

2006/1/7 JCC #1 Coming-of-Age Day

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Today Japanesepod101.com proudly presents the first installment of Japanese Culture Class (JCC)! Culture is a crucial part of any language, so in order to bring you up to speed, we thought long and hard about the best way to do so. After brainstorming long and hard, our diligent staff came up with JCC! These episodes are carefully constructed to appeal to both students of Japanese as well as those interested in Japanese culture! In fact, they are perfect for anyone interested in Japan!

In today's episode, we introduce Coming-of-Age Day, held on the second Monday of January, and associated terminology.

Seijin no hi ・せいじんのひ ・成人の日 ・Coming-of-Age Day / Adult's Day

Seijin shiki ・せいじんしき ・成人式 ・Coming-of-Age Ceremony

Kimono ・きもの ・着物 ・Kimono

Furisode ・ふりそで ・振袖 Long-sleeved kimono worn by single women

Obi ・おび ・帯 Belt for Kimono

Zouri ・ぞうり ・草履 Japanese sandals

Tabi ・たび ・足袋 Japanese socks

Hakama ・はかま ・袴 Ceremonial skirt/ Formal men's divided skirt/ Japanese kilt

Geta ・げた ・下駄 Japanese wooden footgear

Benkyou ni narimashita. ・べんきょうになりました。 ・勉強に成りました。

I learned something.

Benkyou ・べんきょう ・勉強 ・to study / to learn

Girls' Gear

Furisode · ふりそで · 振袖 Sakura was not kidding, long sleeves!



Obi・おび・帯 Belt for Kimono- view is from the back.



Zouri・ぞうり・草履 Japanese sandals



Tabi・たび・足袋 Japanese socks



Guys' Gear (Kimono not included)

Hakama ・ はかま ・ 袴 Ceremonial skirt/ Formal men's divided skirt/ Japanese kilt



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