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(English edition)

Winter, FY 2022

MIEA STATION

1st Event

The first intercultural exchange was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Meeting at Ichikawa-Ono Station, seven people went on a walking tour to the following places:

Ichikawa City Zoo It was relaxing to see small animals and mini pigs.

Atelier & Café Anne of Green Gables Japanese and foreigners deepened exchanges over lunch on the terrace surrounded by flowers.

Takaharu-en Members picked Japanese pears (*nashi*) and tried samples. They learned about the nashi originating in Matsudo and received tips on how to pick this fruit. The varieties of nashi at this time were Kosui and Hosui. Juicy and with a good balance of tartness and sweetness, they were delicious. The tour ended at Ichikawa-Ono Station. Members were able to engage in active interaction. It was a day well spent.

Activities Held by the Matsudo Young People's International Group

2nd Event

The second intercultural exchange was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, a national holiday. Six people were met by a Matsudo City Guide at Matsudo Station.

The group visited the Tojo-tei, Tojo Museum of History, and Chiba University's Faculty of Horticulture. The Tojo-tei is a purely Japanese-style wooden house constructed in the Meiji Period for Tokugawa Akitake, the younger brother of the 15th and last shogun, Tokugawa Yoshinobu. It is the only Tokugawa residence that remains nearly in complete form.

Tour members also tried on armor made by the Matsudo Handmade Japanese Armor Club. They felt like samurai in the Warring States Period. Participants were pleased they could fully touch Japanese history and culture.

The Matsudo Young People's International Group aims to deepen exchanges between foreigners and Japanese through sports, cooking, playing and other activities. We plan to create a variety of opportunities for intercultural exchanges.

★★★ Join any time! Open to students and adults 18 to 30 years old residing, studying or working in Matsudo. ★★★ ⇒



EVENT INFORMATION

31st Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners

*We're seeking audience members.
Please reserve your seats.*

Free

February 18 (Saturday) 13:00

Foreigners who live, work or study in Matsudo or in the vicinity will make speeches in Japanese on their views and experiences. They practiced their speeches hard for this day. By all means, please come and see them.

Venue: Matsudo Shimin Gekijo
Fee: Free
Capacity: First 100 people
Apply: January 15–February 1

Application Form



Know the World!

Talk with People from Other Countries!

**January 14 & February 25
(Saturday)**

Time: English 10:15–11:45
Korean & Chinese 13:00–14:30
Venue: Salon space at Matsudo Bunka Hall
Eligibility: Ability to make daily conversation
Capacity: 15 persons for English
Five persons each for Korean & Chinese
(A drawing will be held if there are many applicants.)
Fee: Free (MIEA members)
¥500 (Non-members)
Applications are accepted starting one month before each event.
Application deadline: One week before each event.

Cosponsor: Matsudo City Board of Education



MIEA World Tour Chiba Prefecture's Traditional Food Let's make Futomaki Matsuri Sushi!

January 28 (Saturday) 10:00–14:00

Lecturer: Azami no Kai food education volunteer
Contents: How to make beautiful and delicious matsuri sushi
Menu: Basic flower and shikai maki (mosaic sushi)

Venue: Cooking classroom at Matsudo Shimin Kaikan
Eligibility: 16 years old or above
Capacity: 25 persons
Fee: ¥1,000 (MIEA members)
¥1,500 (Non-members)

Apply: Jan. 1–Jan. 12 **Application form above**
(A lottery will be held if there are too many applicants.)



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Ms. Trương Thùy Lan (Vietnamese), Mr. Cesar Sone (Spanish)

Storytelling and Workshop for Vietnamese Picture Book

FREE



February 12 (Sunday)

① 11:00–12:00 ② 13:30–14:30



We will have storytelling of a book called “Tomodachi” and an online tour of the book created in collaboration with a Japanese writer and Vietnamese illustrator.

Coloring sheets of the main characters Mun and Gau will be available. You can take photos at the photo corner.

Venue: Terrace Mall Matsudo, 3F Community Room

Fees & reservations: None (Please go directly to the venue.)

※ Please see the MIEA website for details.

Exhibition of Prize-winning Entries from Children's Drawing Contest by Children of Bosnia and Herzegovina

FREE

January 16–February 10

Award-winning entries from the 7th Children's Drawing Contest on the theme of “My Favorite Sport” will be exhibited.

This exhibit is organized by Ipil-Ipil no Kai, a women's group NGO, and sponsored by the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Japan.

Venue: Passageway at Matsudo City Hall New Building (Shinkan)

Application: None

※ Please see the MIEA website for details.



FY 2022 Second Lecture on Japanese Language Education

February 6 (Monday) 13:00–15:30

"Helping Learners' Speak, Promoting Listening Skills to Deepen Understanding"

Lecturer: Shintaro Fukae, representative of NPO Tabunka Kyosei Project

Eligibility: People involved in local Japanese language classes and those interested in Japanese language support for foreigners

Zoom Online Lecture

Fee: Free (MIEA members)
¥500 (Non-members)

Capacity: First 50 persons

Apply from: January 16

Application form



FY 2023 Registration Is Open for Association of Japanese Language Volunteers in Matsudo City

We're seeking people to teach Japanese to foreigners

Details will be posted in February on the website of the Association of Japanese Language Volunteers in Matsudo City.

※Volunteers who registered in FY 2022 must register again.



Classes start January 8
Currently accepting applications

Beginning Japanese Classes (3rd Term)

Face-to-Face & Online Lessons

Day	Class	Time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tue.	Minna no Nihongo I	10:10-12:10	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/14	2/21	2/28	3/7	3/14
	Minna no Nihongo I	18:45-20:45										
	Minna no Nihongo II	12:30-14:30										
	Weekly J	18:45-20:45										
	Kanji	18:45-20:45										
	Online Conversation	13:30-15:30										
Wed.	Kanji	10:10-12:10	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22	3/1	3/8	3/15
	Nihongo Hiroba	10:10-12:10										
	Pre-Intermediate	13:00-15:10										
Thu.	Nihongo Hiroba	13:30-15:30	1/12	1/19	1/26	2/2	2/9	2/16	3/2	3/9	3/16	
	Online Beginner	10:00-12:00										
Fri.	Minna no Nihongo I	12:30-14:30	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/3	3/10	3/17
	Minna no Nihongo II	10:10-12:10										
Sun.	Minna no Nihongo I	10:10-12:10	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12
	Weekly J	12:20-14:20										
	Kanji	14:30-16:30										

※ No class on Feb. 23 (Thu.)

- ◆ **Eligibility:** Those born on April 1, 2005 or earlier (15 years or older). Junior high school students are not eligible. Applicants must be members of MIEA.
- ◆ **Tuition fee:** ¥1,000 per class (each term). Requires MIEA membership fee of ¥1,000 for FY 2022.
- ◆ **Application:** If you are registering for the first time, please call the MIEA office. Tel. 047-711-9511

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Air Purifiers and Thermal Camera placed on MIEA Premises

Owing to a subsidy from the Japan Keirin Autorace Foundation, air purifiers were placed in the MIEA office, Kokusai Yuko Room and sister-city corner.

In addition, a thermal camera was installed to measure the body temperature of Japanese language students and visitors to MIEA. This is very helpful in preventing the spread of COVID-19.



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