

Information regarding on the free distribution of 13-language communication tool

(Point-and-Speak YUBISASHI communication sheet)

In light of the outbreak of the **Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic**, we, Joho Center Publishing Co., Ltd., a Japanese publishing company based in Tokyo, Japan, have decided to make a **"Point-and-Speak" communication sheet to help people communicate in foreign languages**. This "Point-and-Speak" communication sheet is free of charge, and can be used and printed by everyone as well.

Purpose

As far as we know, there are many people who are currently **not staying in their home countries**. Due to the language barrier, one might not be able to understand the ever-changing situation fully. **To break down this barrier, our multilingual communication sheet can be used**. Through this communication tool, people can communicate effectively with the local medical institutions, stores, restaurants, and checkpoints to avoid misunderstanding and to understand the situation better.

Characteristics

The communication sheet can be used just by pointing at the specific word, therefore people can **communicate smoothly even if they have their masks or protection gear on**.

Available languages

English, Japanese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, French, Germany, Spanish, Italian, Vietnamese, Filipino, Indonesian, Thailand, Korean

Included phrases

Words about 80 items are included, such as "incubation period", "ventilation", "diabetes" and so on.

Distribution

The "Point-and-Speak" communication sheet can be found in the URL below (JPEG image). PDF can also be downloaded freely for printing. **Printing the JPEG image and the PDF is permitted.**

<https://www.yubisashi.com/covid19>

Point-and-Speak "YUBISASHI"

We, Joho Center Publishing Co., Ltd., have been making foreign language guide books for travelling and disaster response for over 20 years. During large-scale disasters, our books are also frequently used for communication.

We have an extensive network of authors, collaborators and illustrators who have a deep understanding in different countries' cultures.

This initiative is also being carried out with the free contribution of these people.

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