

CONCEPT NOTE

Colombo Language Centre (CLC)
Faculty of Arts
University of Colombo

Short Course in Basics in Japanese

1. Introduction

The Colombo Language Centre (CLC) of the University of Colombo seeks the permission of the Senate of the University of Colombo to offer a Short Course in Basic Japanese.

The courses are expected to commence in July 2022.

2. The Need

In Sri Lanka, there is a considerable demand for learning Japanese as a foreign language. Over the last several decades, Japanese has been seen by many Sri Lankans as a language that can improve one's employment and career opportunities. Therefore, young Sri Lankans are now given the opportunity to learn Japanese in school for the G.C.E. Ordinary Level and Advanced Level examinations. In light of the government's plans to open up employment opportunities for Sri Lankans in Japan, a course of this nature seems especially opportune.

3. Objectives

At the end this course, students will be able to:

- write and read simple sentences using the Hiragana and Katakana and limited number of Kanjis
- listen to simple dialogues in Japanese and comprehend them
- engage in simple day-to-day conversations in Japanese.

4. Target Groups

- Those who intend to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)
- Those who intend to study Japanese Language for G.C.E. Ordinary Level or Advanced Level examination
- Anyone interested in learning Japanese

5. Admission Requirements

To be admitted as a student of this course, a candidate should possess any one of the following qualifications:

a) Passed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination

OR

b) Completion of Grade Nine certificate with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum of two years

AND

c) be at least 16 years of age

6. **Medium of Instruction:** Sinhala and English

7. **Course Fee:** Rs. 25,000

8. **Course Duration:** 3 months (60 contact hours)

9. **Teaching Methodology:** Blended

10. **Evaluation:** Mid-course assessment (20%), End of course assessment (20%), Final examination (60%)

11. Syllabus:

Course Title	Short Course in Basic Japanese		
Course Code		Contact Hours	60 (3 months)
Course Type	Short Course		
Course Description			
<p>This course is intended for students who are completely new to the Japanese language. Participants will be able to make simple sentences and engage in simple day-to-day conversations with native speakers. The objective is to give students the basic knowledge of Japanese required to sit for the Japanese Language Proficiency test (JLPT).</p>			
Learning outcomes			
<p>On completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. write words using Hiragana and Katakana competently. 2. manage a basic day-to-day conversation in Japanese. 3. write 50 Kanji characters. 4. comprehend a basic spoken (listening) and written text in Japanese. 			
Course contents			Hours
Alphabet – Complete Hiragana and Katakana alphabets with 50 Kanji characters			10
Basic Japanese sentence structure – A wa B desu			4
Self-Introduction			2
Ko, So, A, Do – This, that, that over there and which			6
Mid-course assessment			2
Counting in Japanese			6
Expressing one’s likes and dislikes – suki, kirai, tai form, tagaru form			6
Japanese verbs – masu form, nai form, ta form and te form			6
Japanese adjectives – nai form, ta form			6
Listening exercises			10
End of course assessment			2
Methods of teaching and learning			
Lectures, Cartoon shows through the blended mode			
Assessment methods			
Assessment Method			Weight

Mid-course assessment	20%
End of course assessment	20%
Final examination	60%

Prescribed Text(s):

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Hasegawa, M. (Since 1969), *Sazae san* (animation series), Fuji Network System.