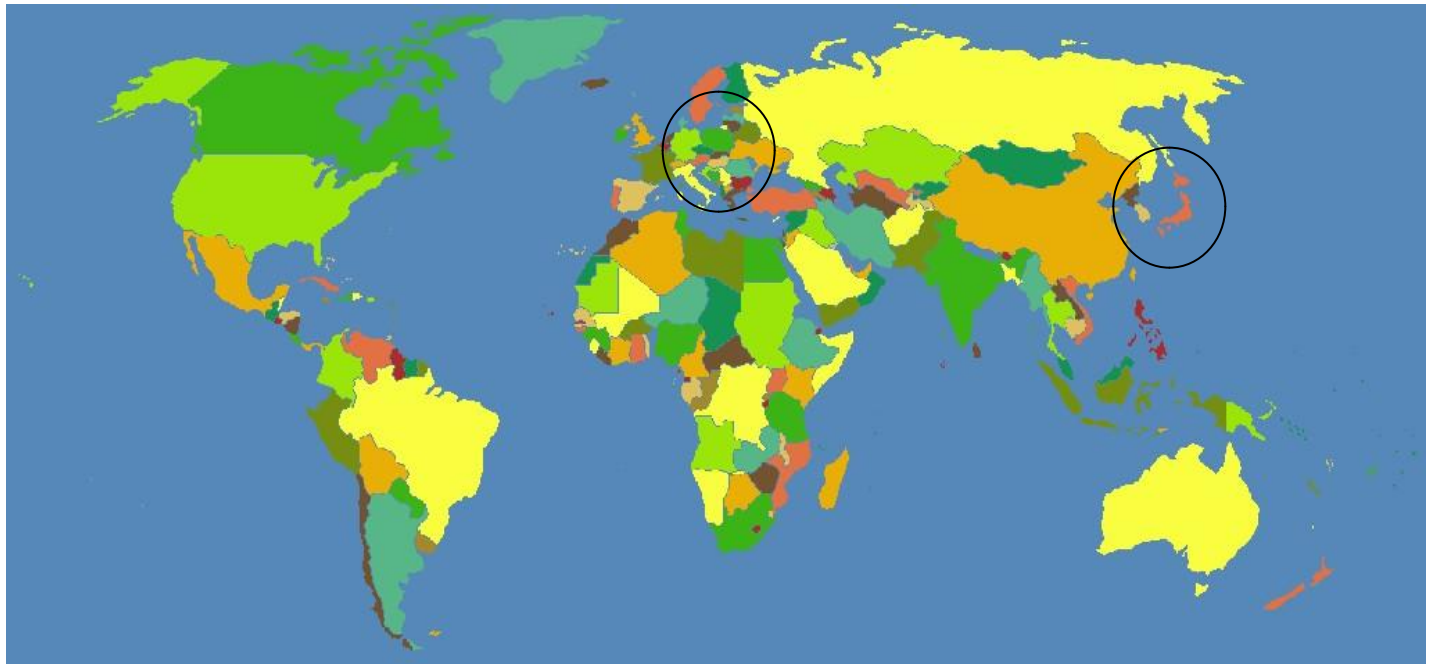
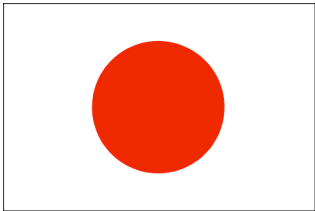
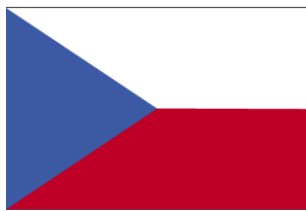


Ames International Partner Cities

The mission of the Ames International Partner Cities Association (AIPCA) is to promote cultural and educational exchanges between the people of the City of Ames and those of our Partner Cities, **Frydek-Mistek, Czech Republic** and **Enzan City, Japan**.



English	Japanese	Czech
one	ichi	Jedna (yehdna)
two	ni	dvě (dvyeh)
three	san	tři (zhee)
four	shi	čtyři (chtihzhee)
five	go	pět (pyet)
six	roku	šest (shehst)
seven	shichi	sedm (sehdm)
eight	hachi	osm (ohsum)
nine	kyuu	devět (dehvyet)
ten	juu	deset (dehseht)
hello	konnichiwa	dobry den (dohbrih dehn)
thanks	arigatou	Děkuji (dyehkooyee)
yes	hai	ano (ahnoh)
no	iie	ne (neh)
National flag		

Some English words that come from Japanese

karaoke	"empty orchestra"
origami	artistic paper folding
hibachi	a small, portable charcoal grill
tycoon	from "taikun" (great prince, high commander)
honcho	<i>hanchō</i> , head, chief
sudoku	<i>sūdoku</i> , a number placement puzzle
tsunami	literally "harbour wave"

Some English words that come from Czechoslovakian

howitzer	from <i>houfnice</i> , a 15th century Hussite catapult; <i>houf</i>
pilsner	after Pilsen, the German name of <i>Plzeň</i> , a Czech city.
pistol	from <i>píšťala</i> , an 15th century Hussite firearm
polka	from <i>Polák</i> or <i>polský</i> , a Czech dance
robot	from <i>robota</i> (labour, drudgery), in Karel Čapek's 1920's play R.U.R.



