

# Science Tokyo Guidance for Graduate Students 2025

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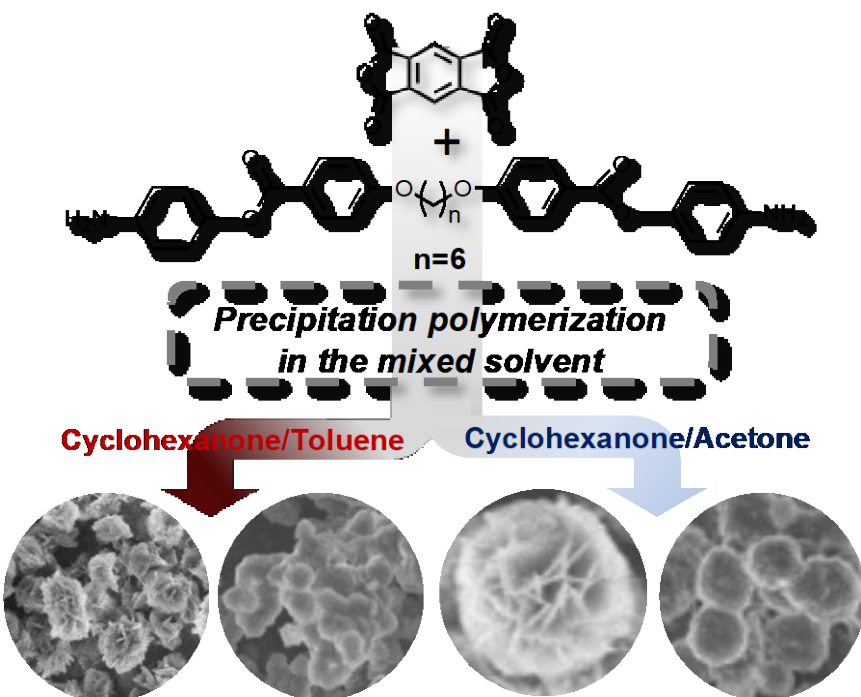
- Yuqian Chen #Shanghai #China
- D3 #Department of Materials Science and Engineering
- Nintendo Switch #Splatoon3 #Animal crossing
- Outdoors #Skiing #Camping #Hiking
- Destress: Running 🏃♀️, Watching movies 🎬 & Reading 📖



# My research

## *‘Self-assembly of semiaromatic poly(amic acid) into flower-like microparticles via one-step precipitation polymerization’*

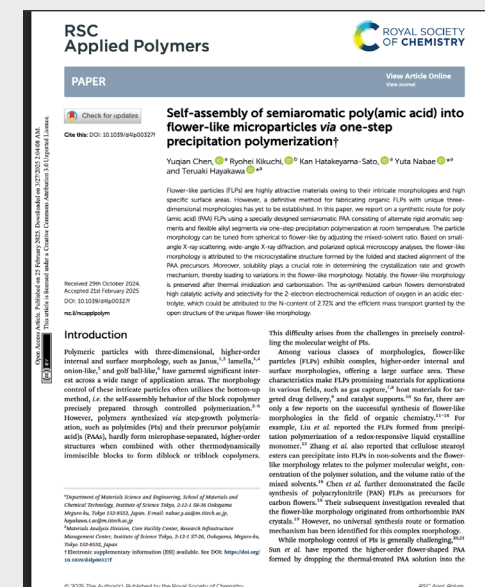
#polyimide #precipitation polymerization #flower-like particles #oxygen reduction reaction



