

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1019

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR junior.

Today, let's follow Lily as she goes on a park adventure.

She sees pretty flowers and hears birds singing happily. Lily finds a nice spot to relax under a big tree and enjoys a snack. Nearby, a little stream flows quietly, inviting her to play. But what Lily loves most is running around and playing pretend games.

That's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1018

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let's explore the fascinating history of pizza, a beloved dish cherished around the world.

Legend has it that pizza originated in Naples, Italy, during the 18th century. It was initially a simple flatbread topped with tomatoes, garlic, and olive oil, and enjoyed by the working class. However, its popularity soared when Queen Margherita of Italy tried a version with tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, and basil, resembling the colors of the Italian flag. This inspired the classic Margherita pizza we know today. The concept quickly spread beyond Italy, becoming a global sensation with countless variations, from traditional Neapolitan to deep-dish Chicago style. Whether you prefer a classic Margherita or a loaded Meat Lover's, pizza remains a beloved comfort food enjoyed by people of all cultures and ages.

That's all for today. See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1019

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Take a listen to a piece of news under the title “University of Tokyo to launch a new program with 50% foreign students”. Let’s begin

The University of Tokyo plans to launch a new five-year combined Bachelor's and Master's degree program in fall 2027, with half of the roughly 100-student capacity to comprise foreign students, a university source said.

The interdisciplinary college of design program, a combination of a four-year Bachelor's degree and one-year Master's, aims to nurture talent to lead efforts to resolve global issues such as climate change.

While enrolled in the envisioned program, students will also be able select courses already offered at undergraduate and graduate levels at the university according to their interests across fields such as literature and medicine.

Within the five years, students will be required to gain experience from programs outside the university for one year, such as by taking part in company internships or studying abroad.

Enrollment for the program will begin in the fall, with classes to be taught in English, and the admissions are to be carried out in a different format from the traditional examination process in an effort to accept people from diverse backgrounds.

The envisioned program comes as the university aims to raise the ratio of foreign students to 30% or more at undergraduate level and 40% or more at graduate level by 2049, up from 4.6% and 33%, respectively, as of November 2023.

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