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English Edition

MIEA STATION

Celebrating Matsudo's population having reached half a million!

29th Matsudo International Culture Festival ~ International Exchange Day~



Date: October 19 (Sat.) 10:00-15:00

Venue: Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan) a 5-minute walk from
the 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; calligraphy; balloon art: kendama workshop; mask making, and more! Try these fun activities at various booths.
(Some activities may require a fee.)

【Enjoy Delicious Food!】 11:00-14:30

Taste Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese cuisines, gelato, and some more at the gourmet corner.

【MATSUDO WORLD CONCERT】 10:00-15:00 Hall Event



The performance is conducted in collaboration with three affiliated organizations. ※



① Matsudo City High School

Chorus Club



② Chiba Prefectural Matsudo Kokusai

High School, the Rock Soran (Dance)













③ Studio Arpa Matsudo,
(Latin American Harp Class)








④ Tokyo Bachata Princess
Team (Latin Dance)



⑤ Sonics-Tokyo
Steel Orchestra

※Three affiliated organizations are; Matsudo Tourism Association,
Matsudo Culture Promotion Foundation, and MIEA.

<p>October - December (Tuesday & Friday)</p> <p>※Time table: See through QR Code.</p> <p>Venue: Plaza square at Kite Mite Matsudo and others</p>	<p>Jin-san's Open-air Tai Chi Class</p> <p>Experience meditation while moving the body. Improve both your immunity and physical condition! Let's get together for Tai Chi Chuan! Tai Chi does not impose any heavy load on the human 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: the first 20 persons Fee: set of coupons (10 tickets) Member 5,000yen Non member 8,000yen ※Feel free to apply any time ※A free trial available</p> 
<p>November 4 (Mon. National holiday) 10:30-14:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan) #102 cooking room</p>	<p>MIEA World Tour and Cooking Introduction of Nigerian cuisine and culture in English</p> <p>Menu: Jollof rice, Takikomi-gohan (spicy rice mixed with chicken) Poff-Poff (Nigerian deep-fried doughnut)</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Kehinde Fawibe (from Nigeria, graduate student at UChiba)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Over 16 years old Capacity: 20persons (lottery in case of too many applications) Fee: Member 1,000yen Non member 1,500yen Application deadline: October 14 (Mon.)</p>  
<p>① November 9 (Sat.) ② December 7 (Sat.) 13:00-15:00</p> <p>※applicable for each day separately.</p> <p>Venue: ① Matsudo Kinro-kaikan room C ② Yuu-Matsudo Danjo-Kyodo-Sankaku-Center 3 F</p>	<p>Intermediate German "Deutschland-Labor"</p> <p>Each lesson, based on a specific theme, the participants will practice "watching, listening, writing, and speaking"</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Eva Bilik (from Hungary, part-time lecturer)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Intermediate German learners Capacity: the first 15 persons Fee: (each day) Member 1,000yen Non member 1,300yen Class Material: Web Text, Deutsche Welle "Deutschland-Labor"</p>  
<p>November 18 (Mon.) 6:45-18:00 scheduled Meeting place: Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo)</p> 	<p>38th One-Day Trip (Gunma & Tochigi)</p> <p>Enjoy both international exchange and Japan's rich nature in Gunma and Tochigi prefectures. The trip is scheduled to ride a trolley car running along Watarase-Keikoku Valley with the colorful foliage in autumn, visiting the Ashio Copper Mine, and Oya History Museum.</p>	<p>Eligibility: Over 16 years old Capacity: 37persons (lottery in case of too many applications) Fee: Member 8,000yen Non member 10,000yen Application Deadline: October 31(Thu.)</p>  
<p>November 21 - February 6 (Thu.) Excluding Dec 12 and Jan 2 (10 times in total) 18:00-19:30</p> <p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p> 	<p>Primary English Conversation</p> <p>Enjoy and learn the basic speaking, writing, listening, and reading through news and games in easy English.</p> <p>Lecturer: Mr. Michael Dowd (from Australia, MIEA staff, CIR, Coordinator for International Relations)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those who are able to exchange greeting or self-introduction in easy English. Level of Eiken 3. Capacity: The first 15 persons Fee: Member 10,000yen Non Member 13,000yen</p> 