## Attending academic conference



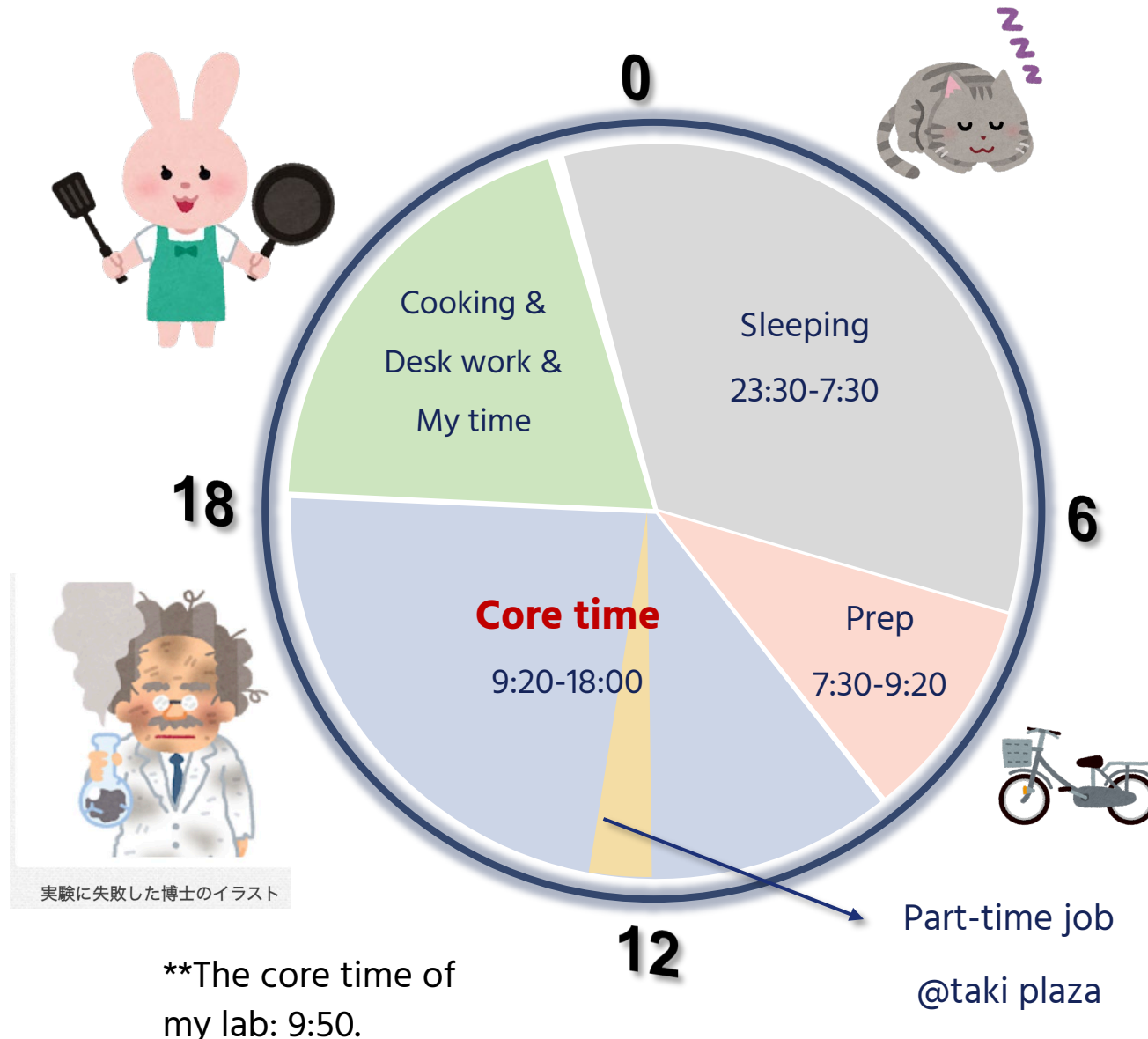
## Writing papers



# How my workday looks like (PhD ver.) ?

## Daily communication

- Daily conversation with my peers:  
95% Japanese and 5% Chinese
- Discussion with my supervisor:  
100% Japanese
- Academic presentation and Master's defense:  
100% English
- \*Hospital, bank, ward office, etc.  
100% Japanese



# Your life in Science Tokyo

# Financial support

- Scholarships for **master students**:

JASSO

privately funded scholarships

- Scholarships for **PhD students**:

JSPS

Science Tokyo SPRING

(Science Tokyo Program for Development of Next-Generation Front-Runners with Comprehensive Knowledge and Humanity)

