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English Edition

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28th Matsudo International Culture Festival ***~International Exchange Day~***

Date: October 21 (Saturday) 10:00–15:00

Venue: Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan), 5-minute walk from East Exit of Matsudo Station. Free admission. No application required.



Contents: 【Try New Experiences!】 10:00–15:00

Introduction to world cultures; activities, exhibitions and games hosted by organizations and NPOs; exhibitions of world toys and national costumes; national costume wearing; world teas; balloon art; kendama workshop; mask making, and more! Try these fun activities at various booths. (Some activities may require a fee to cover the cost of materials.)

【MATSUDO WORLD CONCERT】 10:30–15:00, Hall Event

《※Conducted in collaboration with three affiliated organizations》

Opening Ceremony







♪Melody Band, a Vietnamese band

♪T'rung performance by Kumiko Oguri

♪GROOVE CONNECT, a drum circle

♪Bandura performance by Kateryna



<p>October–December (Tuesday & Friday) See details for dates.</p> <p>8:00–9:00</p> <p>Venue: Plaza square at Kite Mite Matsudo</p>	<p>Jin-san's Open-air Tai Chi Class <i>Experience Meditation while Moving</i></p> <p>Increase your immunity and get more exercise! Let's get together for Tai chi chuan! Tai chi is easy on the body, and anyone can participate regardless of age.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Jin Chunhua (From China, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those interested in tai chi. Beginners are welcome. Capacity: 20 persons Fee: ¥2,000 (MIEA members) ¥3,000 (non-members)</p> <p>Details & Application form</p> 
<p>October 25 (Wed.) ➤ One-day Bus Tour Meeting place: Matsudo Civic Theater Meeting time: 7:10 Application deadline: October 10 (Tue.)</p>	<p>37th One-day Trip to Ibaraki</p> <p>Enjoy Aqua World Ibaraki Prefecture Oarai Aquarium, which has the largest collection of shark species in Japan. Eat lunch at the Nakaminato Fish Market. In the afternoon, have a great time at Hitachi Seaside Park.</p>	<p>Eligibility: 16 years old and above Capacity: 37 persons * Fee: ¥7,000 (MIEA members) ¥9,000 (non-members)</p> <p>Application form</p> 
<p>Oct. 28 & Dec. 9 (Sat.) ➤ English 10:15–11:45 ➤ Chinese 13:00–14:30</p> <p>Venue: Salon Space at Matsudo Bunka Hall</p> <p>Applications start one month before each event. Application deadline: One week before event</p>	<p>Explore the World! Meet People from Other Countries!</p> <p>Would you like to enjoy learning about foreign cultures and speaking in other languages (English & Chinese)? Have fun talking with native speakers!</p> <p>Facilitators: High school instructors, ALTs, CIRs, others Cosponsor: Matsudo City Board of Education</p> 	<p>Eligibility: Able to make daily conversation in the language Capacity: 15 persons for English * 5 persons for Chinese * ※New participants will be given priority. Fee: Free (MIEA members) ¥500 (non-members)</p> <p>Application form</p> 
<p>November 3 (Friday & holiday) 14:00–15:30</p> <p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p>	<p>MIEA World Tour Michael Introduces Popular Australian Sports</p> <p>In easy English, Michael Dowd will introduce popular sports in Australia through quizzes and games. Michael, 190 cm tall, is the new CIR at MIEA. He is from Melbourne, Australia.</p> <p>Lecturer: Michael Dowd, CIR at MIEA</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those interested in Australian sports Fee: Free Capacity: First 30 persons</p> <p>Application form</p> 
<p>November 11 (Saturday) 10:30–12:00</p> <p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p>	<p>MIEA World Tour American Movie Pilgrimages!</p> <p>Camden Gregory will introduce American tourist spots through such movies as The Shawshank Redemption, Iron Man and The Terminator. Learn the charm of the locations where the movies were filmed.</p> <p>Lecturer: Camden Gregory (CIR, Internationalization Promotion Division, Matsudo City)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those interested in American movies and U.S. travel Fee: Free Capacity: First 30 persons</p> <p>Application form</p> 

* A drawing will be held if there are too many applicants.

