

New Dictionary Website for Foreign Care Workers

The Japan Foundation Japanese-Language Institute, Kansai, launched a new website, “Nihongo de Care-Navi”, on July 1. It is an online Japanese-English and English-Japanese dictionary for basic words and phrases that are likely to be encountered on the job in the fields of nursing and caregiving. The site also provides expressions that facilitate communication and the conveyance of how one feels.



The address of the site (in English) is

<http://nihongodecarenavi.jp/en/>

and the mobile site is

<http://nihongodecarenavi.jp/mo/>

Features of the “Nihongo de Care-Navi”

1. Approximately 6,000 entries and 2,000 examples.
2. Input words in *hiragana*, *katakana*, *kanji*, *romaji*, and English.
3. Care-Kun, the site mascot and navigator, offers suggestion on related words and expressions.
4. Useful lists of expressions and *kanji* that are likely to come up in nursing and caregiving to facilitate learning, including “Verbal Contact 50,” “Basic Expressions 500,” and “*Kanji* List 200.”
5. Usage examples were chosen for their relevance to the workplace and daily situations, and consist of phrases covered in beginning-level Japanese.
6. A variety of search formats is available. In addition to ordinary searches using spelling and a phonetic chart, searches can also be conducted using “Tag Navi,” a process involving tags that is becoming more common on the Internet.
7. The use of the “Tag Navi” enables users to easily edit their own vocabulary lists.

Please feel free to write about this site in your newspaper or magazine.

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