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MIEA STATION



(English Version)

The 30th Yabashira Cherry Blossom Festival

Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors will participate in the event.

Please come and see the event.

Date/Time: April 7(Sat.)* around 13:00~

*in case of rainy weather, the Date will be postponed to April 8(Sun.)

The Ambassadors will be present approximately for 20 minutes after the above starting time.

(As for the exact timing of their presence in the event, please confirm with reception on that day.)

Venue: square in front of Yabashira Station

(JR: Shin Yabashira /Shin Keisei Line: Yabashira , near South Exit)

Business English Course

Contents: how to use English in various business scenes (email, telephone conversation, bank account opening, etc.) and to acquaint with the relevant manners

Schedule: Saturday on the following dates (total 5 lessons)

June 9,16,23,30 July 7

Time: 14:00~15:30

Lecturer: Ms. Jackie Lou Nieves (English lecturer)

Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room),
Culture Hall, Matsudo Bldg., 4th Fl.

(5 minutes' walk from Matsudo Station, West Exit)

Fee: ¥5,000 for MIEA member, ¥ 6,000 for non-member

Prescribed Number: 20 (first come first served with priority on MIEA member)

Participants: Intermediate class (above Grade Pre-2 of the EIKEN Test)

*lecture will be provided all in English

Application: phone to MIEA(047-366-7310)



Japanese Language Course for Beginners (1st semester)

(Please be noted that application shall be submitted to MIEA in advance.)

| Day of the Week | Time | Contents | Period | Venue |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday (Evening) | 18:45~20:45 | Beginners' course I "Minna no Nihongo I" Beginners' course II "Weekly J" Chinese characters for daily use (good for D class or above , Beginners' course I) | May8~July10 | Akira Citizens' Center |
| Tuesday (Daytime) | 10:10~12:10 12:30~14:30 | Beginners' course I "Minna no Nihongo I" Beginners' course II "Minna no Nihongo II" | May8~July10 | Kokusai Yuko Room (Inter- National Friend- Ship Room) |
| Wednesday | 10:10~12:10 13:00~15:00 | Chinese characters for daily use (good for D class or above , Beginners' course I) Elementary and intermediate Course (after finishing "Minna no Nihongo II" or "Weekly J") | May9~July11 | |
| Thursday | 13:30~15:30 | Daily Conversation | May10~July12 | |
| Friday | 10:10~12:10 12:30~14:30 | Beginners' course II "Minna no Nihongo II" Beginners' course I "Minna no Nihongo I" | May11~July13 | |
| Sunday | 10:10~12:10 12:20~14:20 14:30~16:30 | Beginners' course I "Minna no Nihongo I" Beginners' course II Chinese characters for daily use (good for D class or above , Beginners' course I) | May13~July15 | |

- ◆Qualifications: MIEA members who were born before April 1st,2003
(above the age of 15 or junior high school students, not eligible)
- ◆Those who join this course first time are requested to come to MIEA
office in advance.
- ◆Fee:①MIEA membership supporting fee: ¥1,000 for 2018 fiscal year
②Tuition:¥1,000 per one class for one semester
- ◆Textbooks: actual expenses (to be purchased individually)

The 21th Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors Recruiting !



“Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors” program is initiated to promote international exchange and mutual understanding primarily among Matsudo citizens through such opportunities as international understanding courses and international exchange events conducted in Matsudo where the Ambassadors, upon request by international exchange organizers or schools, will introduce culture, life style, arts, etc. of their home countries including Japan.

The ambassadors for one-year term commencing September 2018 are newly recruited.

Number of positions: about 30 persons

Selection process: screening application documents, interview (late June scheduled)

Application period: Entry must be received **from May 1st to June 8th (Fri.)** by email, post or hand.

☆ Application form is available at MIEA (also available: download from HP)

☆ The incumbent Ambassadors are kindly requested to apply for the new term, too.

REFLECTION

The 26th Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners

On February 17th (Sat.) 14 foreigners from 10 different countries made speeches in Japanese at Matsudo Shimin Gekijo (Matsudo Citizen’s Theater).

The audience was deeply impressed by passionate messages delivered by contestants.

Prizes awarded are as follows;

| Award | Name | Speech Title/Country | Country |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Matsudo Mayor Award | Ms. Khatib Hala | Can you swim free in the river of “life”? | Syria |
| MIEA Chairman Award | Mr. Kandage Supun Tharaka Navarathna | Sports can also evolve through international exchanges | Sri Lanka |
| Outstanding Performance Award | Mr. Thanathi Anees Rahman | Efforts can change your life | India |
| Award of Matsudo Rotary Club | Ms. Bui Thi Huong Quynh | “I” will make future | Vietnam |
| Special Award | Mr. Gao Xiao Min | As winter has come, it will not be long for spring to be near at hand | China |

The Italian Circle

A circle on Italian was formed by all of the members of “Beginner’s Italian” which was organized 6 times on Tuesday between November 14th and December 19th last year. The circle has started its activities since February this year. Inquiry: Ms. Fujita (Matsudo International Exchange Association)

E mail:office@miea.or.jp

“Green Tree Day” commemorating sister city affiliation

May 12(Sat.) is the day when Matsudo City entered into the sister city alliance with City of Whitehorse, Australia. On this day every year Matsudo City will commemorate the affiliation by planting trees as well as having telephone meeting with the mayor ,City of Whitehorse.

→Matsudo City website

<http://www.city.matsudo.chiba.jp/InternationalPortal/en/sistercityWhitehorse/AnniversaryEvents/greentreeday.html>

★There will be an exhibition to introduce our sister city at the connecting hallway between Main building and New building of Matsudo City Hall. (May 14(Mon.)-May 18 (Fri.))

Useful Information



*Application or enquiry relating to the events shall be made directly to each organizer.

The 1st Japanese Language-Proficiency Test (JLPT) in 2018

Application for the 1st Japanese Language Proficiency Test is now received.

Date of examination: July 1 (Sun.)

Period of Application: March 26(Mon.)~ April 25(Wed.) 17:00

Implementation level: N1~N5 all levels

Test fee: ¥5,500 Inquiry: JLPT Reception Center Tel.03-6686-2974

(10:00~17:00 except on Saturday, Sunday and National Holidays)

“MIEA Station” is also available in English, Chinese, Korean and Spanish.

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