Dear UBC Partner University Students

You are cordially invited to join an online Language Exchange Table that will be offered by the Japanese Language Program, University of British Columbia (UBC) to students from some of our partner Universities in Japan on Zoom.

## Starting from Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (PT) = Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (JP)

Please join the session from the links below:

- Session A: 4 PM session (8 AM in Japan) with beginning level Japanese language learners https://ubc.zoom.us/j/66955594886?pwd=U3k5dTBLaFdkMlpPNmMzamp2OTJ4dz09
- 5 PM session (9 AM in Japan)
  - Session B: with intermediate Japanese language learners
    <a href="https://ubc.zoom.us/j/64873985761?pwd=a2h2MFdRRElsRlg0QIVPNIBKOVIMUT09">https://ubc.zoom.us/j/64873985761?pwd=a2h2MFdRRElsRlg0QIVPNIBKOVIMUT09</a>
  - Session C: with Advanced level Japanese language learners https://ubc.zoom.us/j/63184559044?pwd=c1d5VXdsUzk4QVRVRjFLU0VXTlQ0Zz09



Weekly topic will be announced via email. Please sign-up

Goals of this online Language Exchange Table:

1. To promote students' interests in learning their target languages in authentic contexts and topics with their target language community.

2. To provide a space for learning culture and language from the native (or near-native) speakers.

3. Help students improve their cross-culture communication skills in a friendly environment.

4. Connecting UBC students in Canada and partner university students in Japan and on UBC campus with a view to enhance their mutual understanding.

Under the current extraordinary Covid-19 situation, we believe connecting our students with you via an online platform would be accessible, meaningful and beneficial for all.

## Who should join this exchange?

This exchange would be beneficial to students who think:

---- "I want to practice my English with students studying Japanese at UBC in Canada,

----"I am unable to study at UBC from September onwards but I still want to connect with UBC students"

----" I am an exchange student at UBC and would like to connect with more UBC students beyond my own classes"

---- "I would like to know what Canadian University student study, and what their student life is like"

---- "I would like to learn more about cultures and customs of various countries"

---- "I would like to improve on my cross-culture communication skills"

---- "I would like to connect with university students in Canada and learn about our commonalities and differences including our life styles and ways of thinking"

## What is the format for the exchange?

3 weekly 50 minute (25 minutes each for exchanges in English and Japanese) by-level online language exchange sessions will be offered on Thursdays (Vancouver Time) weekly starting on September 23 until December 2, 2021. Topics will be provided weekly for all to chat and enjoy in group conversations and/or in an one-on-one format.

Please consult the Facebook link below for information on our previous face-to-face Language Table up to 2020 and online Language Table in2021. New information regarding this year's online Language Table will be posted in due course.

## UBC Language Exchange Table Facebook Link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/UBCJLPLT/</u>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Japanese Language Program Director <u>Rebecca.Chau@ubc.ca</u> or Chair of the Language Exchange Table Misuzu Kazama (<u>misuzu.kazama@ubc.ca</u>).

We are looking forward to meeting you at our online Language Exchange Table sessions. Please take care and stay well.

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