



Special Edition:

# Japanese Language Learning & Teaching

TPIEF provides Japanese language classes for foreign nationals wishing to improve their Japanese skills. For those who would like to study but are not able to join a class, we can introduce language volunteers to support your independent study. In this issue we've interviewed one of our language learners and one of our instructors.



## Japanese Language Learner: Simon Kauder

I came to Japan from Germany one year ago. My aim in my current studies is to be able to use Japanese to communicate with my family. The grammatical and pronunciation differences from languages such as English and German (in particular, the German "R" sound is completely different) make it quite a challenge. Recently I've been able to speak to my co-workers in Japanese and have been trying to read some children's books as a part of my study. My next step should be increasing my vocabulary for use in daily life. To anyone considering Japanese language study, I would say the investment of time to develop language skills may be daunting, but is well worth the effort.



## Japanese Language Volunteer Instructor: Sekino Hajime

I've been teaching Japanese for about ten years now. What I try to keep in mind when teaching is whether or not I'm helping learners reach their goals. Some people may be mainly interested in passing the Japanese Language Proficiency Test; others may want to enjoy conversation with the people around them. I get a sense of what motivates them and try to help them progress step by step so they can pass the test they want to pass, or be able to work or make friends here in Japan. It's also wonderful when one of my students tells me they're glad they came to Tottori and want to stay longer or even spend the rest of their lives here.



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