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It's a shopping wonderland. Super Tamade

Just a short walk from OBKG is the Tenjinbashisuji Shopping Street, Japan's longest shopping arcade running 2.6 km north to south, where more than 600 stores stand side-by-side. Take a stroll along this shopping street, which has almost anything you could want to buy at affordable prices. About halfway along, you will come across the conspicuous sight of shocking yellow corporate colors and a gaudy neon sign. Japan's No. 1 bargain king! Osaka's super-cheap supermarket, Super Tamade. The store design, which seems eccentric even to most Japanese, is attracting the eye of overseas tourists. Recently, it has entered the limelight as a uniquely Osaka tourist attraction and Instagram-worthy spot. However, Super Tamade is not popular for its appearance alone.

BE AMAZED AT THE PRICES! Astounded by the product range!

Step inside the store and you will enter another world that is full of surprises. From fresh foods to dairy products, meat and seafood (even whole fish!), to daily necessities such as detergent and toothbrushes... as far as the eye can see, merchandise packs the shelves with price stickers that will have you doubting your own eyes. It's open 24 hours a day! You can buy what you need when you need it, at any time of the day. We particularly recommend the bentos. There are all kinds - Japanese, Western, Chinese, and all of them of a hearty volume! The price is an astonishing 300 yen or thereabouts! Once you shop here, you may never be able to shop anywhere else.

You'll find all kinds of thing in our 1 yen sale!

What's more, practically every day, Super Tamade holds a "One Yen Sale" event. For example, "Instant Ramen, one yen a pack!" "500 ml Coca Cola, one yen!" "600 ml dishwashing liquid, one yen!" You can buy products that are part of everyday life for just one yen.

When you come to Japan in the near future, it is bound to become a strong ally for your everyday needs. There are some simple conditions, such as being limited to customers who make purchases totaling 1,000 yen or more, so if you are not sure, ask the staff as many questions as you need. It is those times when you are having trouble that offer the best opportunities for communication. Of course, this is the shitamachi area, where people are particularly kind and considerate, even in kind and considerate Osaka, so if the local obachan (middle-aged women) see you looking uncertain, they may not be able to stop themselves from helping you.

Even more good news! In-store foreign currency exchange machine.

There is one more point of good news. Super Tamade Tenjinbashi Store has its own in-store foreign currency exchange machine. It's also available 24 hours a day, so be sure to make good use of it.

Osaka, Japan's second largest city, where the cost of living is cheaper than Tokyo, and there is a generosity of human spirit. It is this Osaka that has the Super Tamade, Japan's (maybe even the world's) cheapest supermarket. As well as an education system that will make your dreams come true and a track record in that education, OBKG offers the kind of convenience of daily life that can only be found in Osaka.

Super Tamade http://Japanese.ac.jp/m/Tamade



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The Ile de la Cité of the East, an island floating in the middle of the city. Osaka's Nakanoshima is just like Paris.

About a ten-minute walk southward from Tenjinbashisuji Shopping Street, Japan's longest shopping arcade close to OBKG, you will come to Okawa River, a Class A river that flows through the city of Osaka. Just slightly to the west is the location of today's photo shoot. This is the Nakanoshima Area, known as the Ile de la Cité of the East. The design of the zones and landscape of this area actually took reference from Paris's Ile de la Cité in the Meiji Period, so even though it is right in the middle of Osaka, it has wide, open skies. It also features many buildings that have been designated as Important Cultural Properties, and, without the flashy billboards that Osaka is famous for, it really does feel like Paris.

The symbol of Nakanoshima that avoided demolition with the power of Osaka's residents

The first place our models visited is the Osaka City Central Public Hall, the symbol of the Nakanoshima area that first opened 100 years ago in November 2018. As well as the beautiful neo-Renaissance exteriors, you can see the exhibition room and other areas always open to visitors without booking. The other rooms are only available for hire for conferences and various events, although the Hall staff regularly hold guided tours of the exquisitely designed special rooms. This is a must-see for anyone interested in a career in architecture. Once you've made the decision to come here to study, be sure to join one of these tours. At one stage, the hall was so dilapidated that there was talk of tearing it down. However, the passionate hopes of the people of Osaka, who loved this building, bore fruit and the building was renovated and made earthquake-resistant, before being designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.

THE MANY HISTORICAL BUILDINGS STANDING TALL IN THE OFFICE DISTRICT

With this Osaka City Central Public Hall at the center, nearby, there is also The Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka, whose collection and exhibits include two National Treasures and 13 Important Cultural Properties of Japan, Osaka Prefectural Nakanoshima Library, with its Renaissance-style exteriors and Baroque interiors and a front entrance reminiscent of a Grecian temple, and the former Osaka Branch of the Bank of Japan, the leading example of Osaka's Meiji-era architecture, with its generous use of

Nakanoshima, a great place for a walk. Classic, stylish, delicious, new!