Tokyo Tech Tsubame Scholarship

privately funded scholarships

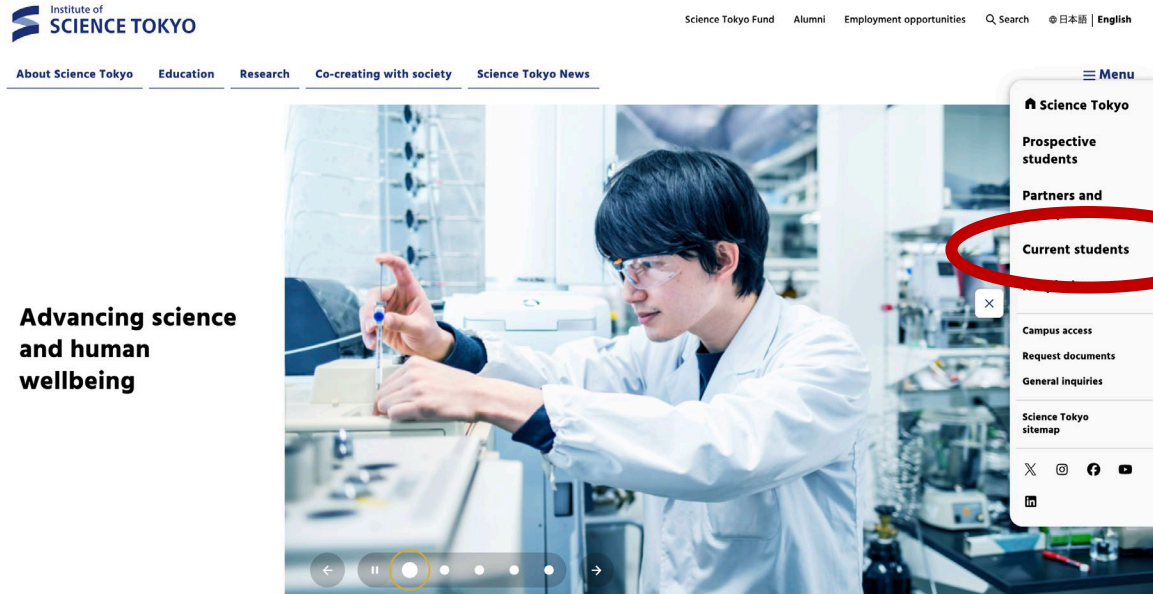
✓ **Part-time job**

✓ **TA, RA**

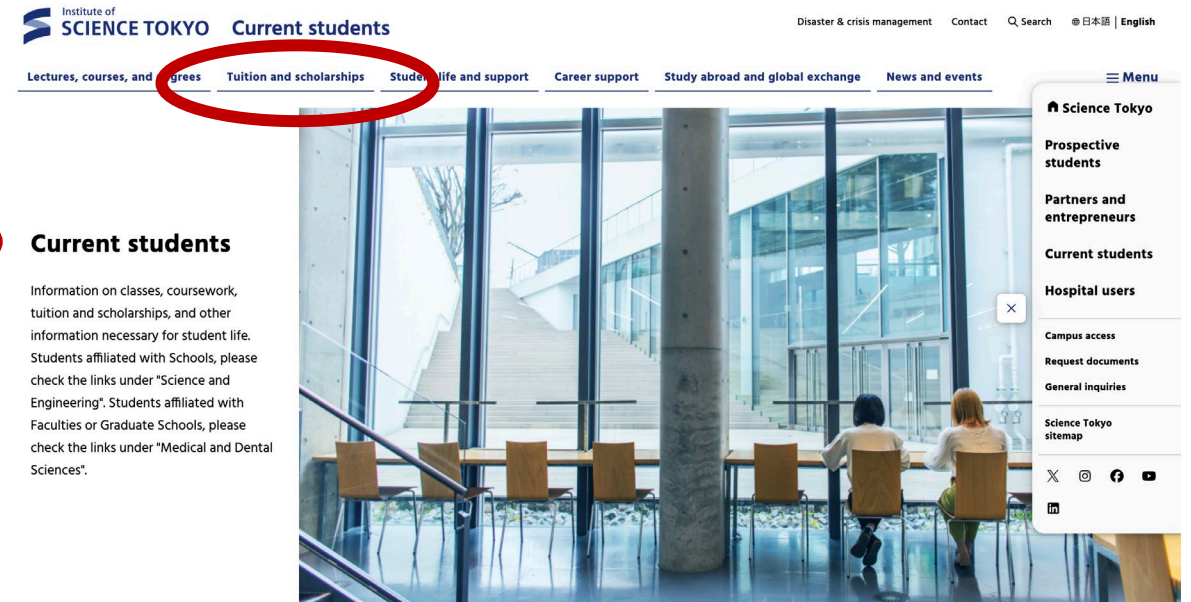


# Where can I find the information

## ① HP of Science Tokyo → 'Current student'



## ② 'Tuition and Scholarships'



We are also on Slack!  
#rss-t2website-current-status-all

And your e-mail!



