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(English Version)

MIEA STATION



The 31st Cherry Blossom Festival in Yahashira !

Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors (MICAs) will join the event.
Please come to see them and enjoy the festival!

When? : April 6(Sat.)* begins at around 13:30 (for 20 minutes).

*In case of rain, the Date will be postponed to April 7 (Sun.)

※Want to know the exact time of their appearance?

Check it directly at the reception there.

Where? : Square in front of Yabashira Station

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



MIEA World Tour : ~Let's sing "Chansons" in French.

"Chanson" means song in French. Please feel free to join us to sing "chanson" in French. Your instructor will tell you the meaning of French lyrics and introduce you "chanson" each time in the lessons. Have fun!

Date & Time: Each Thursday in May 30, Jun 6, Jun 13, 2019 2:00 pm~3:30 pm

Instructor: Mr. Akira Otsu (member of MIEA)

Venue: At room 101 in Matsudo Citizen's Theater (Shimin-Gekijo)
(5-minute straight walk from west exit of JR Matsudo station)

Admission: 700 yen (Member of MIEA) 1,000yen (Visitor)

Seats available : The first 20 applicants (priority given to MIEA members)



Spanish Language Course for Beginners ~Español para Principiante ~

Those who want to learn Spanish for the first time will be welcomed.

You can start practicing Spanish from alphabets and pronunciations. You definitely enjoy it.

Date & Time: Lesson, 8 times in all, will start 3:30(pm) and end 5:30(pm) on every Sunday as following schedule;

May 12, 19, 26, Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, July 7. (Jun 30, No lesson!)

Instructress: Ms. Tamiko Ishizeki. She is from Peru and currently one of MICAs.

Where? : At lecture room, 3rd floor in Womens' Center "Yu Matsudo"(7-minute walk from west exit of JR Matsudo station)

Participants : Entitled to learn Spanish language for the very first time.(Never mind! The lesson will be provided in Japanese.)

Fee : 8,000 yen for MIEA member, 9,000 yen for visitors (Non-MIEA member).

Capacity : 20 (First come first service basis and priority is given to MIEA member.)

TEXT : Kindly provide a following text individually.

『^き聴ける! ^よ読める! ^か書ける! ^{はな}話せる! ^ごスペイン語 ^{しょほ}初歩の^{しょほ}初歩 (CDつき)』

"Kikeru! Yomeru! Kakeru!, Hnaseru! Supein-go shoho-no-shoho (with CD)"

<You can listen, read, write and speak Spanish! From very first step (with CD)>

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Want to join events? Feel free to call ^{みいあ}MIEA office!!! Tel: 047-366-7310

MIEA World Tour : “Cooking a Cuisine of République du Sénégal”

Let's learn about Republic of Senegal through its food culture! We will also listen to the story of its lifestyle and the activity of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from instructors who worked as JICA volunteers in Senegal.

Date & Time: July 6 (Sat.) from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Place & Time to Meet at: 9:30 am, in front of the ticket booth of JR Matsudo station

Venue: Thiès:Cafè (1-46-5 Mizue, Edogawa ward, Tokyo, 10-min. walk from Mizue Sta.)

Instructors: Ms. Mikayo Kuboyama (Matsudo Int'l Cultural Ambassador) and Mr. Yasutaka Motoki (Both worked as JICA volunteers in the Republic of Senegal)

Fee: 1,200yen (non-member 1,500yen) also need your own transportation fee

Participants: The first 15 persons (priority given to MIEA members)

Menu: Senegal home meal plate Ethiopian coffee or other drink, dessert



The 38th English Speech Contest for High School Students.

It's time for entry!

When? : On August 17th (Sat.) from 1:00 pm~

Where?: Matsudo Citizen's Theater (5-minute walk from west exit of JR Matsudo station)

Eligible? : High-school students living and/or commuting to the high schools in Matsudo city except students as described below in ①~④:

- ① Who have stayed and/or lived in English spoken countries more than 6 consecutive months or total one year.(Still eligible if he or she stayed there younger than five years old.)
- ② Who have learned or are learning at an international school where curriculum are taught in English.
- ③ One of whose parents and/or grandparents is/are from English spoken countries.
- ④ Who won the award in the past at this contest.

How to apply? : Submit (1)Application form and (2) Your speech manuscript to MIEA.

1. You can down-load (1) from MIEA website, or get it at MIEA office and fill it.

2. Mail (office@miea.or.jp) or bring in together (1) and (2) to the MIEA office by July 1, 2019 (Mon.-Dead line!)



★**Your manuscript maybe the subject of screening before contest.**

You can pick up your own theme freely, make a speech within 5 (five) minutes.

★**Awards** :The top 5 (five) winners in the contest will have priority to participate “Youth Delegation Program in 2020” –A visit to City of Whitehorse, Victoria, Australia, which will be planned to delegate in March 2020.!!! (Delegates may have portion of financial aid of this travel expense.)

We accept applicants for 2020 Youth Delegation!!

The students (or family members) who wish to participate in the Youth Delegation to our sister city, City of Whitehorse, Victoria, Australia, are requested to join the briefing before submitting the application. The application form is handed out at the session. The delegation members are selected by written essay and interview arranged by MIEA.

Date and Time: August 17 (Sat.) 5:00-6:00p.m.