> neo-Renaissance style. The whole area itself feels like a museum. This area was actually slated for redevelopment in 1971, but it was saved by the power of residents who opposed those plans, and today's Nakanoshima area is the result. The Nakanoshima Matsuri (festival), which was first organized to gather together the power of the residents, continues to be held today. On a public holiday at the beginning of May every year, Nakanoshima Park is transformed into a festival venue, with musical events, dance events, various flea markets, and street food stalls selling a variety of delicious wares. This entire festival, from planning to management, is the work of the residents themselves, so anyone at OBKG can participate too if they want. You should definitely give it a try.

ONE MORE FAMOUS ATTRACTION THAT REMAINS LOVED BY THE PEOPLE OF OSAKA

Nakanoshima is not only famous for its buildings. If you're hungry, make your way to the restaurant on the first basement floor of the





Osaka City Central Public Hall. We recommend the omuraisu. The rich fluffiness and delicious taste is an exquisite dish that can only be found here, and is much loved by the people of Osaka. Michellin and Pierre, who helped out with our photo shoot, were very satisfied. In particular, Pierre, from France, was really enjoying it as he shoveled it into his mouth, saying, 'It is the same as the way we cook meat in my country.'

Numerous sightseeing boats on the river create a new Osaka scene

Turn your gaze to the river and you will see sightseeing boats plying its surface. As part of the tourism project into which the city is placing much effort, Osaka, known as the "water capital," has many different boats, from the large boats that hold large numbers of people to the yakatabune, which are traditional boats whose passengers can enjoy a meal and a party, and small boats that skim the water's surface as they pass under the arch of blossoming cherry trees in spring. The fares are not that expensive, so be sure try it at least once. The streets of Osaka viewed from the water are a special sight.

This wonderful environment is in walking distance from OBKG!

There is also the Rose Garden, where 3,700 rose bushes of about 310 varieties bloom when the season comes. Cafes and barbecue terrace. Residents can be seen enjoying slacklining and mass yoga on the spacious lawn, and taking a "water stroll" down the river on kayaks.

OBKG may be the only school where a park with so many attractions and fun things to do can be found within the everyday lives of its international students. You can go back in time to Osaka's historical atmosphere, or spend your days off being active. You can also pop out to the park to refresh yourself in between your studies.







GO TO THE FUTURE ! Learn Japanese and realize your dreams in Japan

To the people of Indonesia. OBKG is ready to welcome you.

Thirteen years ago, convinced that an Asian boom was coming in the near future, Principal Oka and I traveled the whole of Indonesia to recruit people who wanted to come to Japan to study. Today, we have six large schools in Indonesia, making us a major option for students hoping to study in Japan. At OBKG, Indonesian students can learn the basics of the Japanese language to a certain extent in their own country, before coming to Japan to learn more and then go onto to higher education and employment. No other schools offers this learning option to students.

IF YOU WANT TO GO ONTO HIGHER EDUCATION, WE HAVE A 100% SUCCESS RATE! OBKG IS NOT MERELY A JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

There is a growing number of cram schools for preparing to enter Japanese universities. Students attend Japanese language school to learn Japanese, while also attending one of these cram schools for international students to prepare to get into a Japanese university. This means, however, that they have to spend twice as much in tuition fees and time in classes. OBKG does not let our students take such a circuitous route. Over a period of one year and nine months, our students first clear the hurdle of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students, which the various universities have set as eligibility to sit their university entrance exams. They also take 20 courses each in science, mathematics, chemistry, physics, and general humanities subjects. For students joining us in July 2019, we will start a course in which science subjects will be taught to Indonesian students in the Indonesian language.

OUR STUDENTS ARE SERIOUS. OUR TEACHERS ARE SERIOUS.

OBKG is a Japanese language school that also has a higher education prep school function, to help you fulfil your dreams to go onto higher education in Japan with our 100% success rate. For this reason, your homeroom teacher will have multiple one-on-one sessions with you, almost to the point of nagging. We help each individual student to choose the right university for their academic ability and to definitely pass that university's entrance exam.

OBKG is also Osaka's oldest Japanese language school, so it has strong connections with the universities. Many of our students decide on their path based on the universities we recommend.

Japanese will open up your future. You will change the world.

Most students who come here from Indonesia are able to speak English. If you add Japanese to that, it is like giving a metal rod to an ogre, as we say in Japan, that is, making something that is already strong even stronger. If you return to Indonesia after graduation, you will likely have no trouble finding somewhere to succeed. In Japan in particular, companies who want English language ability in their new employees cannot get enough of our students, and 100% of our graduates have succeeded in finding employment. In their next steps up in their careers, many of our graduates have greatly surpassed even Japanese employees. However, when finding employment, there are several hurdles to be cleared that are more severe than when going onto higher education. For this reason, we accompany our students to many job fairs and provide them with individual support. OBKG has a license from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare to provide free employment introductions, so we able to provide employment guidance with confidence. We offer you peace of mind.

Choose your work. Create your work. Design your future freely!

IT, robotics, international business, Japanese culture, biotechnology, animation, visual communication, game character design, architecture and tourism, food science, etc., etc. Your possibilities are endless. The student that leads the vanguard in the study for that job may be you. Let's talk about your big dreams in Japanese!

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