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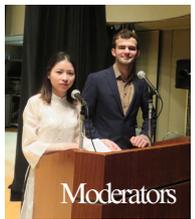
★ Event Report ★

32nd Japanese Speech Contest for foreigners

The 32nd Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners was held at the Matsudo Civic Theater (Matsudo Shimin Gekijo) on Saturday, February 17. Passing the initial screening, 14 contestants gave speeches on a variety of topics. The contestants came from 11 countries: India, Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, China, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar and Mongolia. Two Matsudo cultural ambassadors served as moderators at the event. They were Ms. Quang Thi Cuong, last year's winner of the Mayor's Award, and Mr. Haichenko Maksym, winner of the MIEA Chairman's Award.



Attraction: Enju gumi playing the shamisen



Moderators



Inscription of program cover written by MIEA member Naomi Hizukuri

See program here. →



🏆 The winners are as follows:

1. Mayor's Award: "The Importance of Having Hope" by Ms. Sherazi Noorul Safi (Pakistan)
2. MIEA Chairman's Award: "The Japanese Words I Love to Hate" by Mr. Tillaman James (Philippines)
3. Excellence Award: "An Irreplaceable Person" by Ms. Khin Yadanar Oo
4. Rotary Club Award: "The Most Difficult Thing When I Came to Japan" by Ms. Kadupitige Sandani Poornima (Sri Lanka)
5. Tokyo Rusk Award: "The Importance of Giving Thanks to Those Around You" by Mr. Sergelen Anir (Mongolia)

★ Notice ★

Please use MIEA's Volunteer Interpreter and Translator Program

Free

Inquiries: Matsudo International Exchange Association ☎ 047-711-9511 ✉ volunteer@miea.or.jp

Eligibility: National, prefectural and municipal public institutions and public service organizations; persons who reside, work or study in Matsudo

Fields covered: Administrative procedures, medical care, child rearing, taxes, education of students (elementary to high school), health and welfare, matters related to activities of neighborhood associations, etc.

Languages supported: English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Ukrainian, Spanish, Urdu, Hindi.

For other languages, please consult us.

We are recruiting volunteer interpreters and translators!



Language Courses

※ Scan the QR codes for details and to apply.

<p>April 6—Sept. 14 (Saturday) 13:00—14:30 【18 lessons】</p> <p>(Excluding April 13, May 4, July 13, August 3, August 10 and August 17)</p>	<p>Elementary Korean Course (II)</p> <p>～Take on the challenge of conversing using basic grammar!～</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Choi Hyo Yeon</p> <p>(From Korea, Korean language instructor at a prefectural high school)</p> 	<p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room) at Bunka Hall Eligibility: Those who want to develop a solid base in Korean. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: ¥ 18,000 (MIEA member) ¥ 21,000 (Non-member) Text: 『新装版 できる韓国語 初級I』 (ISBN : 978-4872177237) ※Purchase personally</p> 
<p>April 6—Sept. 14 (Saturday) 10:30—12:00 【18 lessons】</p> <p>(Excluding April 13, May 4, July 13, August 3, August 10 and August 17)</p>	<p>Intermediate Korean Course</p> <p>～Use the grammar learned in Elementary I to enjoy conversing in Korean!～</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Choi Hyo Yeon</p> <p>(From Korea, Korean language instructor at a prefectural high school)</p>	<p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room) at Bunka Hall Eligibility: Those who want to study Korean once more. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: ¥ 18,000 (MIEA member) ¥ 21,000 (Non-member) Text: 『新装版 できる韓国語 初級II』 (ISBN : 978-4872178869) ※Purchase personally</p> 
<p>April 18—June 27 (Thursday) 13:00—14:30 【10 lessons】</p> <p>(Excluding May 2)</p> 	<p>Intermediate English Course Part 2</p> <p>～Befriending Sherlock Holmes!～</p> <p>Read the stories of “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.” Unravel conspiracies and deduce criminals through reasoning. Learn English while having fun.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Sarah Holland (Adjunct lecturer from the U.K.)</p>	<p>Venue: Matsudo City Tourism Association, 2F Hall Eligibility: Minimum level of Eiken Grade 2, CEFR-B1 or equivalent Capacity: First 16 persons Fee: ¥ 10,000 (MIEA member) ¥ 13,000 (Non-member) Text: “The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” (English edition) (ISBN : 978-0241952900) ※Purchase personally * Course starts from Story 5.</p> 
<p>May 10—July 26 (Friday) 15 : 15—16 : 45 【12 lessons】</p> 	<p>Elementary Chinese Course (1st Term)</p> <p>Enjoy learning Chinese used in everyday life. This course is a continuation of the course offered from Sep. to Nov. 2023. Those who have studied Chinese before and those who want to study again are welcome.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Luo Guang Sui (From China, Chinese instructor at a high school)</p>	<p>Venue: International Friendship Room (kokosai Yuko Room) at Bunka Hall Eligibility: Those who can make basic greetings in Chinese Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: ¥ 12,000 (MIEA member) ¥ 15,000 (Non-member) Text: ナツメ社 (Publisher) 『ネイティブが教えるマンガで身に つく! 中国語』 (ISBN : 978-4816363580) ※Purchase personally ※Start from page 132)</p> 
<p>May 14—July 9 Tuesday 10:30—12:00 【9 lessons】</p> 	<p>Elementary German Course</p> <p>Centering on conversation, enjoy learning about various themes on Germany.</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Annette Uematsu (German language instructor from Germany)</p> <p>※This course will continue in the autumn.</p>	<p>Venue: Matsudo City Tourism Association, 2F Hall Eligibility: Beginners of German conversation Capacity: First 15 persons Fee: ¥ 9,000 (MIEA member) ¥ 12,000 (Non-member) Text: To be decided ※Purchase personally</p> 

