

SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

Japanese Language and Culture Marugoto 3

Main Text: (2013) *Mrugoto Nihon no Kotoba to Bunka A1 Katsudou*. Sanshuusha: Tokyo, Japan

Grammar text: (2013) *Mrugoto Nihon no Kotoba to Bunka A1 Rikai*. Sanshuusha: Tokyo, Japan

Overview of course contents

- Recognise station and taxi signs
- Use a taxi and give direction
- Say where they are over the phone
- Recognise opening and closing times of a shop
- Talk about what they want to buy
- Talk about where to shop
- Read prices
- Read a short blog
- Say what they did on their days off
- Give opinions
- Write a short blog
- Read a simple email
- Say what they did on their travels
- Say where they want to go next time

Synopsis

The Japan Foundation & SOAS Language and Culture Course (Beginner Level) is a new kind of course for absolute beginners in Japanese. It is equivalent to the Japan Foundation Standard for Japanese Language Education, A1 Breakthrough. The course is based on new communicative approaches rather than traditional methods of language education that focus purely on grammar and sentence structure. It uses the *Marugoto Coursebooks*, new textbooks published by the Japan Foundation.

The aim of this course is to use Japanese language skills to get to know people, order in Japanese restaurants and take part in many other Japan-related events. At the end of each session, participants will be able to perform specific, practical tasks in Japanese. Students completing this course are able to continue to **Japanese Beginners 3**.