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Message sent on behalf of Dr Kawabata and Mrs Boulding

Dear Japanese Studies Students,

We are delighted to welcome all of you to the Department of East Asian Studies in FAMES.

Your first official day of attendance in the department will be on Wednesday 9 October 2019. You will be informed of the schedules of the induction meetings/lectures/placement test which will take place on this date by the faculty Undergraduate Programmes Administrator in due course.

You are expected to purchase two first-year Japanese language textbooks and read the 'Introduction' before the course starts. It is also a good idea to take a look at the first 6 to 7 lessons to familiarise yourself with the textbook.

An Introduction to Modern Japanese –
Book 1 (Grammar Lessons)
Book 2 (Exercises and Word Lists)
by R. Bowring and H. Laurie (Cambridge University Press)

Details of how to buy the books at a discount will be sent to you in a separate message.

You are expected to be able to read and write the hiragana and katakana scripts before coming to Cambridge as you will be using them from day one. This does not apply to kanji.

When you learn/revise Kana syllabaries (both Hiragana and Katakana) yourselves, please pay close attention to the stroke orders and pronunciations. You may find the following websites useful:

Online Nihongo (<http://nihongo-e-na.com/eng/site/id349.html>)
http://www.omniglot.com/writing/japanese_hiragana.htm
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hiragana>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to inform either Dr Miki Kawabata (Senior Language Teaching Officer in Japanese: mk820@cam.ac.uk) or Ms Francesca Barraud (Undergraduate Programmes Administrator: ug_progadmin@ames.cam.ac.uk)

We wish you all a successful and enjoyable period of study and we hope it will be both rewarding and productive.

We very much look forward to meeting you all on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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