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INTRODUCTIONS

TARGET DIALOGUE



Track 1, 00:26

Ms. Sasaki introduces Mr. Smith to Mr. Takahashi.

ささき:

たかはしさん、こちらは スミスさんです。 スミスさんは ABCフーズの ベンゴシです。

スミス:

はじめまして。スミスです。よろしく おねがいします。

たかはし:

はじめまして。のぞみデパートの たかはしです。よろしく おねがいします。

Sasaki:

Mr. Takahashi, this is Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith is an attorney with ABC Foods.

Smith:

How do you do. My name is Smith. Pleased to meet you.

Takahashi:

How do you do. I'm Takahashi from Nozomi Department Store. Pleased to meet you.

VOCABULARY

～さん
こちら
は
です
ABCフーズ
の

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss (see Note 1 below)
this one (polite for "this person"; see Note 2 below)
(particle that denotes the topic of a sentence)
be
ABC Foods (fictitious company name)

ベンゴシ
はじめまして
よろしく おねがいします
のぞみデパート

's, of (particle indicating belonging; see Note 4 below)

attorney, lawyer

how do you do

pleased to meet you (see Note 5 below)

Nozomi Department Store (fictitious company name)

デパート

department store

NOTES

1. たかはしさん

さん is a title of respect added to a person's name, so it cannot be used after one's own name. さん may be used with both male and female names, and with either surnames or given names.

2. こちらは スミスさんです。

こちら ("this one") implies "this person here" and is a polite way of saying "this person." It is used when introducing one person to another.

3. (わたしは) スミスです。

Especially in conversational Japanese, わたし ("I") is hardly ever used. あなた ("you") is similarly avoided, especially when addressing superiors, in which case the person's surname followed by さん is used.

4. のぞみデパートの たかはしです。

The particle の attaches to nouns, and the noun-の combination modifies the word that comes after it. の expresses belonging or affiliation. Here it shows that Mr. Takahashi belongs to, in the sense that he works for, Nozomi Department Store. Japanese customarily give their company name and position when being introduced.

5. よろしく おねがいします。

A phrase used when being introduced, よろしく おねがいします is usually combined with はじめ まして. It is also used when taking one's leave after having asked a favor. よろしく means "well" and is a request for the other person's favorable consideration in the future.

PRACTICE

WORD POWER