

## **SELF-INTRODUCTION (Jikoshoukai)**

- ▶ Self-introduction is a pre-requisite to start a conversation with a new a person or at a new place.
- ▶ In Japan people are very much into "Self Introductions". If you meet people you'll often be asked to introduce yourself.
- ▶ So it's better to have a set self-introduction ready as you will be repeating it again and again.

### The Basic Outline

1. Start with a greeting
2. Say your name with your last name first, followed by obviously your first name.
3. Say where you're from. (Your country, city).
4. If you aren't self-conscious, go ahead and say your age.
5. Depending on the setting, you can feel free to announce some of your interests or favourite things to eat. You might also consider adding in some skills of yours or your work place or university.
6. Keep things simple and close it up with a polite and classic Japanese farewell.
7. Steps one to six can be made to be either very easy, or quite complicated depending on your Japanese level. For the purpose of simplicity and providing a foundation that can be built on, we will be going through the more basic version of a self-introduction.
  - ▶ If at all possible, wait to be introduced
  - ▶ It can be seen as impolite to introduce yourself, even in a large gathering.

## **BASIC SELF-INTRODUCTION**

1. Hajimemashite. (Lit. We are meeting for the first time)
2. Watashi wa ----- desu. (My name is----)
3. Douzou Yoroshiku onegaishimasu. (Nice to meet you. Lit. Please be kind to me)

## **Few more additions to self-Introduction**

1. In Formal Situations: -----to moushimasu. (My name is----)
2. Indo kara kimashita (I come from India)
3. ----kaisha de hatarakimasu (I work in----company)
4. -----daigaku no gakusei desu (I am a student of-----college)  
-----gakkou no gakusei desu (I am a student of-----school)  
Watashi wa koukousei desu (I am a high school student)