Girl Scouts of Japan

Headquarters	Nishihara 1-40-3, Shibuya-ku
Location	Tokyo
Country	Japan
Founded	1919
Membership	61,305
Affiliation	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Junák - svaz skautů a skautek ČR Girl Scouts of the Czech Republic

Country	Czech Republic
Founded	1911
Membership	45,000
Affiliation	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts , World Organization of the Scout Movement



The Japanese writing system uses two main scripts

Kanji – ideographs from Chinese characters

参 Attend, Go to pray	美 Beautiful	平 Calm	清 Clarity	令 Command	完 Complete
図 Drawing	永 Eternal	喜 Enjoy	花 Flower	火 Fire	友 Friends
幸 Good Fortune	神 God, mind	福 Happiness	和 Harmony	学 Learn	命 Life
光 Light	笑 Laugh	会 Meet, society	月 Moon	計 Plan	雨 Rain
更 Renew	侍 Samurai	求 Seek	考 Think	真 True	宇 Universe
水 Water	道 Way, Path	風 Wind	智 Wisdom	全 Whole	言 Word

Kana – a pair of syllabaries, consisting of:

Hiragana: used for native Japanese words

Katakana: used for foreign borrowed words

あ _a	い _i	う _u	え _e	お _o
か _{ka}	き _{ki}	く _{ku}	け _{ke}	こ _{ko}
さ _{sa}	し _{shi}	す _{su}	せ _{se}	そ _{so}
た _{ta}	ち _{chi}	つ _{tsu}	て _{te}	と _{to}
な _{na}	に _{ni}	ぬ _{nu}	ね _{ne}	の _{no}
は _{ha}	ひ _{hi}	ふ _{fu}	へ _{he}	ほ _{ho}
ま _{ma}	み _{mi}	む _{mu}	め _{me}	も _{mo}
や _{ya}		ゆ _{yu}		よ _{yo}
ら _{ra}	り _{ri}	る _{ru}	れ _{re}	ろ _{ro}
わ _{wa}				を _{wo}
				ん _n

Adventure	bôken	冒險	Mountain	yama	山
American	bêkokujin	米国人	Music	ongaku	音樂
Apple	ringo	林檎	Nature	shizen	自然
Artist	gêjutsuka	芸術家	Night	yoru	夜
Bamboo	take	竹	Ocean	kaiyô	海洋
Beans	mame	豆	Octopus	taco	鮑
Beauty	bi	美	Orange	daidaiiro	橙色
Bird	tori	鳥	Peace	hêwa	平和
Black	kuro	黒	People	tami	民
Blue	ao	青	Pony	kouma	子馬
Brother	kyôdai	兄弟	Prairie	nohara	野原
Cat	neko	猫	Pumpkin	kabocha	南瓜
Day	hi	日	Puppy	koinu	子犬
Dog	inu	犬	Rain	ame	雨
Dolphin	iruka	海豚	Rainbow	niji	虹
Family	kazoku	家族	Red	aka	赤
Father	chichi	父	Rice	kome	米
Fish	sakana	魚	River	kawa	川
Flower	Hana	花	Rock	iwa	岩
Fox	kitsune	狐	Sister	shimai	姉妹
Friend	tomo	友	Snake	Hebi	蛇
Garden	niwa	庭	Snow	yuki	雪
Girl	shôjo	少女	Spring	Haru	春
Grass	shibafu	芝	Star	hoshi	星
Green	midori	緑	Sun	taiyô	太陽
Happiness	sachi	幸	Sunshine	nikkô	日光
Horse	uma	馬	Teacher	sense	先生
Japan	nihon	日本	Think	kanga	考える
Kitten	koneko	子猫	Tiger	tora	虎
Lake	mizumi	湖	Tree	ki	木
Library	toshokan	図書館	Turtle	kame	亀
Life	inochi	命	Volcano	kazan	火山
Melody	shirabe	調	Water	mizu	水
Monkey	saru	猿	White	shiro	白
Moon	tsuki	月	Wind	kaze	可ぜ
Mother	haha	母	World	sekai	世界