

Tsunagaaru: A Site for Secondary Students Worldwide



www.tsunagaaru.com

What is "Tsunagaaru"?

Tsunagaaru is an interactive communication website and participants are secondary school students in Japan and other countries.

At Tsunagaaru secondary students of diverse social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds can come together to exchange views and talk about their daily lives. It seeks to be a forum that will broaden participants' perspectives and help them establish friendship with others while deepening understanding of themselves.

Tsunagaaru offers young people the opportunity for real-time, immediate contact with many different kinds of people of their own generation, people living in a broad spectrum of social contexts. It is designed to foster the capacity to communicate with people raised in different environments and who may have different opinions and values.

Inside Tsunagaaru

My Page

This is each member's personal page where you are able to:

- post your profile and your interests
- post photos of yourselves
- write essays to post

This page gives you the opportunity to give expression to your personal thoughts or discoveries in the form of text and photos.

Essays from Members

You can read essays from other members. You can write comments to these essays, promoting exchange of ideas and views about the content.

Community

Here you can set up and join discussion groups to communicate with other participants. If there is something you want to find out about, you can ask people in many different countries to respond.

You can post comments in English, Japanese, Chinese, and/or Korean. We hope you will take this opportunity to put to practical use the language you are studying.

To Keep the Place Safe for Everyone

Membership

Only persons who have received TJF's approval to participate will be able to log in, view, and post comments on Tsunagaaru. TJF will confirm that each registrant is in fact a student at the school indicated and obtaining the approval of parents/guardians for participation.

Terms of Use and Privacy Policy

Members of Tsunagaaru are required to submit a signed Agreement Form agreeing to abide by the Terms of Use and the Privacy Policy. The Terms of Use and Privacy Policy explain what members need to do to assure they can enjoy safe and constructive communication via Tsunagaaru.

Monitoring of writing for posting on the site

TJF will check all content posted on Tsunagaaru before it is posted on the site. TJF will remove inappropriate expressions, personal information, and images for which copyright permission is needed, before it appears.

How to Participate

Who can participate

Anyone who is a secondary school student (junior high or middle school, senior high school, etc.) and 12 years of age or older. (Once you have registered, you will be able to access Tsunagaaru until you graduate, unless you withdraw your membership.)

Registration

Please register from the Tsunagaaru site.

1. Read the Terms of Use and the Privacy Policy carefully.
2. Fill out the items on the Registration Form and press send.
3. Download the Agreement Form, fill in the items specified, and have your parent or guardian sign it, and send it to TJF by post or fax.
4. Once TJF has received the registration information and Agreement Form, we will contact the teacher you wrote on the form to confirm your enrollment in the school. Please be sure to let your teacher know that TJF will contact him/her in order to confirm your enrollment in school.
5. When your registration information has been confirmed, you will receive an email from TJF and be able to log in to Tsunagaaru. It is usually about three weeks from the time the two documents are submitted until you can log on to Tsunagaaru.

Fee (No Charge)

Tsunagaaru is operated free of charge to users. No registration or other fees are required.

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