<p>April—June (Scan QR code for details on dates.)</p> <p>※Free trial lesson available</p> 	<h2>Open-air Tai Chi Class</h2> <p>Experience meditation while moving. Increase your immunity and get more exercise. Let's get together for tai chi chuan!</p> <p>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>Venue: Plaza square at Kite Mite Matsudo Eligibility: Beginners are welcome. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: Book of 10 tickets ¥5,000 (MIEA member) ¥8,000 (Non-member)</p> 
<p>May 11 (Saturday) 13:30—15:00</p> <p>The lecture will be held in Japanese.</p> <p>Application deadline: April 21 (Sunday)</p>	<h2>How to Brew Tasty Coffee: The Basics</h2> <p>Lecture by Rino Senlewa, barista of Indonesian coffee shop MAHAMERU COFFEE</p> <p>Includes special herb biscuits and presents of a HARIO dripper set and kettle ♪</p> <p>Lecturer: Mr. Rino Senlewa (From Indonesia, coffee coordinator)</p>	<p>Venue: Cooking classroom at Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan) Eligibility 16 years old and above Capacity: 20 persons (By lot if many apply) Fee: ¥2,500 (MIEA member) ¥3,000 (Non-member)</p>  

Recruitment

※ Scan the QR codes for details and to apply.

<p>Application period: May 15 (Wed.)—May 31 (Fri.)</p> <p>※Current ambassadors who wish to continue are requested to apply again.</p> <p>Commissioning ceremony: Scheduled for Sep. 1 (Sun.) in the afternoon</p>	<h2>Recruitment for the 27th Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors</h2> <p>We are seeking volunteers to serve as cultural ambassadors from September 2024 to September 2025.</p> <p>The Matsudo cultural ambassadors are volunteers who introduce the cultures, lifestyles and arts of their home country and Japan through lectures promoting international understanding, international exchange events, and other activities conducted in Matsudo.</p>	<p>Capacity: About 30 persons</p> <p>Selection process: Pre-screening and interview (scheduled for late June)</p>  
<p>Application deadline: June 30 (Sunday)</p> <p>Contest date: August 17 (Saturday) From 13:00</p> 	<h2>Recruiting Contestants for the 43rd English Speech Contest for High School Students in Matsudo</h2> <p>Topic: Your own choice (within 5 min., subject to preliminary screening of draft) Eligibility: High school students living in Matsudo or commuting to a school in Matsudo</p> <p>The following students are not eligible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who have stayed in an English-speaking country for more than six consecutive months or a total of one year (except for those who were five years or younger) 2. Students who are currently studying or who have studied at an international school where the curriculum is taught in English 3. Students who live together with a parent or relative who is a native speaker of English or is from an English-speaking country 4. Students who were previous award winners of this contest 	<p>★ The top six winners will be given priority to participate in the Youth Delegation Program in March 2025, sponsored by MIEA. A portion of their travel expenses will be subsidized.</p> 

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FY 2024 Elementary Japanese Classes (1st Term)

🔍 MIEA Elementary Japanese Classes ×

Applications accepted from April 9 (Tue.)

- ◆ Eligibility: MIEA members 15 years or older (born before April 1, 2009). Junior high school students are excluded.
- ◆ Fee: MIEA membership fee for FY 2024 of ¥1,000 and ¥1,000 per class (for the entire term)
- ◆ Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room) at Bunka Hall
- ◆ Other: We will provide a partial subsidy to parents who need short-term care for their children while taking Japanese classes. Please apply in advance at the MIEA office. (Available to the first 15 applicants.)
- ※ Each class has a capacity. Please apply early as enrollment is first come, first served.
- ※ For those applying for the first time, please phone the MIEA office. (Tel. 047-711-9511)



【Face-to-Face Lessons】			
Class	Day	Time	Period
Elementary	Tue.	10:10—12:10	May 7—July 9
		12:30—14:30	
		18:45—20:45	
	Wed.	10:10—12:10	May 8—July 10
	Fri.	10:10—12:10	May 10—July 12
		12:30—14:30	
	Sun.	10:10—12:10	May 12—July 14
		12:20—14:20	
Kanji Study of N4 Level Kanji (For those who can read and write hiragana and katakana)	Wed.	10:10—12:10	May 8—July 10
	Sun.	14:30—16:30	May 12—July 14
Conversation: Kaiwa Hiroba (For those who can read and write hiragana and katakana, and who can speak simple Japanese)	Wed.	13:00—15:00	May 8—July 10
	Thu.	13:30—15:30	May 9—July 11
【Online Lessons】			
Class (Level)	Day	Time	Period
Elementary class (For those who can speak a little Japanese)	Thu.	10:00—12:00	May 9—July 11
Conversation Class (For those who can make simple everyday conversation)	Tue.	13:30—15:30	May 7—July 9

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