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MIEA STATION

The 50th Anniversary the Sister-City Exchanges Matsudo City and the City of Whitehorse



The City of Whitehorse, Australia

How did the cultural exchanges start between Whitehorse and Matsudo?



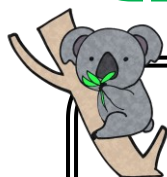
The City of Whitehorse



A letter from a schoolgirl

A female student of Matsudo City Daigo Junior High School wrote to the Australian embassy, asking for the seeds of eucalyptus. Eucalyptus is native to Australia.

This letter sent in 1958 has been encouraging the exchanges between two cities.



When was it established?

The City of Whitehorse in Victoria, Australia and Matsudo City established a sister-city relationship on May 12, 1971.

(The name then was Box Hill City.)



Where are the eucalyptuses?

The eucalyptuses have been growing and living in Matsudo Daigo Junior High School for about 60 years since then. Three trees are watching over the students there at present.



MIEA, Matsudo International Exchange Association, the organization of public interest incorporated foundation, promote the international cultural exchange as the civil-level activities for the purpose of contributing to the world peace, utilizing the regional characteristics, history, or culture, and deepening mutual understanding and friendship.

Commemorative Events of the 50th Anniversary of the Sister-City are being proceeded and collaborated with the city government.

MIEA Event Information

* Please contact MIEA for registration or questions to the following events.
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<p>Application Period May 10 - June 4</p> <p>※Current ambassadors who wish to continue are also requested to apply again.</p> 	<p>Recruitment for the 24th Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors</p> <p>Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors for one year commencing September 2021 are recruited.</p> <p>This volunteer program is initiated to promote activities such as lectures of international understanding and international events conducted in Matsudo city. The Cultural Ambassadors will visit local schools and so on, introducing cultures, lifestyles, arts, and some others of their home countries and Japan.</p>	<p>Capacity: about 30 persons</p> <p>Selection process: Pre-screening and interview (scheduled in late June)</p> <p>Fill in the application form (download from MIEA homepage) and apply to via e-mail or post.</p>
<p>June 13 (Sun.) 10:00-14:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Citizen's Hall, cooking room (a 5 min. walk from Matsudo Sta. East Exit)</p> <p>Application Period May 6 ~</p>	<p>MIEA Around the World</p> <p>Enjoy yourself in French (with Japanese Translation)</p> <p>French Home Cooking Class ~PART I~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poulet roti (roast chicken legs) • Ratatouille (boiled and seasoned vegetables) • Tarte au citron meringue (meringue on lemon tart) <p>Instructor: Ms. Laetitia Clerget French Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador</p> 	<p>Capacity: the first 20 persons</p> <p>Fee: 1,000yen (MIEA member) 1,500yen (Non-member)</p> <p>Application: by telephone or e-mail.</p>
<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Speech Contest</p> <p>August 21 (Sat.) 13:00-</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Citizen's Theater (a 5 min. walk from Matsudo Sta. West Exit)</p> <p>Application Deadline: July 1 (Thu.)</p>	<p>The 40th English Speech Contest for High School Students Recruitment for contestants</p> <p>Eligibility: High school students living and/or commuting to the high schools in Matsudo other than follows in 1) to 4).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 or grandparents is from English speaking countries or countries where English is one of the official languages. 4) previous award winners of this contest. 	<p>How to apply: Submit both the application form (download from MIEA home page or at MIEA office) and a speech draft (Word form) to MIEA by e-mail.</p> <p>Outline of Speech: independent theme (not specified) within 5 min., subject to preliminary screening of draft.</p> <p>☆The top 6 winners in the contest will have priority to participate in "Youth Delegation Program" in March 2022.</p> <p>Part of travel expenses will be subsidized.</p>

※Depending on the situation of Covid-19, the events featured in this newsletter may be cancelled or held online.

Foreign Languages Salon Details TBA	English Salon in Matsudo Chinese Salon in Matsudo Chatting in English or Chinese in the salons, pleasant time of chatting over a cup of beverage will be soon organized.	Details will be informed on MIEA homepage. 
Term One from May 9 (Sun.) ~ Application: Apr.5 (Mon.) ~	Japanese Language Course for Beginners ※ Face-to-Face Lessons (the 1 st semester) ※ Online Lessons  Please encourage your friends to attend the lessons who want to improve Nihongo skill. Lesson schedules are as per the following lists.	Eligibilities: MIEA members who were born before Apr.1, 2006 (age 15 years old and over/junior high school students excluded) Contact MIEA by phone.