# Where can I improve my Japanese?

## Nihongo space

Open hour and Venue:

Ookayama Campus	Suzukakedai Campus
Every Wed. and Thu. (12:40 - 14:00)	Every Thu. (12:40 - 14:00)
<a href="#">Int'l Student Lounge at West Bldg.1</a>	<a href="#">G1-116</a>



## Global lounge @ Taki plaza B1

**MULTILINGUAL CHAT**

Welcome to our multilingual chat in 2023 Spring!  
Let's talk in English, Korean, Chinese, or Japanese  
with the Peer Life Coach Students!  
Learn other languages!  
※No Reservation is Required

**Where**  
TakiPlaza B1F  
Global Lounge

**Language**  
English  
Korean  
Chinese  
Japanese

**When**  
Every Friday  
13:00 - 13:30  
from Apr.14th

You can also  
communicate with  
Japanese Students

You don't have to  
prepare anything!

Let's talk about  
our daily life!!

International Exchange Team of Peer Life Coaches  
Student Success Support Section, Student Support Center  
Email: [internationalstudentsupport@jim.titech.ac.jp](mailto:internationalstudentsupport@jim.titech.ac.jp)



# Other events held at Global Lounge @taki plaza

## Previous events held in 2024





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**Picnic tour**

Available in both English and Japanese!

**Date: June 8th, 10 a.m.**

**Meet @Daimon Station Exit A6**

Let's take a walk around Tokyo Tower and enjoy a picnic!

- \*Admission and transportation fees will not be reimbursed
- \*In case of rain, the tour will proceed without the picnic
- \*Food and beverages will not be catered; please bring your own snacks and drinks for the picnic
- \*Make sure to enroll in Gakkensai (Disaster and Accident Insurance for Students)
- \*If there are too many applicants, a lottery will be conducted to select the participants

Contact information:  
Email: [conciierge.junior@ssc.isct.ac.jp](mailto:conciierge.junior@ssc.isct.ac.jp)  
Peer Life Coach International Exchange Team, Student Success Support Room, Student Support Center



**Language Learning Workshop**

外国語 学習ワークショップ

プロの先生と外国語学習の秘訣を一緒に探そう！  
Discover secrets for mastering foreign languages with experts!

**7.15 TUE** 17:00-19:00

**@Taki Plaza B2F workshop space**

Contact  
Peer Life Coach, Student Support Center  
e-mail: [conciierge.junior@ssc.isct.ac.jp](mailto:conciierge.junior@ssc.isct.ac.jp)

外国語は学びたいけど、どう勉強すればいいのかわからなくて諦めたことはありませんか？  
プロの外国語先生が授業では話せなかった言語の勉強法、その言語を学んだ理由など語学勉強について語ります！  
講演後にはパネルディスカッションも！

Have you faced any difficulty to study foreign languages? Language Experts will talk about how to study languages, why they choose studying the languages, and so on! There will be also a panel discussion!

**Program**

- 17:00 Opening
- 17:05 Presentations
  - Kumiko Kiuchi associate prof. 木内久美子 准教授
  - Hilofumi Yamamoto prof. 山元啓史 教授
  - Koichiro Mitsubori prof. 三ツ堀広一郎 教授
- 17:50 Group Discussion
- 18:00 Panel Discussion
- 18:30 Group Discussion
- 19:00 Closing

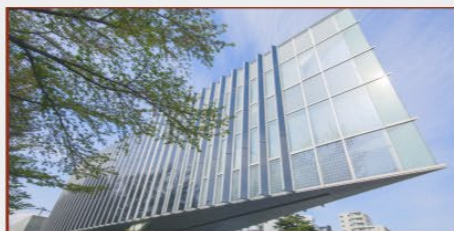




English

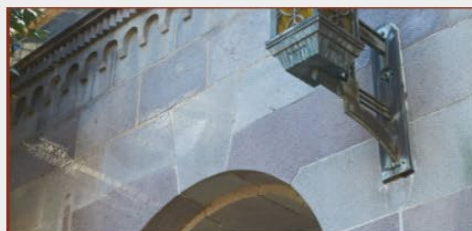
# CAMPUS TOUR

guided  
by Peer Life Coach Students!



