



## *Profile of Activities*



# Japan National Press Club

*Providing a forum for journalists to meet opinion formers  
and opinion formers in return to get their message across to  
Japanese and international audience since 1969*





# JAPAN NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

## Quick History

Japan National Press Club (JNPC/Nippon Kisha Club in Japanese) was established in November 1969 by the cooperative efforts of major newspapers, wire services and broadcasting companies with the aim of staging official press conferences by state guests and other VIPs from home and abroad.

The Club operated in a rented room in the Imperial Hotel, before moving in August 1976 to the current Nippon Press Center Building in Uchisaiwai-cho where it had, for the first time, facilities specially designed for media-oriented events including press conferences and gatherings, as well as restaurants, bars and a lounge for relaxation and entertainment.

The membership system was also liberalized and its doors were opened to foreign correspondents, retirees from news organizations, press and public relations staff of foreign embassies, private companies and other organizations. JNPC currently has nearly 2,000 members, including about 150 Japanese and international news organizations.

From April 1, 2011, we have shifted to the new status of Koeki-Shadan-Hojin (Non-profit public interest organization status granted by the Government Committee). This is a proof that we exist for the public good. We are determined to continue to be a forum to provide information that helps the public form well-considered opinions on matters of interest and concern..

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## What is JNPC?

Japan National Press Club (JNPC/Nippon Kisha Club) is Japan's only truly national press club which counts as its members all the national and local daily newspapers, broadcasting companies and news agencies. Here in its well-appointed facilities, journalists can meet important and interesting news sources, Japanese and foreign. Since its foundation in 1969 JNPC has been consistently operating as an independent organization, of the press, by the press and for the press, with no financial support from the government.



## What does JNPC do?

Approximately 200 professional events are organized annually by JNPC involving Japanese and foreign guest speakers: politicians, businessmen, academics and other news makers and opinion formers. JNPC's professional events include press conferences, press luncheons and study sessions. [Study sessions involve lectures by experts on a wide range of topical issues, providing member journalists with in-depth knowledge and background information.]

JNPC also organizes "social activities" including an exchange with well-known foreign journalists visiting Japan, and "national evenings" held in cooperation with foreign embassies to present interesting aspects of their countries and are participated by club members and their families. Film previews are also conducted about once a month.

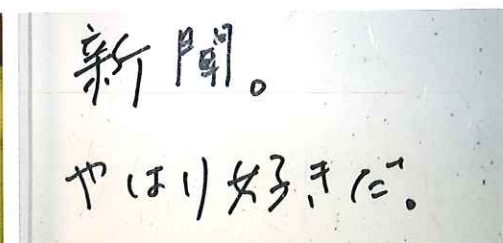


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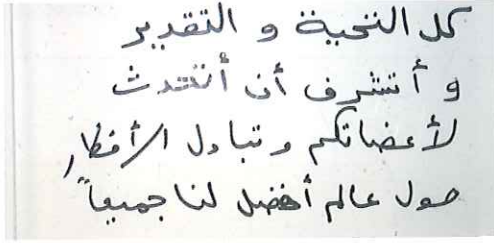
## Who runs JNPC?

It is Japan's major news organizations that are primarily responsible for the operation of JNPC. The board directors and committee members of JNPC are recruited from executives and editors responsible for reporting operations in major newspapers, wire services and broadcasting companies, and the working journalists are kept foremost in mind when it comes to the JNPC's activities.

JNPC's activities are made possible by the dues and fees paid by member newspapers, wire services and broadcasting companies and private members. The Club is an entirely independent organization financed by them.







## How JNPC can help you

While functioning as a forum to provide journalists with opportunities to meet opinion formers, JNPC also provides an excellent opportunity for visiting dignitaries to put their message across to Japanese and international audience. Conversely, staff of foreign embassies and international organizations can get information on where Japan stands and is headed by attending JNPC's press conferences.

## Member System

JNPC's membership system has several categories, depending upon who you are, with different rights and obligations and membership fees.

### a) Corporate Members

They include newspapers, wire services and broadcasting companies and each corporate member company has the right to vote on decisions made at the General Meetings with "one vote for each".

### b) Basic Members

They are editors and executives of the Corporate Members and every Basic Member is entitled to be elected as a club officer and also to nominate new individual members.

### c) Individual Members A

They include reporters, editorial writers, news commentators and others employed at corporate offices located in Tokyo.

### d) Individual Members B

They include reporters, editorial writers, news commentators and others employed at corporate offices outside Tokyo.

### e) Individual Members C

These are the senior staff of Corporate Members involved in non-editorial activities including sections of advertisements, sales etc.

### f) Individual Members D

This category includes foreign correspondents, freelance journalists, researchers and former individual members in the categories of A, B and C.

### g) Special Supporting Members

They include staff of government and public offices, foreign embassies and international organizations who are responsible for publicity activities.

### h) Corporate Supporting Members

This category includes those involved in public relations of private companies that serve as news sources. Each Corporate Supporting Member is entitled to register the names of two individuals.

## Membership Fees

Category	Initiation Fees	Monthly Dues
Corporate Members	250,000 yen	44,200 yen (per membership lot)
Individual Member A	none	4,700 yen
Individual Member B	none	3,100 yen
Individual Member C	none	5,100 yen
Individual Member D	25,000 yen	6,100 yen
Corporate Supporting Members	250,000 yen	53,500 yen
Individual Supporting Members	40,000 yen	8,800 yen
Special Supporting Members	25,000 yen	8,000 yen

## How to join JNPC

Those who wish to join JNPC should follow the below procedure:

1. Submit the Application to the Secretariat of JNPC. Application form is available at the Secretariat. Applicants for the Individual A-D Members, Corporate Supporting Members or Special Supporting Members are requested to submit their applications through their recommender.
2. Two recommenders are necessary for each application. Only Basic Members are entitled to be the recommenders.
3. The application will be screened by the Membership Qualification Committee and referred to the Board of Directors for their final decision on acceptance or rejection.
4. When admission has been approved, the Secretariat will inform the applicant and, at the same time, invoice him/her from the initiation fee and club dues and send him/her prescribed papers, including the membership registration file card.



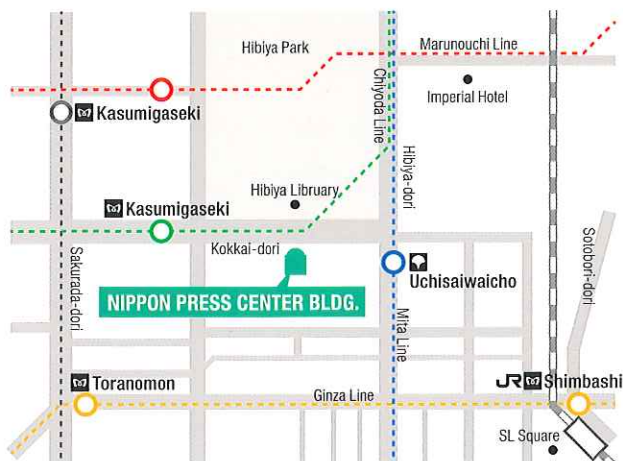




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JR Line/ Shimbashi Sta. [Hibiya Exit (SL Square)]

*There are no parking lots. Please use Hibiya city parking.*  
(Tel:03-3501-6333)