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(English Version)



# MIEA STATION



## ~Activity Report~

### To Hitachiji in Ibaraki Prefecture on a One Day Trip!

To facilitate mutual communication between our members and allow them to rediscover the charm of surrounding areas, every year we hold a One Day Trip event. The 37<sup>th</sup> iteration of this event took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October with 22 participants heading to the Hitachi route in Ibaraki Prefecture.

In the morning, we went to Ibaraki Prefecture's representative seaside leisure spot in Aquaworld with Japan's largest collection of shark species having over 60 different species and 400 individuals. Participants who were previously unfamiliar with each other were divided into groups of 4-5 and toured the aquarium together, being able to interact with each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

After visiting the aquarium, we then headed to Nakaminato Fish Market to have lunch and relax. Fish caught from the nearby Ocean were arranged in abundance, all exceptionally fresh. In the afternoon, we went to the Hitachi Seaside Park. Blessed with great weather, we were overwhelmed by the displays of around 33000 Kochia Plants, and around 2 million Cosmo flowers.

A lot of the participants were very satisfied with their experience.





## Upcoming Events

<p><b>Jan~Mar</b> (See details for dates) 8:00~9:00 <b>Kite-Mite Matsudo Plaza Square</b> ~First time is free !</p> 	<p><b>Blue Sky Tai Chi Classes</b> ~Want to try meditation, improve your immune system, as well as exercise more? Then you should try Tai Chi! Tai Chi is easy on the body so even those who are older can participate. <b>Instructor: Ms Jin Chunhua</b> (From China, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador)</p>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Those interested in Tai Chi. Beginners also welcome <b>Capacity:</b> 20 people <b>Cost:</b> 10 Ticket System <b>【Member】</b> 5,000 ¥ <b>【Non Member】</b> 8,000 ¥ <b>Details &amp; Application Form</b></p> 
<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> Jan (Tues)</b> 13:00~15:00 <b>Tojo History Museum Shountei</b>  <b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Jan (Thurs)</b></p>	<p><b>MIEA World Tour</b> <b>Japanese Cultural Experience 「The Heart of Japan Ikebana」</b> ~Want to try one of Japan's traditional arts In the historical Tojo History Museum Shountei?~ <b>Instructor: Mr Sogyoku Imamura</b> (Director of the Sogetsu School Teacher's Association, Flower Education Advisor)</p> 	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Those 18 and older <b>Capacity:</b> 20 (Chosen by lottery) <b>Cost 【Member】</b> 2,000 ¥ <b>【Non Member】</b> 2,500 ¥ <b>Application Form</b></p> 
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> Jan (Sat) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar (Sat)</b> •English 10:15~11:45 •Chinese 13:00~14:30  <b>Salon Space at Matsudo Bunka Hall</b>  Applications start one month before each event  <b>Application Deadline :</b> <b>One week before event</b></p>	<p><b>Explore the world ! Meet people from other countries !</b>  Would you like to become more familiar with foreign cultures and languages (English, Chinese) in a relaxed environment? Have fun speaking with native speakers. ※New Participants will be prioritized. <b>Facilitators:</b> High School Instructors・ALTs・CIRs <b>Cosponsor:</b> Matsudo City Board of Education</p> 	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Those who can do everyday conversation in the language they apply for <b>Capacity:</b> (Chosen by Lottery) English 15 Chinese 10 <b>Cost 【Member】</b> Free <b>【Non Member】</b> 500 ¥ <b>Application form</b></p> 
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb (Sun)</b>  10:30~14:00 <b>Matsudo Civic Centre Cooking Room</b>  <b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan (Sun)</b></p>	<p><b>MIEA World Tour</b> <b>Let's make Filipino cuisine in English !</b>  <b>Instructor: Mr Moises Merin</b> (From the Philippines, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador) <b>Menu :SINGANG</b> <b>LUMPIANG SHANGHAI</b> <b>GINATAANG GULAY</b> <b>MAJA BLANCA</b></p>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Those 16 and older <b>Capacity:</b> 20 (Lottery) <b>Cost 【Member】</b> 1,000 ¥ <b>【Non Member】</b> 1,500 ¥ <b>Details and Application Form</b></p> 
<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> Feb (Sat)</b>  13:00~ <b>Matsudo Municipal Theatre Hall</b></p>	<p><b>The 32<sup>nd</sup> Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners~Call for participants</b> Present your thoughts and feelings as residents living, working, or studying in Matsudo and its surrounding areas. Express your thoughts in Japanese. Practice your speech diligently and Impress people with your thoughts.</p>	
<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb (Sun)</b>  10:00~12:00 <b>Tokiwadaira Gymnasium</b> <b>Application Deadline:</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb (sun)</b></p>	<p><b>MIEA World Tour</b> <b>Parent and Child Rugby Experience</b>  Experience the joys of rugby from professional NEC Green Rockets Tokatsu players Learn the important skills and play some minigames</p> 	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Primary School Students and their Guardians <b>Capacity:</b> 25 groups 50 people (Chosen by Lottery) <b>Cost:</b> Free <b>Application Form</b></p> 
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb (Mon) PM</b>  <b>Yuuma Matsudo Gender Equality Centre</b></p>	<p><b>The 2023 Japanese Education Lecture</b> <b>Lecturer: Ms Tomoe Sekizaki</b> (Representative of Japanese services YOU&amp;I) (※Time and contents to be determined)</p>	

