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Spring is on its way! KCP International Japanese Language School is moving and shaking as the days get longer. Here's how.

Summer deadline extended

We have heard you, and so we're extending the application deadline for the KCP Summer Short-Term Program. You have until March 19 to apply.



KCP alums on the cost of studying in Japan

Are you thinking of studying in Japan but worried about the cost? KCP International Japanese Language School is one of the best deals around. It's intense, highly effective for learning Japanese, and affordable. Here's what students have said about KCP and finances.

"Don't hesitate to sign up for KCP. You'll have many good experiences, and it's well worth your money. Go out with your classmates and teachers to have fun. We all got to know each other very well, and become good friends."-*Martin, 2007, Reed College*

"If you want a program that will not only challenge you, but also give you the most for your money, KCP is a definite winner. The atmosphere is great and the staff is wonderful. You're guaranteed to have a good experience at KCP. This is a great learning experience and great for putting your Japanese speaking ability to the test. KCP's program is great. I highly recommend it."

-*Daniel, 2009, University of Idaho*

"It was cheap and the program offered the chance to live in Tokyo."-*Bryan, 2007, Ramapo College of N.J.*

"Strong points for me were the price and the chance to meet other students from around the world."

-*Howard, 2008, Western Washington University*

"The timing worked well for my summer schedule and cost was relatively cheap. The location was good. Immersion was important to me. KCP allowed me to improve my Japanese tremendously."

-*Kevin, 2008, U. of California, Riverside*

"I chose the program for cost-effectiveness, but I was very impressed with the quality of the education and returned for a second term."

-Sara, 2008, Lincoln University

"It was the best value for the money, it's in Tokyo, and it is affiliated with CCIS."

-Erika, 2008, Bowdoin College

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-Michael, 2008, Western Washington University

Life at KCP photo-reportage series

Here's a glimpse at some of the things students do while at KCP.

The tea ceremony



The tea ceremony is an integral part of a student's education at KCP. One thing it's not hard to teach--and valuable to learn--is the calm respect and attention that is surely an underlying reason for the ceremony.



Students are a little overwhelmed by being bowed to, but they enjoy it immensely just the same.

"Koto" Class

The koto (琴 or 箏), a traditional stringed instrument derived from the Chinese guzheng, is the national instrument of Japan. A koto is made from kiri wood (*Paulownia tomentosa*). Koto have 13 strings, each with its own moveable bridge. Players adjust the string pitches by moving these bridges before playing, and they use three finger picks (on thumb, index finger, and middle finger) to pluck the strings.



Here, students are trying out a simple melody.

Calligraphy

Refining calligraphy is a regular part of KCP instruction. Everyone's excited at their accomplishment. It feels a little like being an artist.



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A special message for KCP alumni-

Building community is important, wherever the opportunity arises. So is passing on the things you've learned to succeed at KCP and life in Japan. Help build the KCP community by sharing your wisdom!

- Send us 10 photos *with captions* about your KCP experience, to kcpjapanese@gmail.com.
- Email kcpjapanese@gmail.com with your website or blog on KCP.
- Share stories of your experience, life in Tokyo, or opinion, by writing an email to kcpjapanese@gmail.com.

If we use your material in our marketing or social networking, you'll receive one of the new KCP International T-shirts!

When you send in your stuff, please specify (1) a T-shirt size (Adult M, L,

or XL) and (2) your preferred design (Style 1 or Style 2, below). Don't forget to include your current mailing address.

We will try to provide your preferred motif but can make no guarantees. If one style is not available, you may receive the other.

Thanks for helping build our community.

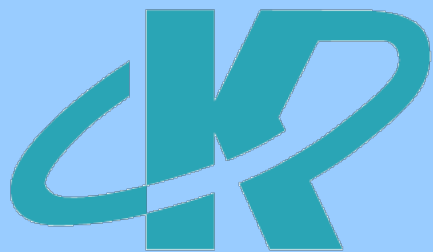


Style 1



Style 2

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Learn Japanese through proverbs

残り物には福がある

Romaji--Nokorimo no ni wa fuku ga aru.

Literally--Luck exists in the leftovers.

Meaning--There is luck in the last helping.

Background--A mother might say this to console a young child who is left with the sweets that were not grabbed by faster, elder siblings.
It may also be an encouragement to look closer at things for the real value that others may not

see.

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Happy March,
Mike and the KCP International team

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