**Ookayama**

Taki Plaza, Main Bldg.,  
West Bldg. 1, Library, ...



**Suzukakedai**

Library, J2 Bldg., G-Area,  
Suzukake Hall, ...

**Ookayama Campus**

**9/29 11:30-. 14:45-**

**Suzukakedai Campus**

**9/30 11:30-, 14:30-**

Let's take a walk around the  
Ookayama campus and  
learn about the places!!



**Reservation  
form**

## WHERE TO MEET

Ookayama : Taki Plaza Entrance

Suzukakedai : Suzukake Hall  
Entrance



## Contact

Ookayama Student Support Center, Student Success Support Section, Peer Life Coach  
E-mail : [concierge.junior@ssc.isct.ac.jp](mailto:concierge.junior@ssc.isct.ac.jp)

# International student help desk



Peer Life Coach  
International Exchange Team

## International Student Help Desk

**Let's work together to solve your problem !**

The International Student Help Desk provides information to foreign students who have questions. Japanese Students are also welcomed!  
You can just drop by and chat too!  
Please feel free to talk to us!

**Schedule** Monday to Thursday, 12:40-13:20  
Also open in the afternoon on some days.  
Please check the schedule through QR code.

**Where** Taki Plaza B1F Global Lounge

**Language** English • Chinese • Korean • Chinese  
Please ask the language proficiency to the staff.

**Google Calendar**



**Contact**  
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# 10) Support for International Exchange

## ➤ Global Lounge

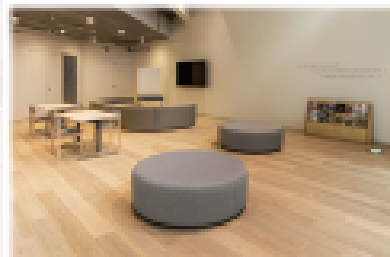
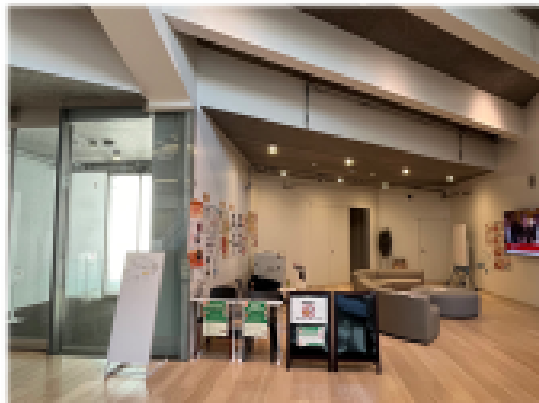
Global Lounge, near the Taki Plaza B1 entrance, designed for both international students and Japanese students where international exchange events are held.

- Students may freely use this place as a lounge when there are no events.
- Students may watch BBC and browse international magazines.
- Food and drinks are **NOT** permitted except during events.

