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(English Version)

Spring 2020

MIEA STATION



“Green Tree Day” commemorating sister city affiliation

May 12 (Sun.) is the day when Matsudo City entered into the sister city alliance with the city of Whitehorse, Australia. This year Matsudo City celebrates the anniversary by showing an exhibition to introduce our sister city friendship.

Venue: The connecting hallway between main building and new building of Matsudo City Hall

Period: May 7 (Tue.)-May 17 (Fri.)

MIEA World Tour: Talking with CIRs! Environmental Problems

Three Matsudo CIRs (Coordinator for International Relations) will deliver elaborate presentations on environmental problems in their respective countries. Feel free to join them and express your own opinions and concerns regarding this issue in English and Japanese.

Date & Time: May 26 (Thu.) 14:00-16:00

Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room), Culture Hall, Matsudo Bldg., 4th Fl. (5 minute-walk from West exit of JR Matsudo station)

Instructors: Miss Iris Tong (Australia)
Miss Lê Ngân Hà (Vietnam)
Mr. Javier Gutierrez (USA)



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

Admission: 300 yen (MIEA Member) 500 yen (Non-member)

MIEA World Tour: "Dobry den! The Beauty of CZECH!"

Ms. Blanca Kobayashi (Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors) will talk about her charming country including its attraction, music, arts, foods, world heritage etc... You will love it.

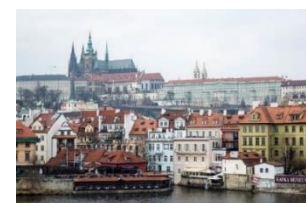
Date & Time: Jun. 13 (Sat.) 14:00-15:30

Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room), Culture Hall, Matsudo Bldg., 4th Fl. (5 minute-walk from West exit of JR Matsudo station)

Instructor: Ms. Blanca Kobayashi (Czech · Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador)

Seats available: 50 applicants (priority given to MIEA members)

Admission: 300 yen (MIEA Member) 500 yen (Non-member)



French Language Course for Beginners ~ Français pour débutants ~

A French course which is designed to student who learn French for the first time.

Date & Time: May 29, Jun. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jul. 3, 10, 17 (8 times) 15-17, Fri.

Instructor: Prof Keiichi Kojima (Honorary professor in Seitoku University)

Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room), Culture Hall, Matsudo Bldg., 4th Fl.
(5 minute-walk from West exit of JR Matsudo station)

Participants: Absolute beginners

Fee: 8,000 yen (MIEA members), 9,000 yen (Non-MIEA members).

Capacity: 20 (priority is given to MIEA members)

Textbook: Kindly prepare the following text individually.

『ラ・フォーレ (新訂版) - フランス語基礎文法』 (2020/1/1)

ISBN-10: 4255353069 ISBN-13: 978-4255353067

2200 yen (+Tax) 森 茂 (Shigeru Mori) 朝日出版社



The 39th English Speech Contest for High School Students Calling for Contestants!

Date & Time : Aug. 22 (Sat.) 13:00 ~ 17:00

Venue: Matsudo Citizen's Theater (a 5-minute walk from the west exit of JR Matsudo station)



Eligibility : High school students living and/or commuting to the high schools in Matsudo city

Except students as described below in ①~④:

- ① stayed and/or lived-in English-speaking countries more than 6 consecutive months or total for one year (not counting overseas experience prior to 5 years old)
- ② learned or are learning at an international school where curriculum is taught in English.
- ③ One of whose parents and/or grandparents is/are from English speaking countries or countries where English is one of the official languages.
- ④ Previous award winners of this contest.

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

1. You can download (1) from MIEA website, or pick up a copy at MIEA office.
2. Mail to the MIEA (office@miea.or.jp) by Jul. 1, 2020 (Wed.)



★Your manuscript is subject to preliminary screening.

You can choose a topic of your own choice; the time limit is restricted to 5 minutes.

★Awards: The top 5 winners in the contest will have priority to participate “Youth Delegation Program in 2021” –A visit to the City of Whitehorse, Victoria, Australia in March 2021. (financial aid is available)

We accept applicants for Sister City Youth Delegation 2020

MIEA will start recruiting delegates of 2021 Youth Dispatch Program to our sister city, the city of Whitehorse, Victoria, Australia. Students or their guardians must attend the info. Session if they intend to apply for the program. Application form will be distributed at the info. Session. The delegation members are selected by written essay and interview arranged by MIEA.

Date and Time: Aug. 22 (Sat.) 17:00-18:00.

