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Happy Family Plan

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**ONE FAMILY.
ONE LAST CHANCE.
ONE QUIRKY JAPANESE GAME SHOW.**

A dysfunctional Japanese family is selected to be a part of the popular game show, the Happy Family Plan. The prize is an irresistible ¥3 million but the challenge that looms ahead is next to impossible. A clumsy, tone-deaf father Fujio is expected to play the song "Home Sweet Home" on the piano, live on national TV in just seven days.

With the family in complete disarray, the pressure to succeed is overwhelming. In times of economic uncertainty, Fujio completing this insurmountable task is the family's only hope. Will he succeed?

Happy Family Plan is a funny, heart-warming tale that reminds us of the importance of family, community and the joy of reaching a goal no matter how big or small.



Language Resource Kit

In true Japanese game show style, our lively hosts Shingo and Arisa will take viewers on a basic walk-through of Japanese culture. Join them as they guide you through:

- ▶ Handy expressions and the top 10 phrases
- ▶ Useful vocabulary for greeting people, shopping and eating
- ▶ Explanation of cultural customs (bowing, clothing, etc.)
- ▶ Visits to typical Japanese shops, restaurants and shrines

Expert Commentary on Japanese Society

Dr. Carol Hayes and Dr. Rebecca Suter discuss issues faced by Japanese society such as:

- ▶ Fatherhood and Family
- ▶ Work relationships
- ▶ School culture



Interview with the Director

Director Tsutomu Abe speaks about his inspirations and memorable moments in the making of *Happy Family Plan*, and leaves a special message for viewers.



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for easy access to:

- ▶ Fun games and interactive quizzes based on scenes from the film
- ▶ Downloadable level-specific worksheets for classroom and general use
- ▶ Answers to each worksheet
- ▶ Materials for language and cultural learning
- ▶ Ongoing support from the Japan Foundation

Quizzes



Materials



Learners can experience language in an aural and visual context which is culturally rich and authentic!

Join ICHI, our mascot, who will cheer you on as you keep practicing Japanese.