

Recommendation of the Mikiko Iwasaki's Systematic Japanese Program

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To Whom It May Concern:

Having taken a number of Japanese language programs in Tokyo, I found the Mikiko Iwasaki (MISJ) program is the most effective and efficient method for foreigners like me to learn the language in a speedy, accurate, and very practical manner. I strongly recommend this method to both Japanese language students and potential Japanese language teachers.

As a student of the MISJ program, I've got much more than what I have expected. Before I took the MISJ program, I had no any knowledge about the Japanese language. After completing the "Welcome Program" (the very first level program of the MISJ method), I had grasped all the basics of Japanese language and become able to read, speak, and write Japanese for my daily life in Japan. More importantly, it took only fourteen 2-hour classroom lessons (28 classroom hours) to achieve this!

The MISJ method is very systematic. It is very easy to follow and to learn the language in a gradual way. Each lesson helped me revisit and build upon what I had learned from previous lessons. In addition, the MISJ method provides review books, workbooks, studying cards, e-Learning, quiz, and many other materials, all of which helped me tremendously in learning the language step by step.

Very different from many other Japanese language programs, the MISJ method is very functional and practical. It teaches both Japanese language and culture. Very importantly, it helped me make sense of the language rules by contextualizing the language in the Japanese cultures. The Method focuses on the Japanese language skills, words, and sentences that you may need everyday. It teaches them with our daily life scenarios. I was able to use what I learned immediately after I walked out the classroom! All these made the MISJ a very enjoyable and encouraging method. It simply made me feel I could be better every day.

The MISJ program has been well designed to fit every student's unique background and need. I believe the MISJ method is best for those who are busy with their own

work/study schedule but need to gain some basic knowledge about Japanese language in very short time. Since the Method is very systematic, the lesson schedules can be very flexible. In my case, I had two 2-hour lessons each week on Monday and Thursday at 11am-1pm and studied by myself on homework during the weekends. The Method did make my learning of the language a lot easier.

Last but not the least, my instructor, Ms. Mikiko Iwasaki, is extremely patient and nice with her students. Ms. Iwasaki (and all other MISJ instructors) is highly committed to teaching Japanese language and cultures, and to helping foreigners who want to know about Japan. She was always well prepared and had great passion for each lesson.

I highly recommend the Mikiko Iwasaki's Systematic Japanese program!

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