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10 Places in Manila to Learn a Foreign Language

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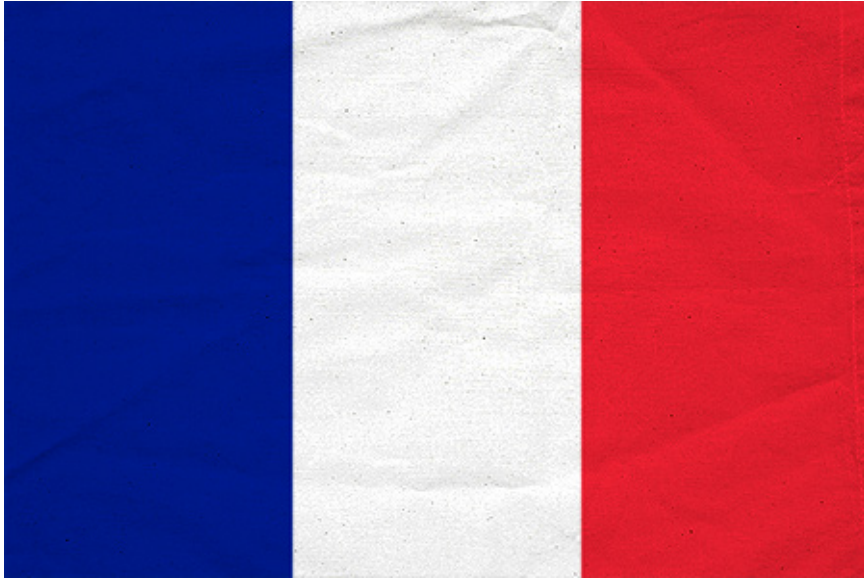
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(SPOT.ph) Knowing a language other than your own and English is a handy skill that will save you from a lot of trouble—especially when you're traveling abroad. But even if you aren't, there's nothing wrong with learning a foreign

language; after all, knowing one—or two—can teach you so much about different cultures. If you want to get schooled, there are plenty of places in Manila to suit a range of learning styles, schedules, and budgets.



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Alliance Française de Manille is at 209 Nicanor Garcia Street, Bel-Air II, Makati City (895-7585 or 895-7441). For more information, visit [Alliance Française's website](#).

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UP DEL Extramural Language is at the Department of Languages, College of Arts and Letters, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines (981-8500 local information, visit [UP DEL Extramural Language's](#)



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Goethe-Institut is at G/4-5/F Adamson Centre, 121 Leviste Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City (840-5723). For more information, visit [Goethe-Institut's website](#).

Ateneo Center for Asian Studies

The Ateneo Center for Asian Studies, established in April 2001, is a research center that aims to promote Asian Studies through disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and multi-disciplinary research and other related activities such as seminars, workshops, and lectures. It offers language courses in Korean, Thai, Indonesian, Russian, and Vietnamese. The courses focus on the students' speaking, reading comprehension, listening, and writing, and are put into practice in the form of monologues, grammar exercises, and other activities focusing on contextual application of the language.

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Ateneo Center for Asian Studies is at School of Social Sciences, Loyola Schools, Ateneo de Manila University, 2/F, Ricardo and Dr. Rosita Leong Hall, Loyola Heights, Quezon City (426-6001 local 5285/5286). For more information, visit [Ateneo Center for Asian Studies' website](#).



Instituto Cervantes

Instituto Cervantes in Manila, inaugurated by the *Comandante* Elena in 1994, organizes Spanish courses; Spanish language and cultural events that promote Spanish culture. Their goal is to provide students with skills that will enable them to communicate in Spanish or improve their Spanish communicating abilities.

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They offer classes that start from Beginner to Intermediate and Advanced with course fees ranging from P4,600 to P5,000.

*Instituto Cervantes is at Ayala Tower I, Ayala Tri
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TESDA is at E Service Road, Taguig City (887-7777). For more information, visit [TESDA's website](#).