<p>December 10 (Sunday) 13:00–15:00</p> <p>Venue: Mori no Hall 21, 4F Reception Hall</p> 	<p>34th International Exchange Party Deepen exchanges with Japanese and foreigners! Have an enjoyable time meeting people from a variety of countries! This stand-up party will offer food and drinks along with attractions, a big lottery and more.</p>	<p>※ Please see the MIEA website for details. Application period: Nov. 15 (Wed.)– Nov. 30 (Wed.)</p> <p>Application form</p> 
<p>February 17, 2024 (Saturday) 13:00–17:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo) (5-minute walk from West Exit of Matsudo Station)</p> <p>Application period: Dec.1–Jan. 14</p> <p>Deadline: Jan. 14, 2024 (Sunday) (Application must arrive at MIEA by the closing date.)</p>	<p>32nd Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners: Call for Contestants! Would you like to present your thoughts on daily life in Japan or discoveries since coming to Japan? Awards will be given to the top four contestants and to one person who makes the most impressive speech.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Persons 15 years or older who reside, work or study in Matsudo or in neighboring cities ② Persons and their biological parents who do not have Japanese nationality ③ Persons living in Japan for less than five years in total as of January 31, 2024 ④ Persons who have never won this Japanese speech contest for foreigners 	<p>Contents: Speech of 5 minutes or less</p> <p>Screening criteria: Content, use of words and phrases, manner of speaking</p> <p>※Contestants will be selected following document screening.</p> <p>Application form</p> 

MIEA will have an exhibit at the

“Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Matsudo City- Matsudo Festival IN 2023”!

Date/Time October 7 (Saturday) 10:00-17:00 **Venue** Matsudo Central Park (Matsudo Chuo Koen)

We will be promoting our activities, registering new members, selling arts and crafts from foreign countries and Japan. There will also be a game for kids. Please come and join us at the MIEA booth.

Activity Report

Commemorative project on Matsudo’s 80th anniversary as a municipality, sister-city friendship program, and other events

42nd Annual Matsudo English Speech Contest for High School Students



The 42nd Annual Matsudo English Speech Contest for High School Students was held on Sunday, August 19, at the Matsudo Civic Theater. Twelve students who live or study in Matsudo gave speeches in English on their everyday thoughts and feelings.

The top six winners will be sent to sister cities Whitehorse in Australia and Santa Clarita in the U.S. under a sister-city youth delegation program in March 2024.

Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors

A ceremony was held on Sunday, September 3, at the Matsudo Civic Hall to commission Matsudo’s 26th international cultural ambassadors. The 31 ambassadors come from 14 countries. They will serve from September 2023 to September 2024.

Won’t you invite the cultural ambassadors to your circle or organization? You’ll enjoy experiencing the cultures of various countries. We can help you make close international exchanges!



Useful Information

* For application or inquiries, please contact the organizations below directly.

Intermediate Japanese Class (2nd term)

Use Japanese immediately! Would you like to study intermediate Japanese useful for work?

Date/time: Oct. 24, 2023–March 12, 2024, Tues. & Thur., 10:30–12:20, 36 times (excluding Dec. 26–Jan. 8)

Venue: Japan International Institute of Cybernetics (main building)

Contents: Face-to-face lessons 10 times, online lessons 26 times

Eligibility: Foreign nationals 18 years or older who live or work in Matsudo and have completed an elementary-level Japanese course or those who want to work using Japanese

Capacity: First 15 persons.

Fee: Free (MIEA membership fee of ¥1,000 is required. Textbook fee will be charged separately.)

Application: By October 23 (Monday) directly to the Institute. Tel. 047-702-7068



Easy Japanese for Caregiving (2nd term)

We are offering a course on easy Japanese for caregiving. Classes are designed for non-Japanese working in caregiving and those interested in caregiving.

Date/time: Jan. 11–March 14, 2024 (every Thur.), 10:10–12:10

Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)

Eligibility: Foreign nationals who are learning elementary Japanese and who want to study Japanese for caregiving

Capacity: First 15 persons

Fee: Free (MIEA membership fee of ¥1,000 is required.)

Contents: Learn basic terms and vocabulary for caregiving, how to communicate with facility residents, how to handover work when changing shifts

Application/inquiries: Association of Japanese Language Volunteers Ms. Fujisawa Tel. 080-5379-6017

High School Guidance for Non-native Speakers of Japanese: 2023 in Chiba

Volunteer groups and teachers collaborate in giving guidance to non-Japanese junior high school students who wish to enter Japanese high school and to their parents. Information sessions will explain the purpose of high school, enrollment procedures, education expenses, and the Japanese education system. Non-Japanese high school students will also share their experiences.

Place	Date	Time	Venue
Matsudo	October 9 (Monday/holiday)	Reception time 12:30–13:00	Matsudo Civic Hall (Matsudo Shimin Kaikan)
Ichikawa	October 14 (Saturday)	Guidance 13:00–16:00	Ichikawa Kyoiku Kaikan

Organizer: Boso Multicultural Network, Academic Guidance Committee Entry Fee: Free Materials fee: ¥100

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