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The 23rd Matsudo International Cultural Festival - International Exchange Day ~Look! Experience!~

Free Entry

Dates and time: November 23 (Fri/public holiday) and 24(Sat), 10:00 to 15:30

Site: Forest and Park for the 21st Century (MIEA plans the exhibition site close to main entrance of Mori-no-Hall 21.)

Contents: Exhibition of Ger (traditional Mongolian portable round tent), presenting foreign cultures section and experience section



At this site, Matsudo's annual grand agricultural festival (harvest festival) and Mori-Hiro Festival will be also held on November 23rd (Sat) and from November 23rd (Sat) to 25 (Mon) respectively.

Mori-Hiro Festival is a food-oriented event including <Ramen Summit> in which event popular ramen restaurants will take part.

Exhibitor groups wanted!: We are looking for exhibitor groups interested in taking part in this international cultural festival.

Groups ready to take part in this exhibition are kindly requested to contact us by email at office@miea.or.jp, by October 9 (Tues) writing name of group, proposed date (one day only), and display items. Please note that the participation is not always available on proposed date and that there's a case unable to accept the participation subject to exhibition space. MIEA provides a tent (outdoors), 2 tables (45 cm x 180 cm), 4 panels for exhibition (120 cm x 180 cm) and 4 folding chairs. No electricity available and cooking is not allowed.

The 29th International Exchange Party —enlarge your international circle of friends—

We welcome you to our highly anticipated annual exchange party!

Come along to meet people of all nationalities!



Date & time: December 16(Sun), 13:00-15:30 (Doors open at 12:30)

Venue: **GREENROOM (Roof top of Ito Yokado -Plare Matsudo)**

Address: 1149-1 Matsudo, Matsudo-shi Phone: 047-700-5610)

Capacity: The first 100 persons.

©ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY and NO DOOR TICKETS available.

When applicants reach maximum enrollment, we may stop accepting applications.



Ticket prices:	Non-natives	Japanese	Primary school kids	Pre-School kids
MIEA members	¥1,000	¥2,000	¥500	Free entry
Non-members	¥2,000	¥3,000	¥500	Free entry



Application: Please download the form from <http://www.miea.or.jp/> (available on and after November 1st), then bring it in person to MIEA office. Application will be accepted from November 1st (Thu) to December 3rd (Mon).

ATTENTION: Application will ONLY be accepted at MIEA office.

【Calling for volunteers】 We are looking for a few voluntary participants at the reception before the party to hand name tags to each participant. If you may cooperate with us, please phone us at 047-366-7310.

The 45th Matsudo Festival (MIEA's booth)

We will open our own booth at the site and will work for introducing our activities and for inviting to join MIEA members. At the booth, folk crafts from all over the world, Japanese handcrafts and the like will go on sale. Kindly be sure to come and see!

Date & time: October 6 (Sat), 10:00 to 17:00

Site: A square under the deck in front of Matsudo Station West Exit

The Matsudo Festival will take place on both October 6 (Sat) and 7 (Sun) around Matsudo Station.



Intermediate Language Course (English) “Inter-cultural Communication”

By understanding differences in culture, custom and ways of thinking, participants will learn to communicate better in English.

Dates & time: October 13, 20 and 27 every Saturday from 14:30 to 16:00 (Total 3 lessons)

Instructor: Mr. Peter Vincent (Professor at Seitoku University, MIEA member)

Level: Equivalent to level Grade 2 of EIKEN tests. Lecture will be held entirely in English.

Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room) in Culture Hall, 4th floor at Matsudo Building (Access: a 5 minute-walk from Matsudo Station West Exit)

Fee: MIEA member ¥3,000, non-member ¥4,000

Capacity: The first 20 applicants (priority given to MIEA members).



Guidance to non-natives to know manners useful for comfortable living in the region and for multicultural friendly community development.

~How to dispose of garbage coming out from a party?~

Dates & time: ① October 14 (Sun), 13:00 to 15:30 at Shin-Matsudo Resident Center

(Address: 27-3, Shin-Matsudo, Access: a 12-minute walk from Shin-Matsudo Station)

② December 2nd (Sun), 13:00 to 15:30 at Mabashi Resident Center (Address: 177, Nishi-Mabashi Kuramoto-cho, Access: a 9-minute walk from Mabashi Station West Exit)

Program: At a casual party-style gathering, let's learn the rules for dispose of garbage from home, how to sort, how to take out properly, and how to reduce, so that you can enjoy comfortable life with your neighbors, while enjoying some entertainment, playing games and having a snack. This could be an occasion to practice conversation in Japanese as well.

Co-hosted: Staff from Environment Operation Section, Matsudo City Hall

Fee: Free **Capacity:** The first 50 persons, non-natives only. (Participants will receive a small gift.)

Volunteers for entertainment Wanted!

We are looking for participants who entertain by performances, dancing, playing music, juggling act and the like. Please contact MIEA by phone at 047-366-7310 or by email at office@miea.or.jp.



This could be an occasion to practice conversation in Japanese as well.

MIEA tour around the world

This time, let's experience Japanese traditional culture by making seasonal Wagashi (Japanese traditional sweets) with professional confectioner.

Don't you think fantastic to make tasteful sweet Wagashi creating Japanese unique feeling of the season?

