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MIEA STATION



30th Matsudo International Cultural Festival ~International Exchange Day~

Date: October 18 (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, Matsudo's Sister and Friendship City introduction, teas of the world, calligraphy, balloon art, Kendama workshop, mask making, and more! Try these fun activities at various booths.

【Enjoy Delicious Food !】 11:00-14:30

Taste Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese cuisine, gelato, and some more at the Gourmet corner.



① Asian Guest House Thai Carving



② Inkamaru



③ Handmade Gelato



④ Seian



⑤ Calligraphy














⑥ Vietnamese Cuisine



⑦ Matsudo City Japanese
Volunteer Association

Scenes from 2024's Cultural Festival



<p>October- December (Tuesday & Friday) *Time table: See through QR Code Venue: Matsudo city Workers' Hall</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. 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 applicants Fee: Set of Coupons (10 tickets) Members ¥ 5,000 Non-members ¥ 8,000 *Feel free to apply any time *Free trial available</p> 
<p>November 8 (Sat.) December 6 (Sat.) 13:30-15:00 ❖ Apply for each day separately Venue: Masudoshi Kankoukyokai Annaijo 2F</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 (Approx. A2 level, able to converse to some degree) Capacity: The first 15 applicants Fee: Members ¥ 1,000 Non-Members ¥ 1,300 Class Material: Web Text, Deutsche Welle "Deutschland-Labor"</p> 
<p>November 11- January 27 Excluding Dec 23 and Dec 30 (10 times in total) 15:45-17:15 Venue: International Friendship Room A (Kokusai Yuko Room A)</p>	<p>Vietnamese Language Lessons-From Zero to Beginner</p> <p>Learn basic greetings and practical Vietnamese phrases for travel, shopping, and dining. Instructor: Ms.Truong Thuy Lan (From Vietnam, Matsudo's CIR, Coordinator for International Relations.)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those over 16 years old Capacity: the first 20 applicants Fee: Members ¥ 10,000 Non-Members ¥ 13,000</p>  
<p>November 17 (Mon.) Meeting place: Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo)</p> 	<p>39th One-Day trip (Chichibu & Nagatoro, Saitama)</p> <p>Enjoy Japan's beautiful autumn foliage while riding a famous Nagatoro riverboat. The tour also includes visits to Chichibu Mitake Shrine and the pork-themed amusement park Saiboku.</p> 	<p>Eligibility: Those over 16 years old Capacity: 38 persons Fee: Members ¥ 11,000 Non-Members ¥ 13,000 Application Deadline: November 2 (Sun.)</p> 
<p>November 22 (Sat.) Afternoon Venue: Workers' Hall (Kinro Kaikan)</p>	<p>Japanese Language Education Lecture</p> 	<p>Eligibility: Those engaged in or interested in Japanese language education for foreigners Fee: Free</p> 

<p>December 3 (Wed) 10:30-14:00 Venue: Matsudo Civic Hall (Shimin Kaikan) #102 Cooking room</p>	<p>MIEA World Tour, Let's try Cooking Introduction of Vietnamese Cuisine Menu: Fresh Spring Rolls, Banh Xeo (Vietnamese savory pancake), and Tapioca Che (dessert) Instructor: Ms.Truong Thuy Lan (From Vietnam, Matsudo's CIR, Coordinator for International Relations.)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those over 16 years old Capacity:The first 20 applicants Fee: Members ¥ 1,500 Non-Members ¥ 2,000 Application deadline: November 16 (Sun.)</p> 
<p>December 14 (Sun.) 13:00-15:00 Venue: Mori-No-Hall 21, 4F, Reception Hall</p> 	<p>36th International Exchange Party Deepen exchange 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 more.</p>	<p>Eligibility: The first 100 applicants Fee: Members ¥ 1,500 Non-Members ¥ 2,500 Application period: November 10 (Mon.) ~November 27 (Thu.)</p> 
<p>February 28, 2026 (Sat.) 13:00-17:00 Venue: Matsudo Civic Theater (Shimin Gekijo) Application Deadline: January 18, 2026 (Sun.)</p>	<p>34th Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Nationals: Recruitment of Contestants Would you like to present your thoughts on daily life or discoveries since coming to Japan? Awards will be given to the top four contestants and to the 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</p> 	<p>Eligibility: 1)Persons 15 years or older who reside, work, or study in Matsudo or in neighboring cities. 2) Persons who alongside their parents, do not have Japanese nationality. 3)Persons living in Japan for less than five years in total as of January 31, 2026 4) Persons who have never won this Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Nationals.</p> 
<p>October 11 (Sat.) and November (Sat.) and January 17, 2026 (Sat.) English 10:30-12:00 Chinese 13:00-14:30 Venue: Salon Space at Matsudo Bunka Hall</p>	<p>Language Salon ~Culture X Language~ 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</p>	<p>Quota: English 15 persons Chinese 10 persons (Participants will be chosen by lottery if applications exceed capacity) Fee: Members Free Non-members ¥ 500</p> 



Scenes from the Language Salon held in June and July 2025

Intermediate Japanese Class

Study practical expressions and immediately useful Japanese for work!

(36 sessions in total: 10 in-person and 26 online)

★Date: October 30 to March 12, 2026 Tuesday and Thursday

(Excluding Dec. 25 (Thu), 30 (Tue.), and Jan.1, 2026 (Thu.))

★Time: 10:30-12:20

★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 a level of around JLPT N4.

★Capacity: the first 15 applicants

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

★How to apply: By October 30 (Thu.) directly contact the institute NKK (047-702-7068)

Activity Report

Sister City and Friendship City Program The 44th Matsudo City English Speech Contest for High School Students



On Saturday, August 16, at Matsudo Civic Theater, 12 high school students living or studying in the city gave speeches in English to present their opinions and ideas. The top 6 prize winners will be sent as delegates to Whitehorse (Australia) and Santa Clarita (USA) as part of the Matsudo Youth Sister City Exchange Program scheduled for February and March 2026.

The 28th Appointment Ceremony & Gathering of Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors

On Sunday, September 7, at Matsudo Civic Hall, 32 ambassadors from 15 countries / regions were appointed as the 28th generation of Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors. Invite the ambassadors to your circle or group's events, and experience international exchange through the cultures and histories of different countries. Please feel free to contact us!



To All Members

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