

Hello, everyone. Welcome to the world of HIPIS.

This is the 2nd edition of our “HIPIS”. We hope you will find it useful and resourceful.

① Hello, friend!!

We have **HOQUE MOHAMMAD MAHBUBUL** san from Bangladesh with us today. He is now in his 2nd year on the Master's course and he belongs to the Department of Immunology .

- Hi Hoque san, thank you for coming today.
 - 1. **First off, let me ask your first impression of Japan.**
- “I felt like it's the second home to me. My home town is in a rural area and here Izumo has a similar rustic atmosphere. I love it.”
- Wow, thank you, I'm happy to hear that.
- 2. **I've heard that people in Bangladesh have curry every day. Is it right? Then, what kind of curry do you like the best?**
- “That's right, we have curry every day. I love fish curry in particular, and I try to put as much vegetable as possible because of its nutrition and colorful appearance. Eggplant, broccoli, tomato, potato ..., Potato is a must. Spice is also important. Turmeric, chili, cumin, coriander...”
- Wow, it seems like you cannot stop talking when it comes to curry. I'm very curious about fish curry because we Japanese don't usually consider fish as an ingredient for curry.”
- 3. **Maybe you have tried some Japanese food so far. Which Japanese food is your favorite?**
- “I love Sushi, Tempura, Soba, Udon... but my favorite is Onigiri (rice ball) with shrimp in its center. I bought it in a convenience store and it was far better than I expected. It was really good.”
- Shrimp rice ball... hmm... Sounds like I should try it too someday.

4. Next question. Where's your favorite place in Shimane?

- "Sunset scenery over Lake Shinji. I've seen it a couple of times. I cannot forget the picturesque scene. There is a small island called Yomegashima in the lake and it's really beautiful with the setting sun in the background. I would definitely like to go to the island."
- Yeah, maybe it's one of the best sightseeing spots Shimane can boast of.

5. And, are there any Japanese customs you find odd or totally different from your country?

- "People in Bangladesh know each other very well in their community. In Japan, however, people seem to avoid being involved in others' things even in the same community."
- Yeah, I know you hold welcome parties, farewell parties, and other parties occasionally in the dormitory and it always comes with the smell of curry. Maybe you can get by in an unfamiliar country like here thanks to such strong bonds. Good thing.

6. If you have a chance, where would you like to visit in Japan?

- "Shimane University takes students to Onan town every year. I hear it's fun. I missed the chance last year and I cannot go this year either but I'd love to visit it someday while I'm in Japan."
- Onan is rich in nature and people there are kind. Maybe you can experience farming or other local businesses firsthand and enjoy some events such as cooking class or school visits if you join the program. I bet it will be an unforgettable memory for you."

7. The final question. We introduced an onomatopoeia "Pekopeko" in the 1st edition of "HIPIS". Would you introduce an example of interesting onomatopoeia in your country, Bangladesh?

- "How about Kuhu kuhu? It's a bird's chirping. The bird is 'Asian koel' and we call it Kukil."
- Kuhu kuhu? Interesting!! We Japanese are not familiar with the bird but just glancing at the picture to the right, I can sense it is revered by people in your country due to the cool body color and somber atmosphere.



That's all. I am happy to hear many interesting stories from you today.
Thank you!!

*This corner, "Hello, friend!!" is now recruiting volunteer interviewees.
Please contact me, Yuko Okada, at gakumh04@jn.shimane-u.ac.jp
or come to my office if you can take time for the interview. If we have no volunteers,
we will ask someone to be the next interviewee.*

② Let's try Student's recipe !!

Today's recipe is "Oyako-don (Chicken and Egg Rice Bowl)"



Incidentally, in Japanese, "oyako" means "parent and their child(ren)" and "-don" means a bowl of rice topped with something.



Ingredients (Serves 2)

- Two bowls of rice
- 1 Chicken thigh, diced or sliced
- 4 Eggs, roughly beaten
- 1/2 Onion, thinly sliced
- ★ 2 Tablespoons of Soy sauce
- ★ 2 Tablespoons of Mirin
- ★ 1 Tablespoon of Japanese Sake
- ★ 1 Tablespoon of Sugar
- ★ 1 Teaspoon of Bonito-based dashi powder
- 160 ml of water
- Small bunch of spring onion, chopped

These 5 ingredients with ★ can be replaced by 40 ml of "men-tsuyu", a Japanese soup stock readily available in supermarkets.

1. Cook sliced onions with all seasonings (soy sauce, sugar, mirin, Japanese sake, dashi powder, and water) using a small frying pan for two minutes on medium heat.
2. Add the diced or sliced chicken and cook for another 3 minutes or until the chicken is cooked.
3. Drizzle the 2/3 of beaten egg over the chicken and onion and stir once.
4. Cover the pan and cook for 30 sec.
5. Add the rest of the egg and cook until the egg is done to your preference. (Do not cover the pan)
6. Pour the chicken and egg on top of steamed rice and sprinkle with the chopped spring onions.
7. Now, it's ready. Enjoy the Oyako-don while it's still hot!!

