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# MIEA STATION

Summer FY2025 (English Edition)

**Sister City Delegation Program for Youths** Junior and senior high school students were dispatched to Whitehorse, Victoria, Australia and Santa Clarita, California, USA in February and mid-March 2025.



Whitehorse, Victoria February 10–18, 2025



Santa Clarita, California March 13–21, 2025
















## Recruitment

※ For details and to apply ▶ Scan the QR code and check the contents.

<p>August 16 (Sat.) 13:00–17:00</p> <p>※ No application required</p> 	<p><b>Recruiting Audience for 44th Speech Contest for High School Students in Matsudo</b></p> <p>High school students will make speeches in English on their own opinions. Please come to this event!</p> <p>Higher-ranking winners of the contest will be given priority to participate in the delegation program to Whitehorse, Australia and Santa Clarita, USA.</p>	<p>Capacity: About 100 persons</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Citizens Theater (Shimin Gekijo)</p> 
<p>August 16 (Sat.) 17:00–18:00</p> <p>Application deadline: August 14 (Thu.)</p>	<p><b>Public briefing for Sister City Delegation</b></p> <p>A briefing session will be held to explain the delegation program to sister city Whitehorse in Australia targeting junior and senior high school students teaching them how to apply for the delegation.</p>	<p>Venue: Matsudo Citizens Theater (Shimin Gekijo)</p>  
<p>September 7 (Sun.) 14:00–16:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Citizens Hall (Shimin Kaikan), Room 301</p> <p>Application deadline: August 31 (Sun.)</p>	<p><b>Recruiting participants for 27th Commissioning Ceremony of Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors and Reception</b></p> <p>Let's meet ambassadors of various countries and regions. Gorgeous folk dress is also a must-see!</p> 	<p>Capacity: About 50 persons</p> <p>Fee: ¥ 500 (Free for junior high school students and below)</p> <p>※ Refreshments will be served at the reception. Applications begin August 1.</p> 
<p>October 18 (Sat.) 10:00–15:00</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo Citizens Hall (Shimin Kaikan)</p> <p>Application deadline: July 31 (Thursday)</p>	<p><b>Recruiting Caterers and Exhibitors (Groups) for The 30th Matsudo International Culture Festival</b></p> <p>Caterers: Introduce and sell world foods. (Caterers are required to submit a food business license and inspection results from a public health center.)</p> <p>Exhibitors: Introduce Japanese or overseas culture, present volunteer and other activities. (Commercial sales and exhibitions are not permitted.)</p>	<p>How to apply:</p> <p>Download the application form from the MIEA homepage. Email us with the completed form or submit it directly to our office.</p> <p>The application form is also available at our office.</p>

# Language Courses








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<p>Jul. 7 (Sat.) Sep. 6 (Sat.) 13:30–15:00 ※ Participating in only one lesson is also possible.</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo City Tourism Information Center, 2F hall</p> 	<p><b>Intermediate German 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 university lecturer)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Intermediate learners Capacity: First 15 persons Fee: MIEA members ¥ 1,000 Non-members ¥ 1,300</p> <p>Class Materials: “Deutschland-Labor” (web material from Deutsche Welle)</p> 
<p>① July 12 (Sat.) ② October 11 (Sat.)</p> <p>English 10:00–12:00 Taiwanese 13:00–14:30 Venue: Matsudo Culture Center (Bunka Hall)</p> <p>Application period: ① Jun. 15–30, ② Sep. 15–30</p>	<p><b>Language Salon</b> ~ <i>Cultures and Languages</i> ~</p> <p>Experience foreign cultures! Try foreign languages—English and Taiwanese!</p> <p>Facilitators: High school ALTs, Matsudo Cultural Ambassadors, others Cosponsor: Matsudo City Board of Education</p>	<p>Capacity: English 15 persons Taiwanese 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>Sep. 5 –Nov. 14 (Fridays) 15:15–16:45</p> <p>【10 lessons】</p> <p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p> 	<p><b>Elementary Chinese Course II</b></p> <p>While reviewing basic knowledge learned so far, learn more expressions and phrases used in daily life.</p> <p>※ Continuation of Elementary Chinese I</p> <p>Instructor: Luo Guang Sui (From China, high school Chinese language teacher)</p> 	<p>Eligibility: Those who can make a brief self-introduction Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: MIEA member ¥ 10,000 Non-member ¥ 13,000</p> <p>Text: Published by 語文研究社 Title: 新訳第3版 中国語会話301(上) ※ Purchase by yourself</p> 
<p>Oct. 4–Mar. 21 (Sat. ) ① 10:30–12:00 ② 13:00–14:30</p> <p>【18 lessons per class】 ( Excluding Oct. 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Feb. 28, and Mar. 28)</p> <p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p>	<p>① <b>Intermediate Korean Course</b> <i>Give the study of Korean another try! Enjoy conversing in Korean!</i></p> <p>② <b>Elementary Korean Course II</b> <i>Take on the challenge of conversation using basic grammar!</i></p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Choi Hyo Yeon (From the Republic of Korea, Korean language instructor at a Chiba Prefecture high school)</p> 	<p>Capacity: First 20 persons per class Fee: MIEA member ¥ 18,000 Non-member ¥ 21,000</p> <p>※ For more information, please check the QR codes below.</p> <p>① </p> <p>② </p>
<p>Planned for either September or October</p> 	<p><b>Intermediate English Course</b> <i>Let's be friends with Agatha Christie!</i></p> <p>Understand a mystery story. Deduce and discuss who the culprit may be. Alongside English study, learn about British culture while having fun.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Sarah Holland (From the UK, part-time university instructor)</p> 	<p>Eligibility: Eiken Grade 2 or higher, CEFR-B1 or higher, or other equivalent level</p> <p>※ Time, contents and other information will be available at the QR code below or post on the MIEA website once details have been decided.</p> 
<p>Tuesday 10:30–12:00</p> <p>Planned for either September or October</p> <p>Venue: Matsudo City Tourism Information Center, 2F hall</p>	<p><b>Elementary German Course</b> ~ <i>Have fun learning German</i> ~</p> <p>Instructor: Ms. Annette Uematsu (From Germany, German instructor)</p> 	<p>Eligibility: Elementary learners</p> <p>※ This course is not for absolute beginners.</p> 






