

Reading and Writing Japanese

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Project Summary

I attended Meiji University in Tokyo as an exchange student for the 2005-2006 semesters. During that time, I studied written Japanese, immersed myself in the culture, and embraced globalization through respect of foreign ideas and beliefs.

As a full-time exchange student, I enrolled in several fascinating courses; one of which was the study of written Japanese. I expected that learning written Japanese would improve my reading skills and increase my vocabulary. Having been successful in my studies I became better equipped to interact with people in Japanese and understand the language.

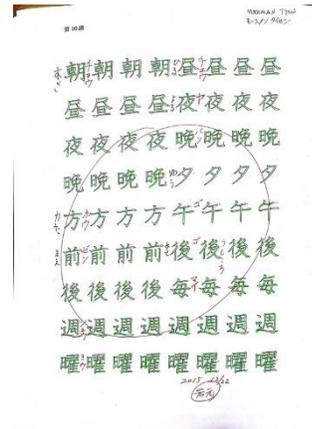
Project Highlights

Some of the best parts of my project:

- Learned about 1,000 Kanji
- Met people from many different backgrounds and made some lifelong friends.
- I am more confident with my Japanese abilities. Being able to read, write, and speak Japanese is a great asset that I intend to use in a future career.

From My Journal

“Had an unfortunate encounter with a case of misunderstanding at the grocery store. While shopping I was using Google Translate on my phone to read some Japanese product labels. A store manager quickly noticed and confronted me. He had assumed I was taking pictures; an apparent concern of theirs. I tried to explain my actions as being for translation purposes only, but fumbled by using incorrect words which led to further confusion. Looking forward to understanding this language.



This is one of my written scored Japanese kanji practice sheets done for school. Studying written Japanese Kanji requires a lot of memorization and repetition. Kanji have several different pronunciations in either the original Chinese reading (onyomi) and Japanese reading (Kunyomi).



There are many social activities available to students studying abroad. This picture is from the welcome party for foreign students to meet Japanese students and staff. We played some games, made origami, and ate food. I'm the blond guy on the far right.