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# MIEA STATION

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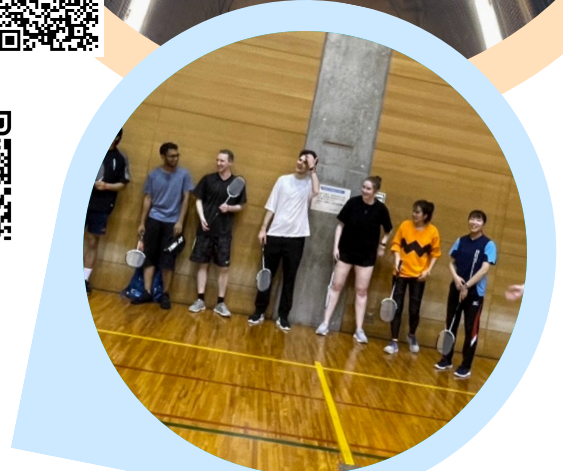
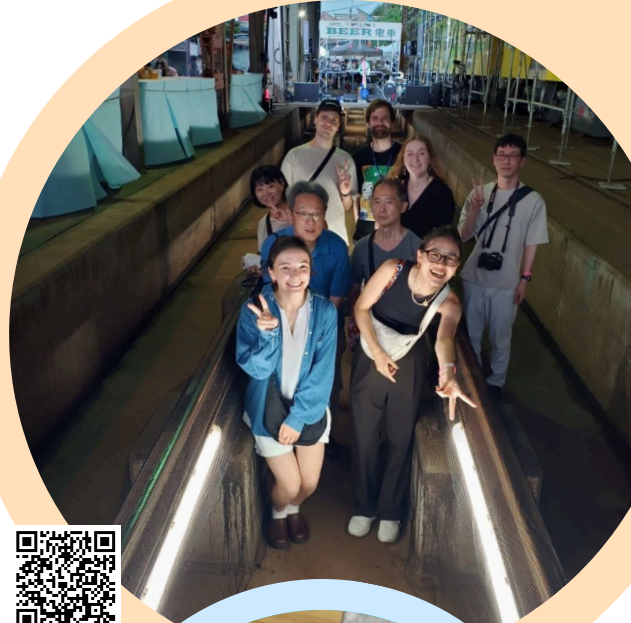
## Matsudo Young People's Ibunka Exchange Club



Cherry blossom viewing in Ueno

The Matsudo Young People's Ibunka Exchange Club began in 2022 and was designed for those who want to make friends with people from various countries, interact with foreigners even if they don't know the language, talk about each other's culture, and learn more about the appeal of Japan. Please register and join us.

This club is open to people 16 to 39 years old who reside, study or work in Matsudo. ※ For those who are not eligible but still interested, please contact MIEA.

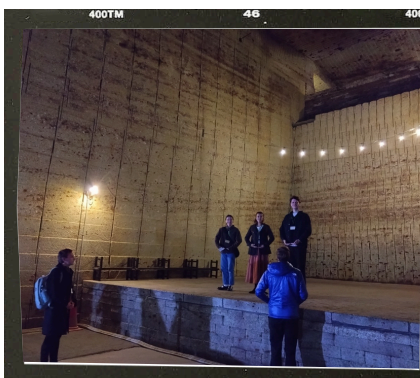












Badminton in Matsudo

## One-Day Trip






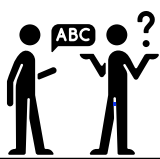


On November 18, 38 people went on an international exchange bus tour to Gunma and Tochigi prefectures. Tour members came from the United States, Ukraine, Australia, Thailand, China, Nepal, the Philippines, Brazil, Vietnam and Japan. Riding an open-air trolley train on the Watarase Keikoku Railway line, they viewed the autumn foliage at its peak while eating their bento lunches. They also visited the Ashio Copper Mine and Oya History Museum. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.




<p>January–March (Tuesday &amp; Friday)</p> <p>※ Read the QR code on the right for details.</p> 	<p><b>Open-air Tai Chi Class</b></p> <p>Experience meditation while moving. Increase your immunity and get more exercise. Let's get together for Tai Chi Chuan! Tai Chi Chuan 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: Beginners are welcome. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: Set of coupons (10 tickets) MIEA members ¥ 5,000 Non-members ¥ 8,000</p> <p>※ Feel free to apply at any time. ※ A free trial lesson is available.</p> 
<p>January 18 (Saturday) 13:00–15:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Civic Centre (Shimin Kaikan)</p> 	<p><b>Relaxation and Fragrance Experience for Stress Care</b></p> <p>Experience aroma based hand treatment to soothe the mind and body. Learn about the aroma culture of Japan and various other countries.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Noriko Hasegawa (Representative Director, Cherish International)</p>	<p>Eligibility: 16 years old and above Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: MIEA members Free Non-members ¥ 500</p>  
<p>February 8 (Saturday) 13:30–15:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Civic Centre (Shimin Kaikan)</p> <p>Application start date: From January 6 (Monday)</p> 	<p><b>Learn from Rino-san, Indonesian Coffee Barista</b></p> <p><b>The Basics of How to Brew Coffee</b></p> <p>Includes special herb biscuits and presents consisting of a Hario dripper set and kettle ▶</p> <p>Lecturer: Mr. Rino Senlewa (From Indonesia, Coffee Coordinator)</p>	<p>Eligibility: 16 years old and above Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: MIEA members ¥ 2,500 Non-members ¥ 3,000</p> <p>※ This lecture will be in Japanese.</p>  
<p>February 11, Tuesday (national holiday) 10:30–12:00</p> <p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p>	<p><b>Introduction to American Culture</b> ~The Inside Story on American Sports~</p> <p>Camden Gregory will explain the background of sports born in the United States, how they began, and their spread to Japan.</p> <p>Lecturer: Mr. Camden Gregory (Coordinator of International Relations in Matsudo)</p>	<p>Eligibility: 16 years old and above Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: Free</p> <p>※ This lecture will be in Japanese.</p>  

