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## Come visit Puratto Salon!

The Puratto Salon is located at the Saitama City International Exchange Center (IEC) on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of Comunale (above Parco) in front of the East Exit of JR Urawa Station. Come visit and get involved in international exchange activities. See below for details!



The Puratto Salon is the site of various parties, events, exhibitions and exchange activities. You are always welcome there, so please drop by!

**【The Puratto Salon is open on Monday through Saturday 9:00 – 21:00 】**

(Closed on Sundays, New Year's & year-end holidays and May 3 & 4)

# 1 What's at the Puratto Salon?

## 1) Salon Exhibits

Salon exhibits introduce the cultures and fashions of a different country each month. See our monthly Puratto Salon flyer for details on current and upcoming exhibits (You can find this flyer at the city hall, ward offices, and public libraries around Saitama City).



## 2) Library Corner

Here, the following resources are available for anyone to read (and for STIB members to borrow):



- Books for studying Japanese
- Books introducing Japanese culture
- Guides for foreign residents on child care, education and other daily life topics
- Travel Guides
- Bi-lingual dictionaries

## 3) Flyer Rack

Here you can find “Purara” and “HELP” life information guides for foreign residents, event flyers, and information on Japanese language courses offered in Saitama City.

## 4) Information Exchange Board

Here community members can post information related to international exchange

(Note: Political, commercial, and/or religious content cannot be posted here).



## 5) Basic Consultation Service for Foreign Residents

What to do in this or that situation? Whatever question or problem you may have, large or small, please feel free to drop by. Our **volunteer staff** are here to help you.

(Monday through Thursday 9:00 – 18:00)

(When volunteers are not available, please talk to our office staff)

6) Multi-language consultation service.

Receive consultation in your native language.



Chinese	Tuesday	13:00~18:00
English	Wednesday	13:00~18:00
Korean	Thursday	13:00~18:00

## 2 Programs at the Puratto Salon

### 1) *Nihongo no Heya* Japanese Courses (FREE!)

Scheduled on every Friday (except the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month)

Courses help foreign residents become proficient in basic Japanese.

① Regular Course with Child care (10:00-12:00)

You can bring your children to this course, which is available at the Omiya Ward Office, too. Ask staff for details.

② Evening Course (18:00-20:00) You may join after work.

③ Children course (18:00-20:00)

This course also provides assistance with school work (K – junior high).

○ Spring Course April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, 14:00-15:00

This special children's course helps children with their spring-break homework.

There will also be a summer course in 2013 (date to be announced).



### 2) Conversation Salons (FREE! / Japanese salon:¥100)

Have fun conversing in one of six different languages: Chinese, English, Spanish, Korean, Russian or Japanese (at the Japanese Conversation Salon, you can experience traditional Japanese culture). No reservations required. Come join the conversation, and bring a friend!

Dates and times of the salons vary from month to month (see the Puratto Salon Schedule or homepage (<http://www.stib.jp/kokusai/>) for details).

### 3) Mini-Seminars (FREE!)

These monthly seminars promote intercultural understanding usually through focusing in depth on a different country each month. Mini-seminars are not just one-way lectures, but rather provide opportunities for discussion and exchange with lecturers. See the Puratto Salon Schedule or homepage (<http://www.stib.jp/kokusai/>) for details on upcoming mini-seminars.

4) Puratto Asobou.g (¥100)

Scheduled every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10:00-12:00AM

A gathering for foreign parents and their children with fun games and opportunities to discuss child raising issues with volunteer staff and other parents.



5) Puratto Asobou.g “WAI WAI Salon” (FREE!)

Scheduled every Tuesday except 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (From April 2013) 10:00-12:00

A gathering mainly for foreign parents to chat about child raising and life in Japan in general as well as network in their native language.



This pamphlet provides just a small taste of what's in store for you here at the Puratto Salon. So stop by and check us out! You're always welcome!

## Volunteers Wanted

○ “WAI WAI Salon” Volunteer Staff

We are seeking foreign volunteers staff to talk with and support visitors to the WAI WAI Salon in their native language. Want to share your experiences and advice about living in Japan with others like you? If so, come join us!

○ Language Teachers

Interested in teaching others the language and cultural characteristics of your home country? Sign up to be a volunteer language teacher!

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