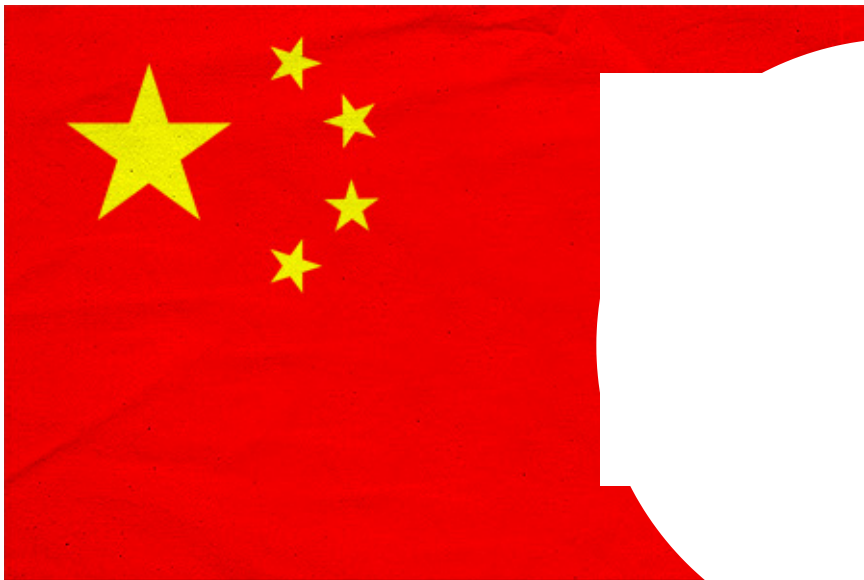
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Societa Dante Alighieri Manila

Societa Dante Alighieri Manila promotes the study of the Italian language and culture here in the Philippines. They provide Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced language courses based on the European Framework of Reference for Language Teaching.

Societa Dante Alighieri is at Unit 45 4/F, Zeta Building, Salcedo Street, Makati City (759-2016). For more information, visit [Societa Dante Alighieri's website](#).

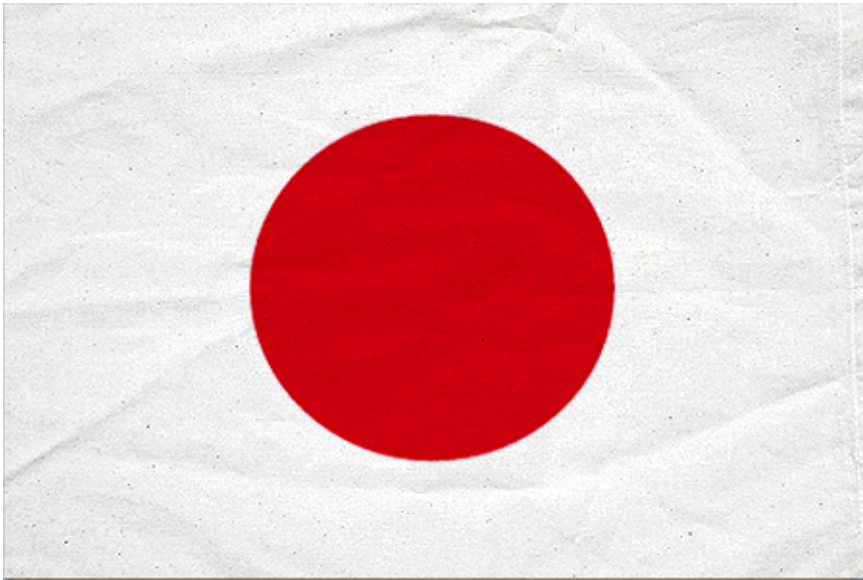


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Chiang Kai Shek College Language Center

The CKS College Language Center opened its doors in 1990. Its primary objective was to encourage the learning of the Chinese language for a better understanding of Chinese culture. It offers short courses that teach students Mandarin.

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Unmei Nihongo Center

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Course fees start at P14,000 (for 70 hours) for the class-based setup, and P30,000 (for 50 hours center-based) for the private tutorial. Fees are inclusive of books, CD, writing materials, and culture training. These are the same rates for the Basic 2, and Intermediates 1 and 2 modules.

Unmei Nihongo Center is at Unit 1204 One Magnificent-Mile Building, San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City (584-7811). For more information, visit [Unmei Nihongo Center's website](#).



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Korean Cultural Center

Korean Cultural Center provides diverse cultural programs and events and Korean language classes to deepen the understanding and appreciation of Korean culture here in the Philippines. They offer Basic, Elementary, Intermediate Korean where students are taught to comprehend in Korean.

Fees start at P2,000 to P3,000.

Korean Cultural Center is at 2/F Mancor Corporate Building, 32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City (555-1711). For more information, visit [Korean Cultural Center's website](#).
