

Lesson 59: Entertaining Business Associates

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Mr. Miller is on a business trip in Japan. He is a guest of Hydra Computers where Kazuya works. Kazuya is in charge of making sure that Mr. Miller enjoys some entertainment during his stay in Japan.

Kazuya: Hello, Mr. Miller. How was your trip?

Mr. Miller: I had a smooth flight. I'm a little jetlagged, though.

Kazuya: I see. I was thinking of taking you out for dinner tonight. But since you still have jet lag...

Mr. Miller: Oh, don't worry about it. I would really love to have some Japanese food.

Kazuya: How many days will you be staying here?

Mr. Miller: I'll be here for five days.

Kazuya: You'll be spending each day meeting with the company executives.

Mr. Miller: That's right. But I plan to **make the most of** my stay in Japan. I'm going to eat sushi every day. I'll go to the hot springs. I'll sing at a karaoke lounge and I'm also going to watch a sumo wrestling match.

Kazuya: I'd be glad to accompany you to all of those things.

Mr. Miller: Thanks, Kazuya. That would be great. Let's start tonight.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. The weather is really nice today. I want to **make the most of** it by spending the day outdoors.
2. She always **makes the most of** her lunch break. She goes to the gym, eats a healthy lunch, and she even has time to meditate.
3. The president will be visiting the factory. Let's **make the most of** it and have a meeting with him.
* **make the most of ~ / ~を最大限に活用する**

3. Your Task

A foreign business associate (=your tutor) is in your city. He would like to eat sushi, sing at the karaoke lounge, visit a temple and spend time in the onsen. He is asking you for your recommendations. Tell him the best places to go for these activities. Make an offer to accompany him to the sushi restaurant and karaoke, and then give instructions on how to go to a temple and the nearest onsen.

4. Let's Talk

What are some of the fun times you've had when you were on a business trip?

Do you like going out with business associates? Why or why not?

In Japan, is it important to take business associates out for drinks? Why do you say so?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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