

Konbanwa II

English subtitled version

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My dream
started here.



Make at least one Night Junior High School
in each of Japan's 47 prefectures!

Why do people go to school? Why are night schools necessary? Find the answers here.

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Konbanwa II with English subtitles!

This easily accessible version of the film has been made with the hope that a broader audience, both in Japan and around the world, will watch the film and learn about Japanese night junior high schools.

In order to survive

The people who come to night junior high schools have faced many difficulties in their daily lives, even thinking of themselves as useless, due to the fact they have not acquired a basic education. This film records the stories of night school students who have strived to gain that education and the confidence to stand tall and proud. It reconsiders what it means to learn, what it means to live.



The power of the public to establish night schools: Independent night junior high schools hold the key

The few public night junior high schools that do exist in Japan tend to be clustered in certain areas. In the *independent* night junior high schools spread out across the country, volunteers respond to the needs of people wanting a basic education. The importance of independent night junior high schools like the ones in Konbanwa II becomes even more evident if the establishment of public junior high schools is to become a reality.

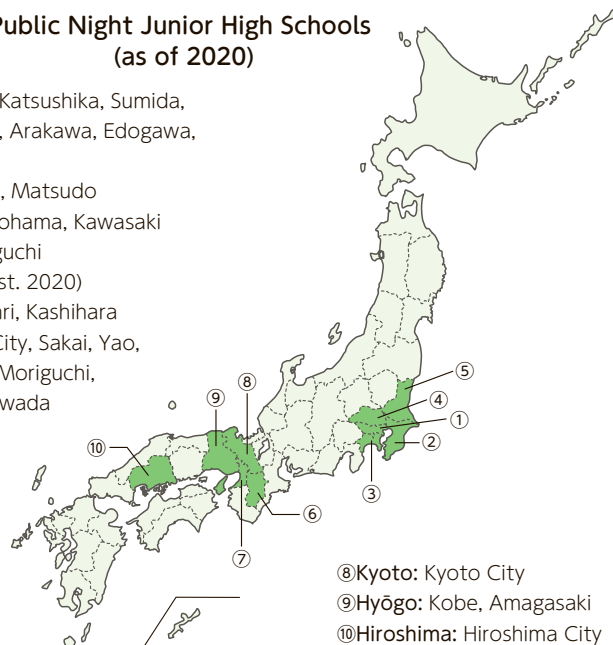


The right to learn

Education is a core human right. Regardless of age, place of birth, mother tongue, or having been graduated through social passing, everyone has a right to a basic education, and every national and local government must guarantee that right. Yet, an overwhelming number of people do not know of this right, that limitations such as age and nationality do not exist, or that there is a place to learn in night junior high schools. Japan's goal is to have at least one night school in each prefecture.

Public Night Junior High Schools (as of 2020)

- ①Tokyo: Adachi, Katsushika, Sumida, Setagaya, Ohta, Arakawa, Edogawa, Hachioji
- ②Chiba: Ichikawa, Matsudo
- ③Kanagawa: Yokohama, Kawasaki
- ④Saitama: Kawaguchi
- ⑤Ibaraki: Joso (est. 2020)
- ⑥Nara: Nara, Tenri, Kashihara
- ⑦Osaka: Osaka City, Sakai, Yao, Higashi-Osaka, Moriguchi, Toyonaka, Kishiwada



- ⑧Kyoto: Kyoto City
- ⑨Hyōgo: Kobe, Amagasaki
- ⑩Hiroshima: Hiroshima City

Screenings across Japan through Japan Night Junior High School Caravan from October 2019
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DVD Konbanwa II with English subtitles

Price: ¥1,000 (tax included) Shipping fee: ¥200 (tax included)

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- Payment by money transfer should be made to our account at Japan Post Bank upon receipt of DVD. Payment information will be included in the DVD shipment. Transfer fees are to be paid by customer.

Screenings

- Please contact Sekimoto Yasutaka at «yakancaravan@jcom.zaq.ne.jp», if you would like to arrange a screening. We would gladly send a representative to talk about the project.

For more information

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