

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1048

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today I will talk about Ishikawa prefecture. Let's begin!

Ishikawa is famous for its natural environment and culture, with a wide variety of sightseeing spots. It is also famous for its fresh seafood, such as the crabs from the Japan Sea.

Traditional craftwork, such as gold leaf, is made in Wajima City. For those hoping to experience fine food and Japanese culture, Ishikawa is the place to visit.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1048

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1. Today, we are going to listen [to] a story about France.

Do you know anything about France?

France is a country located in Europe, and is famous for its foods.

According to some research, France is a country extremely proud of its respect for liberty and equality, but has less personal satisfaction compared to other countries. So why then is individual liberty not the best way to improve life?

To answer this, we need to remember that France has one of Europe's most comprehensive social welfare systems. This system is based on another of France's deep values. The French believe that society must improve through the common actions, mutual responsibility, and shared risks of all [its] citizens.

How was it? Hope to see you next time. Bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1048

Hi, guys! Today is another beautiful sunny day.

I heard the cherry blossoms have officially bloomed in Tokyo, so tomorrow I'll be going on a picnic with my friends. Hope you are equally enjoying the nice weather!

Let me explain what is going on with Starbucks and McDonald's in recent times.

It isn't as prevalent in Japan, but pro-Palestine consumers have been boycotting these brands as they are allegedly pro-Israel. Since October 2023, the Israel Defense Forces have been attacking innocent civilians, the death toll reaching 31,000 Palestinians, compared to 1,410 Israelis.

And I know it's not as fair to compare with numbers, but let's continue:

According to an October 22nd X post, McDonald's Israel has donated 100,000 free meals to the Israel Defense Forces, which is widely perceived as the brand [being] "in support of genocide" by activists. This has sparked a worldwide boycott. On the contrary, Starbucks is a bit more complicated.

In October, Starbucks sued its workers' union, "Starbucks Workers United," in federal court after they sent out a social media post saying "Solidarity with Palestine!" It had sparked [much] hate towards Starbucks from Zionists, even though it was the union that made the post, not the brand. The union then countersued Starbucks, claiming, "Starbucks defamed the union by implying that it supports terrorism and violence."

All right, we're out of words today, so I will continue this next time. Stay tuned to learn what happens next. See you!