INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE - II

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PRE-REQUISITES : Though there are no 'formal prerequisites', it will be expected that the student has some understanding of the Japanese language, including grammar, etc. An effort will also be made to cover and revise the necessary background in the first few classes.

INTENDED AUDIENCE : The material is designed for people who plan to develop a working knowledge of Japanese, which will help them interact better with the Japanese people. Also, people travelling to Japan for training, higher education, business, tourism, etc. will find the course useful

INDUSTRY SUPPORT : All companies/industry that works with the Japanese industry and/or people, would find it useful for their employees.

COURSE OUTLINE :

The material is designed for people who wish to have a reasonable working knowledge of written and spoken Japanese, which will help them interact better with the Japanese people and companies in their personal and/or professional life. Also, people travelling to Japan for training, education, business, tourism, etc. will find the course useful.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Vatsala Misra has been teaching Japanese language at the Foreign Languages Program of IIT Kanpur for more than 25 years. She has also developed material for Japanese language learning under the NPTEL and Swayam Prabha schemes of the Government of India. She has also designed special courses for industry personnel and youth aspirants for vocational training.

COURSE PLAN :

1. **Japanese Scripts :** Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji, Ideograms and Pictograms

2. **Language and Grammar :** Particles, sentence construction, demonstratives, interrogatives, conjunctions, vocabulary, Nouns, verbs conjugations, adverbs, other parts of speech, verbs and tense, requests and commands, comparisons, expressions and phrases, idioms etc.

3. **Daily Conversation :** Introduction, time, daily conversation, usage of interrogatives, asking direction, conversation on phone, giving and receiving, making requests and commands, likes and dislikes, potential, permission, conditionals, direct in direct speech, learning to make speeches, writing mails, polite Japanese.

4. **Japanese culture, festivals and lifestyle :** Japanese lifestyle, learning about culture, customs and festivals, idioms, and phrases.

5. **Audio and pictures :** Audio, pictures,