

The June 2024 Issue

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See You in Cebu! :

The Philippines with Hany, Friends & Famous People



Meet Miss Hany!

Hi, I'm Hany! I am the new English Conversation teacher at Keika Girls' School. My **birth name** is Hany Lyn Ajoc Navarra. Wow, that's long! My friends call me Miel, for short. Miel is the **Spanish** word for "**honey**". Curious about my long name? Well, in my country, **The Philippines**, we are usually given one, two or even three **first names**! In my case, "Hany Lyn" is my first name. Unlike in the US and other countries, where **middle names** are picked by parents, in The Philippines, our middle names are our mother's **maiden names**. In my case, my middle name is Ajoc (アジヨク), which is my mother's family name before she married my father. Navarra, on the other hand, is my father's **family name**. I have one younger sister, and because my name is Hany, they named her Sweet, or Sweet Ajoc Navarra.

My sister and I grew up in a city called Davao. **Davao City** is a **metropolitan** area, but it also has a lot of **nature**. It's **famous** for its beautiful **beaches**, delicious **seafood**, and **tropical** fruits. In Japan, it's **common** to go to karaoke to **celebrate** big events such as finishing **exams**, birthdays, or even on regular days. However, in Davao City, it is common to go to the beach and spend the whole day there. My friends and I especially like to go to the beach. We like **water sports**, too. Here are some pictures of me and my friends hanging out at the beach. Oh, how I love and miss the beach!



One more thing, the **languages** spoken in Davao City are **Cebuano**, **Filipino**, and English. Did you know that the Philippines has over 120 languages? While most people speak Filipino and English in The Philippines, each city has its own languages and **dialects**. On the next page, you will find some common **phrases** with their Filipino and Cebuano **translations**. If you want to know how they are **pronounced**, don't be shy, please ask me anytime! 😊

The Philippines Places, Phrases & Fashion



English	日本語	Filipino/Tagalog	Cebuano
“Welcome!”	「ようこそ！」	“Mabuhay!”	“Maayong Pag-abot!”
“How are you?”	「元気ですか。」	“Kumusta ka?”	“Kumusta?”
“Have you eaten yet?”	「もう食べましたか。」	“Kumain ka na?”	“Nagkaon na ka?”
“Really?”	「本当に？」	“Totoo ba?”	“Tinood ka?”
“OMG (Oh my God)! ”	「やばい！」	“Naku!”	“Hala!”

Please check out the Philippine Expo in Ueno Park, Tokyo from June 7th to June 9th, 2024. There will be Filipino music, food, and art at the festival. Even some famous people will be there. It's free! <3

**XOXO,
Hany**

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The Philippines & Japan Keika Connection

Did you know that Keika Girls' Senior High School students take **online** English classes with teachers from the Philippines? The school chose this program because there is only a one-hour **time difference** with Japan and there are many **friendly** English teachers in the Philippines. What a great **opportunity** to learn about another **flavor** of English! So many countries use English, and each has its own **style**. How interesting!



Keika high school students can also go on a summer trip to **Cebu** in the Philippines. It is a two-weeklong study tour in August. Students study English at GLC (Global Language Cebu) and do many other interesting things too! Here are some pictures from the **posters** the students made about their **experiences**!



飛行機の中から...



Our Schedule ♪

私達の平日のスケジュール
を紹介していきます♪

8:30~55 VOCABULARY TEST
9:00~50 1 FIRST CLASS
10:00~50 2 SECOND CLASS
11:00~50 3 THIRD CLASS
12:00~50 4 FORTH CLASS
13:00~50 LUNCH TIME
14:00~50 FIFTH CLASS
15:00~50 FREE TIME
16:00~50 SIXTH CLASS
17:00~50 SELF STUDY

午前4時間は個人。
午後2時間はグループで
でした！スケジュールに大変
レッスンができました！



♪ Beach ♪

先生ほかの留学生と

"G'Day! Kumusta! I am Melanie! I'm Erin and Sheila's friend. While I'm from Sydney, Australia, my family is **originally** from the Philippines. My parents **moved** to Australia in 1980 and became Australian soon after.

