

Tomodachi



友達 *tomodachi*

With this issue we celebrate one year of *We Are Tomodachi*, the official magazine of the Japanese government. Thank you for all of your support. In honor of this occasion, we would like to tell you about the characters that make up the word *tomodachi*.

Tomodachi means friends. The first character 友 (*tomo*) means “friend.” It depicts two hands overlapping and helping each other in friendship. The second character 達 (*dachi*) is a suffix to indicate plural. We hope that more people across the world become our *tomodachi*, and we can provide a helping hand to one another.

We Are Tomodachi will continue to feature more *tomodachi* from around the globe, so please do not miss an issue!

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