# MIEA World Tour

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<p><u>July/August/September</u> 9:00–10:00 (Starting date and time→ See the QR code on the right for details.)</p> <p>※ A free trial lesson is available.</p> <p>Venue: Workers' Hall (Kinro Kaikan)</p>	<p><b>Tai Chi Class</b></p> <p>Experience meditation while moving your body. 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: First-timers are welcome. Capacity: First 20 persons</p> <p>Fee: Set of coupons (10 tickets) MIEA member ¥5,000 Non-member ¥8,000</p> <p>※ Applications are open at any time.</p>  
<p><b>August 23 (Saturday)</b> 10:30–12:00 Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room)</p> 	<p><b>Japan's Influence on Anime and Video Games Abroad</b></p> <p>This presentation will talk about the influence of Japanese anime and video games abroad. It will also discuss how and why anime became popular in the United States.</p> <p>Lecturers: Mr. Camden Gregory (Coordinator of International Relations in Matsudo) Mr. Roman Savchyn (From Ukraine, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Junior high school students and above Capacity: First 25 persons</p> <p>Fee: Free</p> <p>Application begins: July 15 (Tuesday), from 9:00</p> <p>※ This lecture will be conducted mainly in English.</p>  
<p><b>August 28 (Thursday)</b> 12:00–15:00</p> <p>Applications begin: August 4 (Monday) 9:00</p> <p>※ Application will close when capacity is reached. Venue: Matsudo Citizens Hall, Room 101</p>	<p><b>Ciao Matsudo!</b> ~ Let's hear about Italy from Daniela ~</p> <p>Let's have an enjoyable time hearing about Italy from Daniela while eating delicious pizza and her homemade tiramisu.</p> <p>Lecturer: Ms. Daniela Savatteri (From Italy)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Junior high school students and above Capacity: First 15 persons</p> <p>Fee: MIEA member ¥1,500 Non-member ¥2,000</p>  

## Recruitment!

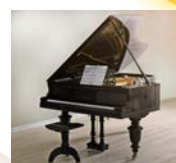
<p><b>Join the Matsudo Young People's Ibunka Exchange Club</b></p> 	<p>Eligibility: Open to people 16 to 39 years old who reside, study or work in Matsudo Make friends with people from various countries ♪ Interact with foreigners even if you don't know the language! Talk about your culture ♪ Learn more about the appeal of Japan!</p> <p>When you register to become a member of the Ibunka Exchange Club, you can receive email updates on events.</p>  
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## The 15th Moon Viewing Party - Free of Charge

Date & time: October 6 (Monday) ● First performance 18:50–19:00 ● Second performance 19:15–20:00  
Venue: Tokuzoin Temple (Higurashi 5-270, Matsudo City) ※ In case of rain, the performance will move  
to the main hall (hondo) of the temple.

This year, two musicians will play the ocarina and one will play the piano.  
Enjoy viewing the moon in the long autumn evening. Feel the sound of the  
musical instruments while listening to the sound of insects.

- Ms. Noriko Kimizuka (Ocarina)
- Mr. Noboru Suzuki (Ocarina maker)
- Ms. Yoko Ishikawa (Piano)



Inquiries: Tokuzoin Temple ☎ 047-387-2989

【In-person Classes】			
Class	Day	Time	Period
Elementary	Tue.	10:10–12:10	September 9–December 9
		12:30–14:30	
		18:45–20:45	
	Wed.	10:10–12:10	September 10–December 3
	Fri.	10:10–12:10	September 12–December 5
		12:30–14:30	
	Sun.	10:10–12:10	September 14–December 7
		12:20–14:20	
Kanji Study kanji for Level N4 (For those who can read and write hiragana and katakana)	Wed.	10:10–12:10	September 10–December 3
	Sun.	14:30–16:30	September 14–December 7
Conversation Forum (For those who can read hiragana and katakana and can make simple everyday conversation)	Wed.	13:00–15:00	September 10–December 3
	Thu.	13:30–15:30	September 11–December 4
【Online Classes】			
Class (Level)	Day	Time	Period
Elementary Class (For those who can speak a little Japanese)	Thu.	10:00–12:00	September 11–December 4
Conversation Class (For those who can make simple everyday conversation)	Tue.	13:30–15:30	September 9–December 9

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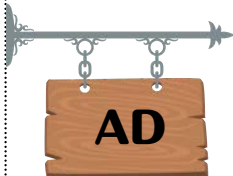
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