Venue: Meeting room in Matsudo Citizen's Theater (Shimin-Gekijo) (a 5-minute walk from the west exit of JR Matsudo Station.)

Delegation period (tentative): 8 days in the mid-March, 2021

Number of delegates: About 5 students (previous participants are not eligible.)

The 23rd Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors Now Recruiting!

Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors Program (2020 -2021) commencing September 2020 are newly recruited.

This program is initiated to promote activities such as international understanding courses and international exchange events conducted in Matsudo city. Cultural Ambassadors, upon request by organizers or schools, will visit and introduce cultures, life styles, arts, etc. of their home countries.

Number of positions: about 30 persons

How to apply: Preliminary Screening and Interview (late June)

Application period: May 7 (Thu.) to Jun. 5 (Fri.)

☆ Application form is available to download at <https://miea.or.jp/>.

*N.B. Current Ambassadors who wishes to continue must apply again.



Want to apply for events? Feel free to call MIEA office. Tel: 047-366-7310

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

Do you know somebody who is eager to improve their Japanese? Tell them about this amazing program!

◆**Application:** Apply directly to MIEA prior to the class. (Registration starts from **April 6**)
(Tuesday and Sunday classes (Primary I) are popular among students. Please apply early.)

◆**Eligible :**MIEA members (age 15 or older as of April 2020. Secondary student is not eligible.)

◆**Fee:**①1,000 yen as MIEA membership fee for 2020 fiscal year and:

②Tuition:1,000 yen per class per term .

◆For more information → Tel: 047-366-7310 E-mail: office@miea.or.jp



Level	Class	Day	Time	Period	Venue
Beginners' course I	Minna-no Nihongo I	Tuesday	10:10~12:10	May 12~July 14	A*
	Minna-no Nihongo I	Tuesday	18:45~20:45	May 12~July 14	B**
	Minna-no Nihongo I	Friday	12:30~14:30	May 8~July 10	A*
	Minna-no Nihongo I	Sunday	10:10~12:10	May 10~July 12	A*
Beginners' course II	Minna-no Nihongo II	Tuesday	10:10~12:10	May 12~July 14	A*
	Minna-no Nihongo II	Friday	10:10~12:10	May 8~July 10	A*
	Weekly J	Tuesday	18:45~20:45	May 12~July 14	B**
	Weekly J	Sunday	12:20~14:20	May 10~July 12	A*
Pre-Intermediate	Pre-Intermediate	Wednesday	13:00~15:00	May 13~July 15	A*
Kanji	Daily "Kanji"	Tuesday	18:45~20:45	May 12~July 14	B**
	Daily "Kanji"	Wednesday	10:10~12:10	May 13~July 15	A*
	Daily "Kanji"	Sunday	14:30~16:30	May 10~July 12	A*
All Levels	Conversation	Thursday	13:30~15:30	May 7~July 9	A*

A*Kokusai Yuko Room (International Friendship Room), MatsudoBldg.,4th Fl.1307-1, Matsudo. (5 minute-walk from the West exit of JR Matsudo station)

B**Akira Civic Center, F2. 3018-2, Kamihongo, Matsudo. (A 6-minute from Kamihongo station from the north exit in Shin-keisei Line)

****Wants to learn Japanese but need someone to take care of the kids while at school? MIEA may help you. MIEA provides subsidies to first 10 applicants who has enrolled in the Japanese course.
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MIEA Subsidizes for International Exchange Activities

MIEA sets up a subsidy program for international activities and/or international cooperation which are conducted voluntarily by citizens in Matsudo city. More details please visit the website of MIEA!

Term recruited: Apr. 6 (Mon.) to Apr. 23 (Thu.)

Eligible: 2 organizations/groups

Grant: Up to 100,000 yen per group. Decision will be made in late May.

REFLECTION

The 28th Japanese Speech Contest

On February 15th (Sat.) 14 foreigners from 9 different countries made speeches in Japanese at Matsudo Shimin Gekijo (Matsudo Citizen’s Theater). The audience was deeply impressed by the passionate messages delivered by the contestants.

This contest was hosted by Ms. Masae Koga and Ms. Rei Ebara.

Prizes awarded are as follows:



Award	Name	Country
Mayor Award	Mr. Bhattara Kamal Prasad	Nepal
MIEA President Award	Ms. Merica Maria	Uruguay
Outstanding Performance Award	Mr. Campo Marco Andres	Argentine
Rotary Club Award	Ms. Law Hai Ching	Rep. of China
Special Award	Ms. Chen En Mei	Rep. of China

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

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