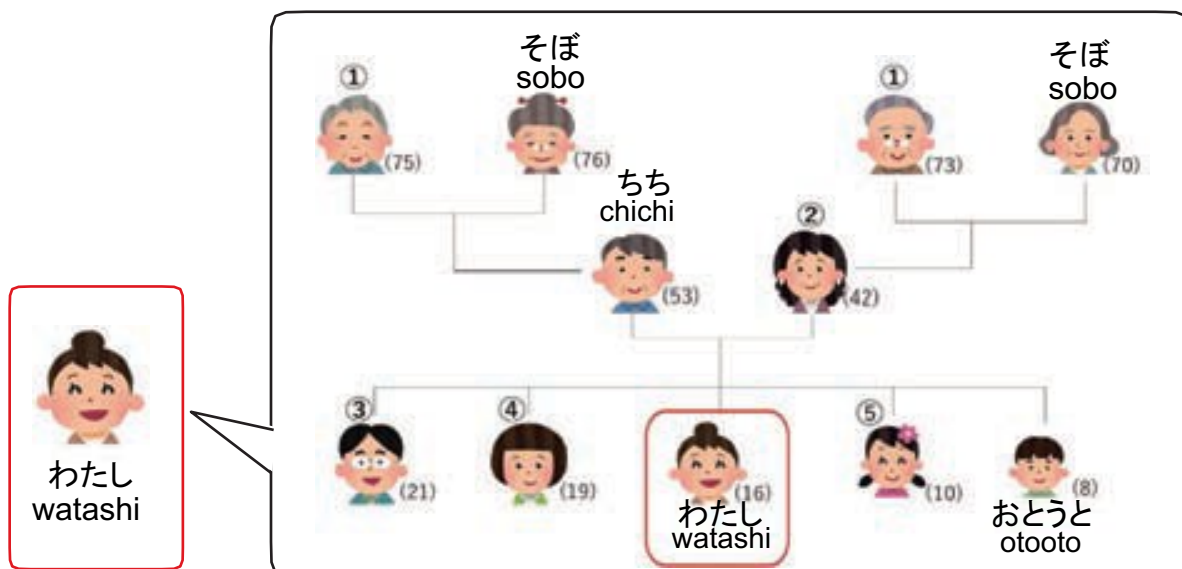


I hope
you'll love it!

③ Let's say in Japanese!!

Look at the family tree quiz below. It describes how you should express your family members. Please choose corresponding words to ①-⑤ out of a - e. The answers are at the end of the last page.

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④ Events & Sightseeing spots



Blueberry picking

Place : Hikawa Kanmori no sato (斐川 神守の里)

Address: 1384, kanpi(神氷), Hikawa-cho(斐川町), Izumo-shi(出雲市)

Season: from July 28 to Aug 18 in principle (If the circumstances allow, later days are possible.)

Admission fee: ¥300/adult, junior high or high school student,
¥200/elementary school student

Reservation required: Call→ 0853-31-7756

For details: <http://kanmorinosato.com/archives/2125>

Sunflower viewing



Place: 5 min. by car from Izumo Airport, or 5 min. by car from JR Shobara (荘原) station

Season: From mid Aug 1. to mid Sep.

Admission fee: Free

For details: <https://marousagi.com/ichioshi/himawari-ichioshi>

Saturday night market on MIZUKI SHIGERU ROAD

Late Mizuki Shigeru is a famous cartoonist from Tottori prefecture and one of his most popular works is “Gegege no Kitarou”. MIZUKI SHIGERU ROAD has many character sculptures related to Gegege no Kitarou on its sidewalks and you can also see shadow pictures of the characters on the road at night.

On top of that, there are Saturday night markets from July 13 to Aug. 24, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Here is the access to MIZUKI SHIGERU ROAD

It's just outside of JR Sakaiminato (境港) station.

(JR Izumoshi station → <Sanin Line> → **JR Yonago station**
→ <Sakai Line> → JR Sakaiminato station)

The fare is ¥1,490 per person (adult) for one way.

Change lines
here!!



Fireworks show, in Izumo Shinwa (mythology) Festival



Date & Time: Aug. 11 (Sun), from 8:00 to 8:50pm (planned)

Place: Bank of the Hiikawa river (斐伊川) ,
15 min. walk from Otsumachi (大津町) station,
Ichibata (一畑) line (Be careful, not JR!!)



44th regular concert by Schulkamerad Orchestra

Place: Large hall in Izumo Shimin Kaikan (in front of Izumo Police station)

Time: Open(1:30 pm) Start(2:00 pm)

Admission fee: ¥500/adult, ¥300/junior high or high school student

Free: elementary school students or pre-school children

For details: schulkamerad@yahoo.co.jp



⑤ Mini info.

It's time to go on a summer vacation.

As some of you know, students can enjoy 20% discount for JR tickets if the one-way distance exceeds 100km.

If you want to get it, please show the discount certificate at the JR ticket counter.

The certificates are available through the machine in front of the students affairs department.

Be careful because sometimes it's cheaper to buy their promotion tickets such as "Izumo → Osaka Early Purchasing Discount ticket" than to use this Student discount. It's often the case that you cannot enjoy their promotion ticket and Student discount at the same time.

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