<b>2/27 (Tue)</b> 10:00～12:30 <b>Venue</b> Matsudo Civic Centre Cooking Room <b>Application Deadline:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Sun)	<b>MIEA World Tour</b> Enjoy Seasonal Japanese Sweets「Spring」and Matcha Lecturer: Azami Group Food Education Volunteers <b>Details:</b> Create visually pleasing and tasting Japanese Sweets while enjoying them with some Matcha. <b>Menu:</b> Domyoji Sakura Mochi and Uguisu Shikanoko (Sweetened Edamame Beans)	<b>Eligibility:</b> Those 16 and older <b>Capacity:</b> 20 (Lottery) Cost 【Member】 800¥ 【Non Member】 1,000¥ <b>Application Form</b> 
<b>Applications 12/12</b> <b>～Now Recruiting</b> 	<b>Beginner Japanese Classes (Term 3 9<sup>th</sup> Jan- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar)</b> Please inform your foreign friends who are having difficulties with Japanese. <b>Eligibility:</b> People born before the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April in 2007 (15 and over) ※ Middle school students are not accepted. ※ You must be/become a member of MIEA to participate in this event, <b>Application Process:</b> If you are taking a course for the first time, please call MIEA's Office to apply. ⇒ Tel 047-711-9511	  Application Form

◆ **Beginner Japanese Class Fees** : Per Semester 1,000 ¥ (Payment of the 2023 membership fee is Necessary as well)

※ Please contact us for questions about class difficulty and other inquiries.

※ For those who attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, you are required to make another application for semester 3.

※ For those who don't have the textbook ⇒ The teacher will explain what textbook is required in the first class so please don't buy it yet.

	Day	Class	Time	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Term 3	Tue	Beginner I	10:10 - 12:10	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12 <sup>th</sup> Mar
			18:45 - 20:45										
		Beginner II	12:30 - 14:30										
			18:45 - 20:45										
		Online Conversation	13:30 - 15:30										
	Wed	Kanji	10:10 - 12:10	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar
		日本語ひろば	10:10 - 12:10										
		Beginner-Intermediate	13:00 - 15:00										
	Thu	日本語ひろば	13:30 - 15:30	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	14 <sup>th</sup> Mar
		Beginner Online	10:00 - 12:00										
	Fri	Beginner I	12:30 - 14:30	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	—
		Beginner II	10:10 - 12:10										
	Sat	Beginner I	10:10 - 12:10	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	—
		Beginner II	12:20 - 14:20										
		Kanji	14:30 - 16:30										

**Location:** Kokusai Yuuko Room (Matsudo Bunka Hall, Matsudo Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1307-1, Matsudo City)

※ Wi-Fi and Mobile data fees are not covered by MIEA.

### Japanese Language Class Participants Childcare Subsidiary

If you use a temporary childcare facility while attending these Japanese classes we provide subsidies for childcare fees. Applying prior to the classes at our office is required. (Limited to the first 15 applicants)





Useful  
Information

## Registration for Matsudo City Japanese Language Volunteers in 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> Feb ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Recruiting for people who want to teach Japanese in our language classrooms  
Details: Please Visit the Matsudo City Language Volunteers website from February.

## For everyday worries and difficulties, Head to Matsudo City's Foreign Resident Consultation Desk

### Location

Matsudo City Hall Main Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Consultation Corner

### How to Apply

Come directly to the consultation, or call the number (☎ 047-366-9151).  
※ A reservation is not required and consultations are free.

### Topics

Administrative Procedures • Household • Education • Divorce • Health • Living etc.  
Depending on your consultation topic, you will be able to consult with a lawyer or other legal professionals on a different day. The details of this consultation will be kept secret.

### Consultation Dates

Monday to Friday: 8:30 ~ 17:00 (Excluding days where the City Hall is closed.)

### Counsellor Hours

[Chinese] Mon • Tue • Wed: 10:00 ~ 13:00, Thur • Fri: 13:00 ~ 16:00  
[English] Mon • Tue • Wed: 13:00 ~ 16:00, Thu • Fri: 10:00 ~ 13:00  
[Filipino] Tue: 13:00 ~ 16:00, Fri: 10:00 ~ 13:00



※ During times when the counsellor is absent or when another it is during consultation hours for another language, you can use a translator device for the consultation.

### Contact Details

Matsudo City Hall Public Relations and Hearing Division, Public Hearing Room 047-366-9151

## We have signed an agreement with Matsudo City Regarding support for Foreigners during natural disasters and other similar situations.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2023, MIEA signed an agreement with Matsudo City regarding support for foreigners during natural disasters and other similar situations.

During times of disaster, MIEA will open up a foreign resident consultation booth which will provide information about the disaster, facilitate interpreter dispatch to evacuation centers, and promote disaster prevention knowledge in order to ensure the safety of foreign residents living in Matsudo city.

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