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MIEA STATION

31st Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners Here are the Prize winners!!

The speech contest was held at Matsudo-Shimin-Gekijo (Citizens' Theater) on February 18, Saturday. Ten contestants who had passed the initial screening gave their speeches at this final round.

Congratulations on winning the Prizes for top 5!!

This annual contest was cancelled in 2021, and was alternatively held by online in 2022. The contestants of this year spoke face to face with the audience at the theater for the first time in 3 years. It was a lively contest.



Ms. QUANG THI CUONG (Matsudo Mayor Prize)



Ms. Rai Shusil (Nepal) and Mr. Koizumi Takeshi (Japan), both Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors, opened the contest as the MC. The program proceeded smoothly.



the Matsudo Mayor Prize

Ms. QUANG THI CUONG (Vietnam)

【私の伝えたいこと】

ワタシ ツタエタイコト



the MIEA Chairman Prize

Mr. HAICHENKO MAKSYM (Ukraine)

【笑顔になりましょう】

イガニナリマシヨウ



the Excellent Prize

Ms. HOANG THI TO UYEN (Vietnam)

【日本語を頑張りましょう】

ニホンゴヲガンバリマシヨウ



the Rotary Club Prize

Ms. Wang Mei Ni (China)

【現代社会のストレス解消するため取るべき対策は？】

ゲンダ イシャカイノ ストレスカイショウ スルタメニトルベキ タイサクハ?



the Tokyo Rusk Prize

Mr. DAO QUANG THAI (Vietnam)

【七転び八起き】 サコビヤオキ

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 <p>April 15 to September 16 (Sat.) 13:00 – 14:30 18 lessons in total (except for Apr.29, May 6, Jul.8, Aug.12&19)</p>	<p>Easy Korean for Beginners ~ learning basics such as the coding method and pronunciation of Hangul, the Korean alphabet ~</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Choi Hyoyeon (Korean Language instructor of a prefectural high school, from Korea)</p>	<p>Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (Bunka Hall) Eligibility: Beginners Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: 18,000Yen (MIEA member) 20,000Yen (Non-member) Text: 『新装版でできる韓国語 初級I』 *purchase personally</p> <p>application → </p>
<p>April 15 to September 16 (Sat.) 10:30 – 12:00 18 lessons in total (except for Apr.29, May 6, Jul.8, Aug.12&19)</p>	<p>Intermediate Korean course</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Choi Hyoyeon (Korean Language instructor of a prefectural high school, from Korea)</p> 	<p>Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (Bunka Hall) Eligibility: those who can read and write Hungul sentences to a certain extent Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: 18,000Yen (MIEA member) 20,000Yen (Non-member) Text: 『新装版でできる韓国語 初級II』 *purchase personally</p> <p>application → </p>
<p>May 12 to July 14 (Fri.) 15:15 – 16:45 10 lessons in total</p> <p>Join in the class if you understand the basics of Chinese pronunciation even a little bit!</p> 	<p>Elementary Chinese Course (I)</p> <p>Learn easy Chinese in everyday life. The lessons are continuation from the last class, Sep. to Nov., 2022. And, those who want to learn again will be also welcome. The lesson will begin on Chapter 5, page 72 of the text.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Luo Guang Sui (Chinese instructor of a high school, from China)</p>	<p>Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (Bunka Hall) Eligibility: those who have learnt Pinyin. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: 10,000Yen (MIEA member) 13,000Yen (Non-member) Text: 『ネイティブが教えるマンガで身につく! 中国語』 ナツメ社 ISBN:978-4816363580 *purchase personally</p> <p>application → </p>
<p>May 13 to August 5 (Sat.) 13:30 – 15:00 10 lessons in total (except for May 27, Jun.24, and Jul. 29)</p> 	<p>Elementary German Course</p> <p>Learn about Germany with a focus on conversation. The lessons are continuation from the last class, Oct. to Dec., 2022. And, those who want to learn again will be also welcome. The lesson will begin on Lektion 7 to the end.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Bilik Eva (lecturer at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, from Hungary)</p>	<p>Venue: Yuu-Matsudo (May to June) Matsudo Kinro Kaikan, room B (July to August) (Both are about 6 min. walk from Matsudo Sta. West exit) Eligibility: those who have ever learnt German. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: 10,000Yen (MIEA member) 13,000Yen (Non-member) Text: 『ドライクラング異文化理解のドイツ語』 郁文堂 ISBN:9784261012736 *purchase personally</p> <p>application → </p>



Introduction to Vietnamese Culture (a quick trip through the land) June 4 (Sun.) 10:00-11:30

Introducing the landscapes and the food in the north, the middle, and the south as well as introducing the basic travel Vietnamese words. Some Vietnamese word cards are given.

Lecturer: Ms. Trương Thùy Lan, Matsudo's CIR

Venue: Shin-Matsudo Shimin Center
(10 min. walk from Shin-Matsudo Sta.)
Eligibility: junior high school age and over
Capacity: First 20 persons
Fee: Free

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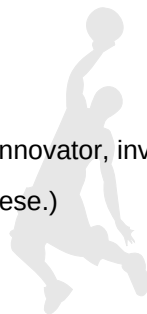


Introduction to American Culture (What gave birth to basketball in the United States) Jul 2 (Sun.) 10:00-11:30

Learn the history and about James Naismith, a sports coach and innovator, invented the game of basketball.

