



## International Education Center

Promotion of International Education & Cross-Cultural Understanding  
Language Education: English, Japanese, etc.



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# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER (IEC)

## Principles

IEC aims to:

1. promote international and intercultural exchange
2. facilitate mutual understanding among peoples of the world
3. contribute to world peace

## History

IEC was established in 1947 as the parent organization of Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin, and was authorized as a non-profit organization for public service by the then Ministry of Education in 1948. IEC has steadily expanded its activities to include a variety of educational and cultural initiatives in addition to its main language education programs.

Nov 1945	Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin founded.
Aug 1948	International Education and Cultural Association authorized as an incorporated foundation by the then Ministry of Education.
Jun 1953	International Education and Cultural Association changed name to International Education Center (IEC).
Jun 1960	IEC holds the 1st International Speech Contest in Japanese.
Jul 1964	IEC resumes the present series of Japan-America Student Conference (first begun in 1934; suspended during wartime).
Sep 1967	Japanese Language Institute (JLI) founded.
Mar 1988	Harvard Business School starts its Japan Study Program at IEC (until Mar 2002).
Jul 1995	The University of Chicago begins offering its Master of Arts Program in Humanities at IEC (until Dec 2003).
Apr 2008	IEC's new building completed.
Apr 2012	IEC authorized anew as a general incorporated foundation by the Cabinet Office.
Nov 2015	The 70th Anniversary of Foundation of Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin celebrated.
Jan 2016	IEC moved to the temporary School Building due to Yotsuya Station Area Redevelopment.
Jan 2020	IEC moved back to the Redeveloped Area.

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Alphabetical Order

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\* IEC Supporters Association is designed to support the IEC-sponsored programs and activities to promote international education and cross-cultural understanding.

## Promotion of International Education & Cross-Cultural Understanding

### ■ Japan-America Student Conference (JASC)

(Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology, and the Embassy of the United States)

The first Japan-America Student Conference was held in 1934, initiated by Japanese university students. After an interruption during World War II, the conference resumed and has taken place alternately in Japan and the US ever since. JASC is organized and run by students with an aim to promote mutual understanding, trust and friendship through a frank exchange of ideas, thus establishing a strong foundation for future friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Today, about 70 students (around 30 students from each country) are competitively selected to spend three weeks together every summer, studying and analyzing Japan-US relations across many areas in politics, economics. society, Japan-US relations across many areas in politics, economics. society, education and culture. They attend lectures by experts on a variety of issues and visit several regions in the host country. Students find commonalities in their views on the present and future Japan-US relationship and the world.



### ■ International Speech Contest in Japanese

(Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Agency for Cultural Affairs)

The International Speech Contest in Japanese has been held annually since 1960. It aims to provide an opportunity for people from all over the world to present their views in Japanese, and to give both speakers and audience members a chance to think about Japanese and global society. Speakers are able to demonstrate their mastery of the Japanese language, and audience members are able to gain fresh perspectives on Japanese language and culture. Since 1996, it has been co-sponsored by The Japan Foundation, IEC and the host city for that year. The contest is broadcast on NHK E-Tele during the program "Watashi no Mita Nippon". Contestants' speeches are also used to teach international understanding at many junior and senior high schools. Videos of the speeches can be viewed on our website.



## Language Education: English, Japanese, etc.

### ■ Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin *since 1945*

Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin was founded in November 1945 during the aftermath of WWII. Its mission was to train individuals to negotiate in English with the American occupational forces. Since then, more than 150,000 people have studied at our institution. Many of them have gone on to work in domestic and overseas affairs at the forefront of Japan's globalization movement. Today, we offer a wide variety of classes from English Conversation and Business English up to Advanced Interpretation Training. We also offer classes for elementary, junior and senior high school students, and classes to prepare individuals for study abroad. Our students range from corporate clients and business professionals to homemakers, senior citizens, and school children. Nichibei Kaiwa Gakuin emphasizes "output" training in speaking and writing. At the same time, we help students strengthen their skills in English grammar, vocabulary, listening, and reading. Our goal is to foster individuals who can speak and discuss with others on the world stage.



### ■ Seminars on English Teaching Methods

Designed mainly for elementary, junior and senior high school teachers, these seminars provide a forum for learning English teaching methods. Participants not only learn various practical methods which can be adapted to any classroom, but they also have an opportunity to practice these methods themselves.

### ■ Open Lectures

IEC periodically organizes public lectures in Japanese and English, inviting domestic and international experts from a variety of disciplines including global politics, economics, culture, social studies, and education. After the lectures, audience members can participate in lively Q&A sessions, raising their own questions and opinions.

### ■ Japan Studies Program for Overseas High Schools, Universities and Graduate Schools

We assist overseas high school, university and graduate school students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture and society through Japanese language programs, sightseeing and company visits. In addition, we organize events for them to meet and interact with their Japanese counterparts.



### ■ Global Human Capital Development Program

This program is tailored for students and corporate employees who are ready to take the challenge posed by the globalized academic and business environments. It offers a series of content-driven courses, from international politics, economics and business, to history and the arts, aimed at advanced level English speakers. Some courses are also available in Japanese. In addition, there is a specially designed course to prepare students wishing to study abroad at the graduate level.

- School of International Studies (SIS)
- Graduate School Preparation Course

### ■ Japanese Language Institute (JLI) *since 1967*

The Japanese Language Institute offers classes on business and practical Japanese for business people, corporate trainees, families of expatriates, spouses of Japanese citizens, and researchers of Japanese culture. Using original textbooks written in Japanese and English, students can master Japanese step by step, moving gradually through the elementary level and progressing more quickly through the intermediate and advanced levels. Students can also learn Japanese culture, customs, business manners and social etiquette while studying the language. To date, more than 7,000 students from over 90 countries have studied at JLI.

