping in other Asian ports.

Japanese Culture Series – An on-going series that covers various aspects of the Japanese culture including: Kimono etiquette, Furoshiki wrapping, making origami ornaments and Japanese performing arts.

Enjoying Japanese Food – Learn about basic Japanese ingredients, recipes and food etiquette. Join our bilingual staff on a trip to a local grocery store and traditional restaurant for lunch.

Essential Japanese – Join us for a brief session on the essentials of Japanese language. This class is for the true beginner and will prepare you for shopping, eating and getting around in Japan.

Repair a Square of Shoji – Learn the simple art of shoji repair. This hands-on class could save you a lot of Yen in move-out charges.