There are many Filipinos that live around the world, so I know there are many **stereotypes**. My Filo-Australian friends were **expected** to go into **nursing** or any high paying **career** - not that there's anything wrong with that if it's that's what you want to do! I remember when a Philippine **tour group** asked if my parents were **proud** that I was working in a **museum**... of course they are proud of me!

My parents always **encouraged** me to find what I love, and for that I have a **lifelong** love of **art** and **photography**. It's not a surprise, especially in my mother's family. One of my Tito's (uncle) is a **painter**. He has many artworks on **display** when I visit them, but due to COVID I haven't been able to visit the Philippines since 2018. I hope one day I'll be able to visit again!"

Melanie



"Hello, I'm Noel! I am an English teacher in Japan like Erin and Sheila. Once I **visited** Keika. I am from the Philippines like Hany!

I think that Filipinos are like **mushrooms** that **exist** everywhere! The Philippines has been sending **skilled** workers and **professionals** overseas for years. There are more opportunities **abroad**, so many Filipinos leave the Philippines for a better life.

There is a stereotype in Japan that all Filipino women are **entertainers**. Some friends who are Filipino teachers (women) were **approached** and asked what Omise "Girls Club" they work for. Such a **rude** question from a local!

I cannot think of stereotype for Filipino men. Maybe there is a 'social **expectation** in the Philippines.' People think that if you work **overseas**, you must have a lot of **money!** So, your family and **neighbors** expect gifts from you when you visit home for **vacation**. It's like you **owe** everyone."

Noel



STOP STEREOTYPING!

Tina

Isabella



"Hi, I am Isabella! I am Sheila's **childhood friend**. This is my mother, Tina. This picture is from my **graduation** from Dalhousie University in Canada in 2017. However, I am from Washington D.C. in the U.S.A., and she is from **Manila** in the Philippines.

We think that there are many stereotypes about Filipino people in the world. For example, that we can all sing karaoke beautifully... but I can't sing! Or that all Filipina women are **nurses**... but my mom worked for the **IMF (International Monetary Fund)** (國際通貨基金).

The Philippines has more than bananas! Please **respect** the country and learn about each person you meet!"

The Philippines & the World Famous Artists

Each of these people is famous for being an artist: a singer, **actor**, theater **performer**, or even **voice actor**. They are from the Philippines OR have **roots** in the Philippines! Someone's **nationality**, the country **passport** they have, is NOT always the same as their **ethnicity**, their family roots! Let's be **careful** and respectful. There is so much beautiful **diversity** in the world!



Beverly

Filipino singer in Japan



Olivia Rodrigo

Half Filipino, American
singer & actress



Lea Salonga

Filipino singer, actress &
theater performer



Vanessa Hudgens

Half Filipino, American
singer & actress



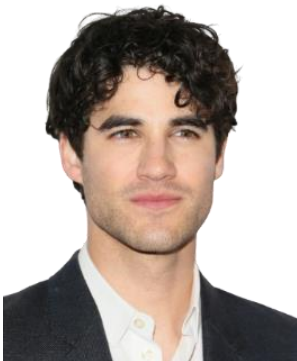
Cassie Steel

Half Filipino,
Canadian actress



Bruno Mars

Half Filipino, American
singer & dancer



Darren Criss

Half Filipino, American
singer, actor & theater
performer



Hailee Steinfeld

Eighth Filipino, American
actress & singer



Saweetie

Half Filipino,
American rapper

The Philippines & the World Famous Artists



Bella Poarch

Filipino American
TikToker & singer



Dante Basco

Filipino American,
voice actor & actor



Hayami Mocomichi

Quarter Filipino, Japanese
actor, chef & model



H.E.R.

Half Filipino, American
singer & actress



Enrique Iglesias

Half Filipino, Spanish
singer & songwriter



Catriona Gray

Half Filipino, Australian
model & TV host



Dave Bautista

Half Filipino,
American actor &
pro wrestler



Beabadoobee

Filipino British singer
& songwriter



Nicole Scherzinger

Half Filipino, American
singer, actress & dancer

XOXO, Sheila