Lesson-1

Conversation - jiko shoukai (Self-Introduction) -

T: Tanaka Tarou - male, Japanese, 30 years old, an employee of the company
L: Lim Meili - female, Singaporean, 19 years old, a student (intern of Tanaka's company)

T: konnichi wa. hajime mashite.
   watashi wa Tanaka to moushimasu.
   douzo yoroshiku onegai shimasu.
L: watashi wa Lim to moushimasu.
   kochira koso douzo yoroshiku onegai shimasu.
T: shitsurei desu ga. Lim-san wa gakusei desu ka?
L: hai, sou desu. gakusei desu. Tanaka-san wa?
T: watashi wa kaishain desu.

Notes for conversation:
1. 'hajime mashite' means "How do you do?" In Japan, this greeting is used when we meet someone for the first time. After this greeting, we shake hands with each other.
2. '...to moushimasu' is used when you are introducing your name. In this case, 'desu' is seldom used.
3. 'douzo yoroshiku onegai shimasu' means "Nice to meet you."
4. 'kochira koso' means "me, too" or "It is I who should say so".
5. 'shitsurei desu ga' means "Excuse me, but ..." It is used when asking personal questions such as one's age, marriage status and name we have forgotten and so on.
6. In Japan, the name is usually used rather than 'anata' when addressing to a person or asking a question about a person whom you talk with.
7. '...wa?' is pronounced with a rising intonation. This is a kind of question and means "How about ...?"

L: I'm Lim. Nice to meet you.
T: Excuse me, but are you a student?
L: Yes, I am. How about you?
T: I'm a company employee.