Japanese Language Course for Beginners - the 1st semester - (face-to-face lesson)

level	Class	day	time	period	place
Primary I	Everyone's Japanese 1 (Minna No Nihongo I)	Tuesday	10:10 - 12:10	May 11 to July 13	A
		Tuesday	18:45 - 20:45	May 11 to July 13	B
		Friday	12:30 - 14:30	May 14 to July 16	A
		Sunday	10:10 - 12:10	May 9 to July 11	A
Primary II	Everyone's Japanese 2 (Minna No Nihongo II)	Tuesday	10:10 - 12:10	May 11 to July 13	A
		Friday	10:10 - 12:10	May 14 to July 16	A
	Weekly J	Tuesday	18:45 - 20:45	May 11 to July 13	B
		Sunday	12:20 - 14:20	May 9 to July 11	A
Pre-Intermediate	Pre-Intermediate	Wednesday	13:00 - 15:00	May 12 to July 14	A
Kanji	Daily Kanji	Tuesday	18:45 - 20:45	May 11 to July 13	B
		Wednesday	10:10 - 12:10	May 12 to July 14	A
		Sunday	14:30 - 16:30	May 9 to July 11	A
All Levels	Conversation	Thursday	13:30 - 15:30	May 13 to July 15	A

Place A: Kokusai Yuko Room, 4F Bunka-hall B: Akira Civic Center

Capacity the first 20 persons each class

Japanese Language Course for Beginners (online lesson)

***ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO DON'T ATTEND FACE TO FACE LESSONS**

level	object person	capacity	day and time	period
Primary Class	For students who can: 1) read HIRAGANA and KATAKANA, and speak simple Japanese. 2) access ZOOM.	12 persons	Thursday 10:30 - 12:30	May 13 to July 15
Conversation Class	For students who can: 1) read HIRAGANA and KATAKANA, and to speak daily conversation in simple Japanese 2) access ZOOM.	12 persons	Tuesday 13:30 - 15:30	May 11 to July 13

NB: preparing for personal computer (notebook, tablet, etc.) or smartphone, downloading, and covering cost of Wi-Fi and communication fee at own expense.

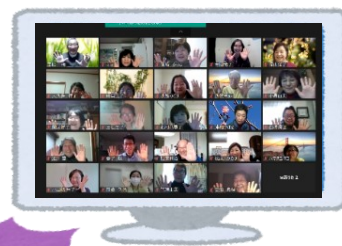
Subsidies of Childcare fee for the participants:

The participants of the above course who should entrust their children to nurseries during the lesson time could receive subsidies, subject to applying to MIEA in advance. (the first 10 persons.)

MIEA Activity Report

FY2020 the 2nd "Lecture of Japanese Language Education" was held via Zoom online on February 15. Ms. Arita Reiko gave a talk to 34 participants. While some of the participants are the beginners of Zoom communication, they enjoyed themselves with the significant time including a group discussion.

One scene of the ZOOM discussion



MIEA Brochure to Admission

The brochure of invitation to MIEA membership was newly revised. Japanese, English, Vietnamese, and Chinese versions are individually available at Shiminka (community service division) of Matsudo City Hall and any of its 8 branches.

Updated!!



MIEA Event associated with Youth Center (Seishonen-Kaikan)

June 12 (Sat.)

**Application Deadline
May 23**

A: 10:00 – 11:30

B: 13:00 – 14:30

A&B same contents

Venue:

Matsudo Youth

Center

(Seishonen-Kaikan)

gymnasium

Experience K-POP!

Come and enjoy learning Kpop dances.
Beginners are welcome.

Instructor: Ms. Ayaka (Dance instructor)



Target group:

New 2nd to 6th grade
primary school children

Capacity:

30 persons each time

Fee: Free of Charge

Application method:

By Electronic Application
Processing Service, or
refer to Matsudo Youth
Center Homepage



QR code for
Electronic
Application

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