Global Lounge (Taki Plaza B1 Floor)  
<https://takiplaza.gakumu.titech.ac.jp>

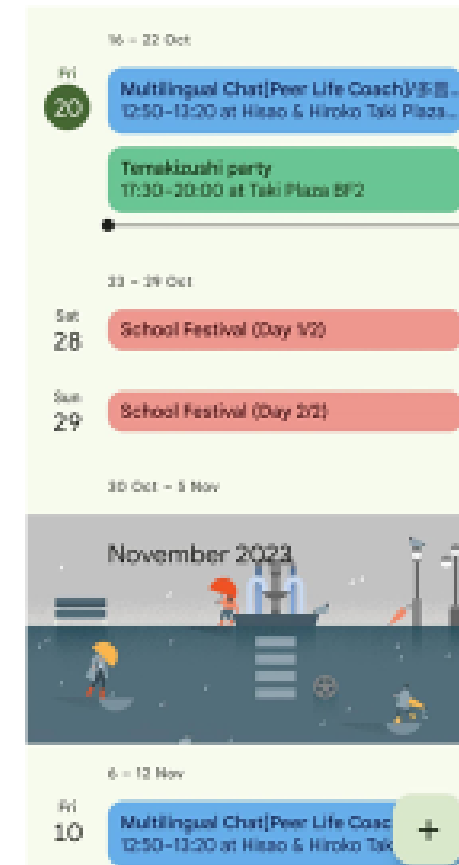


Opening hours follow the opening hours of Taki Plaza.



## ➤ TokyoTech - International Exchange Event Calendar

This Google calendar lets you check international exchange events held by Tokyo Tech students and faculty/staff. Please swipe the QR code and register!



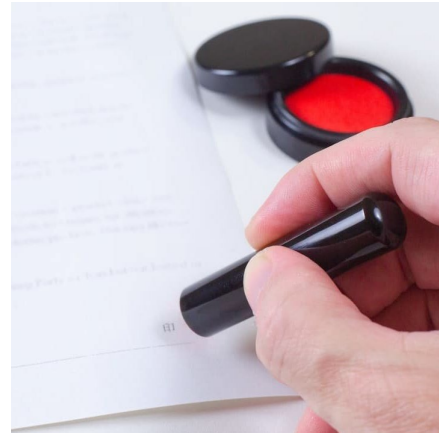


# Getting start with your life in Japan

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- Get a SIM card
- Open a bank account
- Find your apartment
- Resident registration at the local ward office

- | 住居地記載欄                     |                 |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 届出年月日                      | 住居地             | 記載事項   |
| 2014年12月1日                 | 東京都港区港南5丁目5番30号 | <span style="border: 1px solid red;">東京都港区長</span> |
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| 賃貸等活動許可欄                   |                 | 自営期間変更等許可申請欄                                       |
| 許可：原則週 28 時間以内・風俗営業等の従事を除く |                 | 在留資格変更許可申請中  |



# How can I create a **bank account**?

To pay the tuition, rent, utilities, etc.

- Check the business hour! (Weekdays, 9am-3pm)
- Find the nearest branch to your home or to the campus
- Reservation is needed for opening a bank account.
- Nonresistant for the first half year.
- Bring your signature stamp!!!
- Only in Japanese



e.g. 大岡山駅前郵便局 (Ōokayama Station Post Office)  
三井住友銀行 旗の台支店・雪ヶ谷大塚支店  
(SMBC Hatanodai branch and Yukigayaooduka branch)

# How can I find an apartment?

## Science Tokyo dormitories



### More information on the HP.

HP→Current student

→ Student life and support

→ Dormitories and other accommodation

•In principle, there are two general application periods: spring (applications received in late January, move-in begins in late March) and fall (applications received in late July, move-in begins in late September).

# How can I find an apartment?

## Find your apartment through the house agent

### ① Online research

**suumo**



(only in Japanese)



**realestatejapan**

(Available in English)

### ② Contact the house agent for the preview

### ③ Wait for examination, contract signing, pay the initial cost\*

### ④ Order the furniture and move into your new house!!

L: living room D: dining room K: kitchen



Monthly rent/Deposit/Gratitude  
Mansion/Apāto

\*The overall process could take up  
at least 2 weeks.

\*The initial cost may cost as 4-5  
times as your monthly rent.



# Things to do at the local ward office

- Find your local ward office:  
Ōta-ku, Meguro-ku, Setagaya-ku, etc.
- Resident Registration
- National Health Insurance Registration

## \* National Pension System

In Japan, all residents over 20 years old must join the National Pension system. However, people who have not earned any income in Japan during the previous year are **eligible for an exemption**. In which case, please follow the instructions of the ward/city office staff and complete the necessary procedures.

Don't forget your passport, residence card, signature stamp!!





**Be positive!**  
**Don't forget to ask for help!**  
**Enjoy your life at Science Tokyo!**