Venue: Meeting room in Matsudo Citizen's Theater (Shimin-Gekijo)
(a 5-minute walk from Matsudo Station West Exit)

Delegation period (planned): 8 days in the Middle of March, 2020

Number of students: about 5 students (Junior high and senior high school students of residents in Matsudo except the one who participated this program formerly.)

※Reports will be made by the former delegates of “The 2019 Youth Delegation” in March.



We subsidize activities of international exchanges.

MIEA sets up a subsidy program for international activities and/or international co-operations which are conducted voluntarily by citizens in Matsudo city.

Eligible: 2 (two) circles

Grant: Up to 100,000 (One hundred thousand) yen per one circle.

Term recruited: From April 15th, (Mon.) to April 25th (Thu.), Decision will be made in late May.

More detail: Please visit website of MIEA.

The 22th Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors Now 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 2019 are newly recruited.



Number of positions: about 30 persons

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

Application period: Entry must be received **from May 7th (Tue.) to June 7th (Fri.)** by email, post or hand.

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

Japanese Language Course for Beginners (1st semester) starts!

(Please be aware that application shall be submitted to MIEA in advance. Especially, kindly apply the courses held on Sunday and Tuesday ASAP!, because they are sooo popular.)

- ◆ Qualifications: MIEA members exclusively who were born before April 1st, 2004 (above the age of 15 or junior high school students, not eligible)
- ◆ applicants: Those who join this course for the first time are requested to come to MIEA office in advance.
- ◆ More detail?: Please ask MIEA office Tel: 047-366-7310
- ◆ Fee:
 - ① MIEA membership supporting fee: ¥1,000 for 2019 fiscal year
 - ② Tuition: ¥1,000 per one class for one semester
- ◆ Textbooks: actual expenses (to be purchased individually)
- ◆ Do you know somebody who are in trouble to learn Japanese? Let him/her know this program!



****Wants to learn Japanese but need someone watching children while in school? MIEA may help you. MIEA has a program to subsidize 10 applicants portion of fee for custody. More detail, Please contact to MIEA in advance. Tel: 047-366-7310**

Level	Class	What Day of the Week	What Time?	How long?	Where ?
Beginners' course I	Minna-no Nihongo I	Tuesday	10:10~12:10	May 7 th ~July 9 th	A*
	Minna-no Nihongo I	Tuesday	18:45~20:45	May 7 th ~July 9 th	B**
	Minna-no Nihongo I	Friday	12:30~14:30	May 10 th ~July 12 th	A*
	Minna-no Nihongo I	Sunday	10:10~12:10	May 12 th ~July 14 th	A*
Beginners' course II	Minna-no Nihongo II	Tuesday	12:30~14:30	May 7 th ~July 9 th	A*
	Minna-no Nihongo II	Friday	10:10~12:10	May 10 th ~July 12 th	A*
	“Weekly J”	Tuesday	18:45~20:45	May 7 th ~July 9 th	B**
	“Weekly J”	Sunday	12:20~14:20	May 12 th ~July 14 th	A*
Beginners & Intermediate	Elementary & Intermediate	Wednesday	13:00~15:00	May 8 th ~July 10 th	A*
“Kanji”	Daily “Kanji”	Tuesday	18:45~20:45	May 7 th ~July 9 th	B**
	Daily “Kanji”	Wednesday	10:10~12:10	May 8 th ~July 10 th	A*
	Daily “Kanji”	Sunday	14:30~16:30	May 12 th ~July 14 th	A*
Over all	Japanese Plaza	Thursday	13:30~15:30	May 9 th ~July 1 st	A*

A* Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room), Culture Hall, Matsudo Bldg., 4th Fl.
(5 minutes-walk from JR Matsudo station West exit)

B** Akira Civic Center 2676-6, Kami-hongo, Matsudo

(1 minute from Kamihongo station from North exit in Shin-keisei Line)

“Green Tree Day” commemorating sister city affiliation



May 12(Sun.) is the day when Matsudo City entered into the sister city alliance with City of Whitehorse, Australia. Annually Matsudo City celebrates the anniversary by planting trees and having telephone meeting with the mayor, City of Whitehorse.

☆An exhibition will be held to introduce our sister city at:

The Connecting Hallway between Main building and New building of Matsudo City Hall
From May 7(Tue.)-May 17 (Fri.) You will love it !

REFLECTION

The 27th Japanese Speech Contest

On February 16th (Sat.) 14 foreigners from 8 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	Country
Mayor Award	Ms. Oxana Arakawa	Russia
MIEA President Award	Mr. Tran Huy Hoang	Vietnam
Outstanding Performance Award	Mr. Sonam Norden Drukpa	Bhutan
Rotary Club Award	Ms. Wang JueHan	Rep. of China
Special Award	Mr. Awale Umesh	Nepal

What’s New?



* If you are interested in applying or have inquiries, please contact directly to event organizer.

Matsudo Mori-Hiro Festa “Kingdom of Children”

This is an event for children who want to play, learn, observe, listen, eat and enjoy in the beautiful suburban natural environment.

From~to : May 3rd(Fri.=Holiday!)-May 5th (Sun.)

Events : Some unique work-shops together with parents!, Concert! Eat-in Market will open!
And many more...

Where? : Forest and Park for the 21st Century **Admission:** Free!

More detail? : Please call Office of Forest and Park for the 21st Century (047-345-8900)

Who in charge? : Mr. Sekine • Mr. Kaneko



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

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