* Lecture and experience of basketball (Lecture is given in Japanese.)
You can also learn simple English.

Lecturer: Mr. Camden Gregory, Matsudo's CIR
(CIR: Coordinator for International Relations)



Venue: Matsudo Seishonen Kaikan
(15 min. walk from Shin-Matsudo Sta.)
Eligibility: Fifth grade elementary students and higher who like basketball and history
Capacity: First 20 persons
Fee: Free

application



26th Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors (Recruitment)

The cultural ambassadors for one year commencing September 2023 are recruited.

Capacity: about 30 persons

Selection process: Pre-screening and interview
(scheduled late June)

Application Period: May 15 (Mon.) to May 31 (Wed.)

*Current ambassadors who wish to continue are requested to apply again.

Commissioning Ceremony: scheduled on Sep.3 (Sun.) p.m.

This volunteer is initiated to promote activities such as lectures of international understanding and international events conducted in Matsudo city. The ambassadors will introduce cultures, lifestyles, arts, and some others of their home countries and Japan.



application



42nd English Speech Contest for High School Students in Matsudo (Recruitment for Contestants)

Contest Date: August 19 (Sat.) 13:00-17:00

Outline of Speech: Independent theme (not specified) within 5 min., subject to preliminary screening of draft.

The top 6 winners in the contest will have priority to participate in "Youth Delegation Program" in March 2024.

Part of travel expenses will be subsidized.

Eligibility:

High school students living and/or commuting to the high schools in Matsudo other than follows in 1) to 4),

1) Stayed 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.

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App. deadline
Jun. 30 (Fri.)



Useful information from other organization

Training Course of Japanese Teaching Volunteer The orientation meeting

Date: April 15 (Sat.) 10:30 – 12:00 Venue: Matsudo Shimin-Kaikan (Citizens' Hall) room 101

Contents: Detailed explanation of the volunteer activities and the training course.

Volunteers must participate in this orientation

Application hereunder



Training period:
April 22 to December
Friday and Saturday, irregular
2 hours/lecture
20 lessons in total

Including inspection tour,
experience, and simulated
lessons

Japanese Language Volunteer Training Course
(both Face-to-Face and Online)

Organizer:
Association of Japanese Language Volunteer in
Matsudo City
<https://jlvmatsudo.cloud-line.com/Eng>

The volunteer course is organized intending to teach
Japanese language to foreign residents for their daily
life in Japan.

Lecturer: Ms. Yoshida Seiko

Eligibility:
those who want to teach Japanese to foreign
residents as volunteers with us, and are able to
access online courses.
Capacity: 20 persons (in case of too many
applicants, we will hold draw)
Fee: 20,000Yen (excluding teaching material
expenses)



Face-to-Face Lessons

Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room (Bunka Hall) *Tue. 18:45 class: Akira-Shimin-Center

Level	Class	Day	Time	Period
Elementary I	Everyone's Japanese 1 (Minnano Nihongo I)	Tuesday	10:10-12:10	May 9 to July 11
		Tuesday	18:45-20:45	May 9 to July 11
		Friday	12:30-14:30	May 12 to July 14
		Sunday	10:10-12:10	May 14 to July 16
Elementary II	Everyone's Japanese 2 (Minnano Nihongo II)	Tuesday	12:30-14:30	May 9 to July 11
		Friday	10:10-12:10	May 12 to July 14
	Weekly J	Tuesday	18:45-20:45	May 9 to July 11
		Sunday	12:20-14:20	May 14 to July 16
Pre-Intermediate	Pre-intermediate	Wednesday	13:00-15:00	May 10 to July 12
Kanji	Daily Kanji (Seikatsu Kanji)	Tuesday	18:45-20:45	May 9 to July 11
		Wednesday	10:10-12:10	May 10 to July 12
		Sunday	14:30-16:30	May 14 to July 16
For person speaks simple Japanese	Conversation (Nihongo Hiroba)	Wednesday	10:10-12:10	May 10 to July 12
		Thursday	13:30-15:30	May 11 to July 13

Online Lessons

Attending both Face-to-Face lessons and Online lessons can be accepted.

Class by Level	Day	Time	Period
Elementary (for person speaks simple Japanese)	Thursday	10:00-12:00	May 11 to July 13
Conversation (for person speaks daily conversation in simple Japanese)	Tuesday	13:30-15:30	May 9 to July 11

Eligibility: MIEA members who were born before Apr.1, 2008 (age 15 years old and over. Junior high school students are excluded.)
 Fee: 1,000yen/class and term. MIEA membership fee of 1,000yen for FY2023 is required.
 We will subsidize the childcare expenses for parents who need short-term care for the children while taking Japanese classes.
 Please apply in advance at the MIEA office. Those who learn for the first time are kindly contact MIEA office by phone (047-711-9511)

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