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https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/multilingual_links/

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048 - 833-3296
Telephone counseling is available in foreign languages regarding issues in daily life.
Days: Monday to Friday
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Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese classes will now require you to book a seat in advance.
For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information
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City population (As of February 1st, 2026):
189,758
Foreign resident population: 6,094