

# Japanese Greetings

Students should be able to understand and use the following expressions.

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| ▪ どうぞ                                                                                             | do o zo                          | Here it is.                        |
| ▪ どうも/ありがとう                                                                                       | do o mo                          | Thank you.                         |
| ▪ おはようございます                                                                                       | o ha yo o go za i ma su          | Good morning.                      |
| ▪ いきます                                                                                            | i t te ki ma su                  | I'm off./ I'm leaving./ I'm going. |
| (Literal translation is "I'll go and come back." This phrase is used by a person leaving home.)   |                                  |                                    |
| ▪ 行ってらっしゃい                                                                                        | i t te ra s sha i                | Have a good day./ See you.         |
| (Literal translation is "Please go and come back." This phrase is used often in response to いきます) |                                  |                                    |
| ▪ ただいま                                                                                            | ta da i ma                       | I'm home.                          |
| ▪ おかえりなさい                                                                                         | o ka e ri na sa i                | Welcome home.                      |
| ▪ ごめんなさい                                                                                          | go me n na sa i                  | I'm sorry.                         |
| ▪ おげんきですか                                                                                         | o ge n ki de su ka               | How are you?                       |
| ▪ はじめまして                                                                                          | ha ji me ma shi te               | How do you do?                     |
| ▪ よろしくおねがいします                                                                                     | yo ro shi ku o ne ga i shi ma su | Nice to meet you.                  |
| ▪ いらっしゃいませ                                                                                        | i ra s sha i ma se               | Welcome (to our store).            |

## Sample Questions

### From Preliminary Round

Q: These chocolate-covered biscuit sticks are one of Japan's most famous and popular snack foods. What are they called? Circle the correct answer on your answer sheet.

- A. Toppo      B. Pocky  
C. Pokipoki      D. Porinky



Answer: B. Pocky

### From Final Round

Q: There are four main islands in Japan. Which of these is the smallest?

- A. Hokkaido      B. Honshu      C. Shikoku      D. Kyushu

Answer: C. Shikoku

Q: How old do you have to be to drive a car in Japan?

- A. 15      B. 16      C. 17      D. 18

Answer: D. 18