Date & time: December 4 (Tue) 13:30 to 15:30

Venue: Matsudo Shimin Kaikan (Matsudo Citizens' Hall) 1st floor Cooking Room (Access: a 7-minute walk from Matsudo Station East Exit)

Work: Two kinds of Wagashi

Please bring an apron, a bandanna, a dish towel, and a face towel

Instructor: Mr. Hiroshi Imai (confectioner, owner of Japanese-style confectionery Hachiyaan) Please refer to website <http://www.hachiyaan.jp/>.

Fee: Member ¥700, non-member ¥1,000

Capacity: the first 25 persons

Application: Contact MIEA by phone at 047-366-7310





The 32nd One Day Trip

~Rediscover the appeal of Chiba by bus trip!~

We are going to visit Kururi area, a well-known place for its natural mineral water, and to tour its historical spots.

Date: November 28 (Wed) (Go on, rain or shine.) Expect to return at around 18:00.

Meeting place & time: Near the parking entrance of Matsudo City Hall at 7:45. Please be punctual

Itinerary: visit to the Kururi castle, tour of Hachimitsu Kobo (facility of producing honey) where participants can experience bottling honey at the atelier there (with a complimentary souvenir), lunch (Japanese fresh seafood) at the restaurant Boso Shiki no Kura, visit to Sakasho no Yakata (brewery of Japanese rice wine) where participants can learn the process of brewing Japanese sake and the history of brewery. This is a guided tour. Please refer to following web site: <http://www.city.kimitsu.lg.jp/site/kanko/2189.html>

Please come in comfortable and moveable clothing and shoes. Facilities to visit are not barrier free/ handicap-accessible. Sashimi is also served for lunch. The food ready for an allergy is not available.

This tour is accompanied by MIEA's staff.

Capacity: The first 35 persons, priority given to MIEA members.

Application deadline: November 6 (Tue)

Fee: Member ¥5,500, Non-member ¥7,000 (including bus fare, lunch, entrance fee, insurance)



After the application by phone, applicants are requested to pay by transfer into MIEA's bank account or to pay at MIEA office by November 14 (Wed). We will inform applicants our bank account on receipt of application. Please note the fee is not refundable. (This tour is organized by Higashi Nihon Kanko Co., Ltd, Matsudo Branch.)

The 27th Japanese Speech Contest for Non Natives, we are looking for contestants!!

Would you like to try and make a speech on your thoughts, for example, on what you've felt through your everyday life in Japan, or on new finding you've made in Japan? The top 4 participants and another participant who made an impressive speech will be awarded.

Date & time: February 16 (Sat), 2019, from 13:00

Venue: Matsudo Shimin Gekijyo (Matsudo Citizens' Theater)(Access: a 5 minute-walk from Matsudo Station West Exit)

Eligibility: Applicants must satisfy the followings;

1. Any of living, working and studying in Matsudo and vicinity
2. Neither applicant nor applicant's parents having Japanese citizenship
3. Living in Japan for less than five years as of January 31st, 2019, and 15 years old and up.
4. Not previous winner



Prizes: The winners will receive an award of a trophy, a certificate and a bookstore gift card.

Subject: Any subject what you want to share now.

Judging criteria: 1.How interesting the contents 2.Use of vocabulary 3.Flow of speech and intonation
4.Within 5 minutes

N.B. Please refrain from excessive staging. Singing, dancing and the use of props is not allowed.

Application: Fill in the form available at MIEA office and mail or bring it together with your speech script to MIEA office. By email is also acceptable.

We will screen the application documents for making a selection of contestants.

Deadline: The application must reach us by January 10 (Thu), 2019.

Application: Contact MIEA by phone at 047-366-7310

Welcome news

If you have any inquiry for the application and more information to below mentioned, please directly contact using the contact information below.

Career Guidance 2018 in Chiba, for Children and Parents who are non-native speakers of Japanese

Place	Date	Time	Venue
Chiba	October 14(Sun)	13:30 to 16:30	Chiba Univ. Nishichiba Campus G1-101
Matsudo	October 14(Sun)	13:30 to 16:30	Matsudo Citizens' Hall
Ichikawa	October 21(Sun)	13:30 to 16:30	Gyotoku Culture Hall I&I



Host: Boso Tabunka Network, Course Guidance in Chiba Executive Committee

Contact: Mr. Shuichi Shiratani by phone at 043-424-4364, by mobile at 080-3175-9539

Participation Fee: Free, ¥100 for text.

Sunday school and Japanese language class during a winter holidays for foreign children who want to advance on to high school.

Sunday school

Dates & time: 18 Sundays from October, 2018 to February, 2019 (Total 18 lessons),
Japanese and English class: 13:30 to 16:45 ,

Mathematics: 13:30 class to 15:30



Japanese language class during a winter holidays

Dates & time: December 25(Tue), 26(Wed), 27(Thu), 28(Fri), 2018 and January 4(Fri), 5(Sat), 2019 (Total 6 lessons), 13:30 to 15:30

Place: Women Center Yu Matsudo and others **Capacity:** 20 persons **Fee:** ¥3,000 (for 24 lessons)

host: Authorized NPO "Educational Support for Children from Overseas (ESCO) or "Gaikokujin no Kodomo Tameno Benkyokai"

Contact: Ms. Ebina by phone or fax at 047-345-2051, by email at gaikokukodomo@msn.com for an application and further information



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