<p>November 30 (Sat.) 10:30-14:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan) #102 cooking room</p>	<p>MIEA World Tour and Cooking Vietnamese Home Party Cuisine</p> <p>Menu: Bún chả (Tsukemen, noodle and a dipping sauce, with grilled meat), Fried Egg rolls (Age-harumaki), and dessert</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Trương Thùy Lan (from Vietnam, Matsudo's CIR, Coordinator for International Relations)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Over 16 years old Capacity: 20persons (lottery in case of too many applications) Fee: Member 1,000yen Non member 1,500yen Application deadline: November 5(Tue.)</p>  
<p>December 8 (Sun.) 13:00-15:00</p> <p>Venue: Mori-No-Hall 21, 4F, Reception Hall</p> 	<p>35th International Exchange Party</p> <p>Deepen exchanges among Japanese and foreign nationals! Have an enjoyable time with people from various countries and regions. This stand-up party will offer food and drinks along with attractions, a big lottery and some more.</p>	<p>Application Period: November 11 (Mon.) - November 24 (Sun.)</p>  
<p>March 1, 2025 (Sat.) 13:00-17:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo) (a 5-minute walk from West Exit of Matsudo Station)</p> <p>Application Period: Dec.1 - Jan. 19 Dead Line: Jan. 19, 2025 (Application must arrive at MIEA by the closing date.)</p> 	<p>33rd Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Nationals: Recruit of Contestants</p> <p>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. Contents: Speech of 5 minutes or less Screening criteria: Content, use of words and phrases, manner of speaking ※Contestants will be selected following document screening. Application Form: Read through QR.</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, 2025. 4) Persons who have never won this Japanese speech contest for foreign nationals.

Activity Report

Commemorative Project celebrating Matsudo's Population reaching half a million and the Sister City Friendship Program

43rd Annual Matsudo English Speech Contest for High School Students

The contest was held at Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo) on Saturday, August 17. Twelve students who live or study in Matsudo gave speeches in English on their thoughts and feelings. The six winners will be sent to sister-city Whitehorse in Australia and friendship-city Santa Clarita in the U.S. under a Sister-City Youth Delegation Program in February and March, 2025.



27th Matsudo International Ambassadors Commissioning Ceremony

The ceremony and get-together party was held at Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan) on Sunday, September 1, commissioning 31 ambassadors coming from 14 countries and regions. Would you like to invite the cultural ambassadors to your clubs or organizations, and have close international exchanges. Please feel free to ask MIEA.



Language Salon

Let's come into contact with foreign culture and languages, English and Chinese (Taiwanese Mandarin)!

Facilitators: High school ALTs, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors, and so on

Cosponsor: Matsudo Board of Education

Date: October 26 (Sat.) and November 30 (Sat.)

English 10:30-12:00, Chinese (Taiwanese Mandarin) 13:00-14:30

Venue: Salon space at Matsudo Bunka Hall

Quota : English 15 persons

Chinese 10 persons

(Participants will be chosen by lottery if applications exceed capacity)

Cost : Member : Free

Non member 500 yen

Applications Open: 1 month before the day of the event

Applications Close: 10 days before the day of the event

Apply here



Useful Information

Intermediate Japanese Class

Study practical expressions and immediately useful Japanese for work! (the number of lessons 36 in total)

Date: October 29 to March 13, 2025, Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 10:30-12:20 (excluding Dec.24(Tue.), 26(Thu.), 31(Tue.), and Jan.2(Thu))

Contents: Face-to-Face lessons 10 times and Online lessons 26 times

Venue: NKK (Japan International Institute of Cybernetics) main building, Shin-Matsudo

Eligibility: Foreign nationals 18 years or older who live or work in Matsudo, and have level of JLPT N4.

Capacity: the first 15 persons.

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

Application: By October 28 (Mon.) directly contact to the institute NKK (047-702-7068)

“High School Guidance 2024 in Chiba” for Students and Parents whose native language is not Japanese

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

Place	Date	Time	Venue
Matsudo	October 6 (Sun.)	13:00-16:00	Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan)
Ichikawa	October 12 (Sat.)	13:00-16:00	Ichikawa Kyoiku Kaikan
Chiba	October 13 (Sun.)	13:00-16:30	UChiba Nishi-Chiba campus

Organizer: Boso Multicultural Network, Academic Guidance Committee Entry Fee: Free, Material Fee: 100yen/copy

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