## Notice


<p>March 1 (Saturday) 13:00–17:00</p> <p>Place: Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo)</p> 	<p><b>33rd Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners</b></p> <p><b>We're seeking audience members</b></p> <p><b>※ Free admission, no application required</b></p> <p>Foreigners who live, work or study in Matsudo and it's surrounding areas will make speeches in Japanese on their experiences and thoughts. They will practice their speeches hard for this day, so please come and see them. We look forward to seeing you there.</p>
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<p>January 7–March 18 (Tuesday) 10:30–12:00</p> <p>※ No class on Feb. 11 【10 times in total】</p> <p>Place: International Friendship room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p> 	<p><b>Elementary German Course</b> <i>Have fun learning about Germany and the German language</i></p> <p>※ This course continues from the December course, but you can also start participating at this time.</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Annette Uematsu (From Germany, German Instructor)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Elementary learners of German conversation</p> <p>Capacity: First 15 persons</p> <p>Fee: MIEA members ¥10,000 Non-members ¥13,000</p> <p>Textbook: 『マウスと仲間たち 楽しくかたん♡ドイツ語』 Jリサーチ出版</p> <p>※ Purchase on your own.</p> 
<p>January 18, February 1, (Saturday) 13:30–15:00</p> <p>※ Can apply for each day</p> <p>Place: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p>	<p><b>Intermediate German Course</b> <b>Deutschland-Labor</b></p> <p>With a specific theme for each lesson, students will practice “watching, listening, writing, and speaking.”</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Eva Bilik (From Hungary, Part-Time Lecturer)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Intermediate learners (About A2 level. Not for beginners.)</p> <p>Capacity: First 14 persons</p> <p>Fee: (Per class) MIEA members ¥1,000 Non-members ¥1,300</p> <p>Class material: Web material from Deutsche Welle</p> 
<p>January 18, February 15 (Saturday)</p> <p>English 10:30–12:00 Mandarin 13:00–14:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications open 1 month before each session.</li> <li>• Deadlines are 10 days before each session.</li> </ul> <p>Place: Salon Space at Matsudo (Bunka Hall)</p>	<p><b>Language Salon</b> <i>~Culture and Languages~</i></p> <p>Experience foreign cultures! Try foreign languages (English &amp; Mandarin)!</p> <p>Facilitators: High School ALTs, others Cosponsor: Matsudo City Board of Education</p>	<p>Capacity: English 15 persons Mandarin 10 persons</p> <p>※ Participants will be selected by lottery if applications exceed capacity</p> <p>Fee: MIEA members Free Non-members ¥500</p>  
<p>February 22 (Saturday) 10:00–12:00</p> <p>Place: Gender Equality Center Yu Matsudo</p>	<p><b>The 2nd Japanese Language Education Lecture</b></p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Shoko Homma (Chiba University, Graduate School of Global and Transdisciplinary Studies)</p>	<p>※Time, content and other details will be posted on the MIEA website once confirmed.</p> 

## We're Recruiting

<p>We're seeking volunteer interpreters and translators!</p> <p>※ Please read the QR code on the right for details.</p>	<p>Make use of your language skills. Help foreign residents in Matsudo. If you are interested, please give us a call and see what you can do to help.</p> <p>Please direct any inquiries to MIEA.</p> 
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【In-person Classes】			
Class	Day	Time	Period
Elementary 	Tue.	10:10–12:10	Jan. 7–Mar. 11 ※ No class on Feb. 11
		12:30–14:30	
		18:45–20:45	
	Wed.	10:10–12:10	Jan. 8–Mar. 12
	Fri.	10:10–12:10	Jan. 10–Mar. 14
		12:30–14:30	
Sun.	10:10–12:10	Jan. 12–Mar. 16	
	12:20–14:20		
Kanji Studying kanji for level N4 (For those who can read hiragana, katakana)	Wed.	10:10–12:10	Jan. 8–Mar. 12
	Sun.	14:30–16:30	Jan. 12–Mar. 16
Conversation Forum (For those who can read hiragana, katakana and make simple everyday conversation)	Wed.	13:00–15:00	Jan. 8–Mar. 12
	Thu.	13:30–15:30	Jan. 9–Mar. 13

【Online Classes】			
Class (Level)	Day	Time	Period
Elementary Class (For those who can speak a little Japanese)	Thu.	10:00–12:00	Jan. 9–Mar. 13
Conversation Class (For those who can make simple everyday conversation)	Tue.	13:30–15:30	Jan. 7–Mar. 11 (※ No class on Feb. 11)

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*Consultations for problems and concerns in daily life*

【Place】 Matsudo City Hall, Main Building 2F, Consultation Corner ※ Telephone consultations are also available.  
 【Topics】 Administrative procedures, family, education, divorce, health, housing, etc. Depending on the topic, you may be able to consult a lawyer on a different day. ※ Consultation contents will be kept confidential.  
 【Days/Times】 Monday– Friday, 8:30–17:00 (Excluding days when City Hall is closed.)  
 【Interpreter Hours】

English: Mon., Tue., Wed. 13:00–16:00 Thu., Fri. 10:00–13:00  
 Chinese: Mon., Tue., Wed. 10:00–13:00 Thu., Fri. 13:00–16:00  
 Filipino: Tue. 13:00–16:00 Fri. 10:00–13:00

※ When an interpreter is unavailable or for assistance in other languages, please use the translation device or video call service at the counter for consultations.  
 【Contact】 Public Enquiries Office, Public Relations Division, Matsudo City Hall Tel: 047-366-9151




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