

LESSON NOTES

Japanese Culture Class #63

Izakaya Part 1: What is an izakaya?

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Phrases Commonly Heard at Izakaya

The phrases used by the staff at izakaya are very polite (keigo) phrases. Here are some of the more common phrases that you will hear.

Japanese	Romaji	"English"
いらっしゃいませ！	<i>Irasshaimase</i>	"Welcome!" (also lets other staff know that a new party has arrived)
何名様でしょうか？	<i>Nan-mei-sama deshō ka?</i>	"How many people in your party?"
～名様、ご案内いたします。～名様、ご来店でございます。	<i>~mei-sama, go-annai itashimasu ~mei-sama, go-raiten de gozaimasu</i>	"(# of people), right this way, please."
お席はこちらでございます。	<i>O-seki wa kochira de gozaimasu</i>	"This will be your table (your seats)."
少々お待ちください（ませ）。	<i>Shōshō o-machi kudasai (mase)</i>	"Please wait a moment."
ただいまお伺いします。	<i>Tadaima o-ukagai shimasu</i>	"I'll be right with you."
お待たせいたしました。	<i>O-matase itashimashita.</i>	"Sorry to keep you waiting."/"Thank you for waiting."
お先にお飲み物のご注文をお伺いしてもよろしいでしょうか？	<i>O-saki ni o-nomimono no go-chūmon o o-ukaigai shitemo yoroshii deshō ka?</i>	"May I take your drink orders first?"
かしこまりました。	<i>Kashikomarimashita.</i>	"Certainly."

お待たせいたしました。 こちら、〇〇でございます。 す。	<i>O-matase itashimashita. Kochira, 〇〇 de gozaimasu.</i>	"Sorry to keep you waiting. Here is the 〇〇 you ordered."
恐れ入りますが. . . 申し 訳ございません。	<i>Osore irimasu ga... mōshiwake gozaimasen.</i>	"I'm very sorry, but..."/ "Excuse me, but..."
ごゆっくりどうぞ。	<i>Go-yukkuri dōzo.</i>	"Take your time."/"Enjoy your meal."

Here are a couple phrases often used by customers:

とりあえず	<i>toriaezu</i>	For the time being (used when placing the initial drink order)
以上です	<i>ijō desu</i>	That's all (used to indicate that the order is complete)