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# MIEA Station

FY 2025 Winter Edition (English Version)

## Looking back on 2025\*\*\*

### February~March

#### Samurai Armour Wearing Experience

At Matsudo's famous Tojo History Museum, participants learnt about Matsudo's history while wearing the traditional armour worn by the samurai of long ago.



#### Sister and Friendship City Exchange Program



Winners of the FY 2024 English Speech Contest and selected candidates visited either the city of Whitehorse or Santa Clarita.

### June

#### English Speech Contest for Matsudo High School Students



Students at Matsudo's high schools presented wonderful speeches in English. Winners of this speech contest will participate in the Sister and Friendship City Exchange Program for FY 2025.

### August

#### International Culture Festival

MIEA held a Cultural Festival that showcased various cultures of the world. Kendama, Balloon Artistry, and Animal Hide and Seek were among some of the interesting exhibits.



### October











#### International Exchange Party

MIEA held it's annual International Exchange Party Featuring dances from all around the world as well as a lottery where a few lucky people won wonderful prizes!



### December

# Upcoming Events ※For more Details and how to apply ▶Please Scan the QR Codes

<p><b>Jan-Mar (Tue · Fri)</b> <b>9:00~10:00</b></p> <p>※For details, please scan the QR code on the right</p> 	<p><b>Jin San's Tai-Chi Class</b></p> <p>Want to try meditation, improve your immune system, or exercise more? Then you should try Tai Chi! Tai Chi is easy on the body so even those who are older can participate.</p> <p>Instructor: Ms Jin Chunhua (From China, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador)</p>	<p>Eligibility: Those interested in Tai Chi. Beginners are also welcome</p> <p>Capacity: 20 people</p> <p>Cost: 10 Ticket System 【Member】 5,000¥ 【Non Member】 8,000¥</p> <p>※ Feel free to apply at any time ※ Free for first time participants</p> 
<p><b>17th Jan, 7th Feb (Sat)</b> <b>English 10:30~12:00</b> <b>Chinese (Taiwan)</b> <b>13:00~14:30</b></p> <p>Location : Inside Matsudo Bunka Hall Salon Space</p>	<p><b>English Salon</b> <b>~Culture and Language~</b></p> <p>Enjoy interacting with foreign cultures and languages (English, Taiwanese Chinese)!</p> <p>Facilitators : High School ALTs, Matsudo Cultural Ambassadors, and more Co-sponsor : Matsudo Board of Education</p>	<p>Capacity : English 15 people Taiwanese Chinese 10 people</p> <p>※ In the case that applications exceed the event capacity, participants will be chosen by lottery</p> <p>Cost : Members Free Non Members 500 yen</p>  
<p><b>5th Feb (Thurs)</b> <b>13 : 00~15 : 00</b></p> <p>Location : Matsudo Citizen's Hall</p> 	<p><b>MIEA World Tour Japanese Culture Introduction~ Fun even for first timers, the basics of Calligraphy~</b></p> <p>First timers and those out of practice are welcome! Learn about the basics of Calligraphy and write down your favourite characters in your very own 2026 calendar.</p> <p>Teacher : Naomi Hidukuri (Suikyo School of Calligraphy)</p>	<p>Intended Participants : Those over 16 years old</p> <p>Capacity : 15 people, first come first served</p> <p>Cost : Members 500 yen Non-Members 1,000 yen</p> 
<p><b>7th Feb (Sat)</b> <b>10 : 30~12 : 00</b></p> <p>Location : Kokusai Yuuko Room</p>	<p><b>MIEA World Tour American Culture Introduction</b> <b>~The Hidden Stories Behind Famous American Songs PT2~</b></p> <p>Focusing on the theme of famous American Songs, learn about the stories behind the famous lyrics in an easy to understand way. Hear about the unique methods of American Music promotion as well as how this compares to other country's media environments.</p> <p>Lecturer : Gregory Camden (From America · Matsudo City Coordinator of International Relations)</p>	<p>Intended Participants : Middle School Students and Older</p> <p>Capacity : 25 people, first come first served</p> <p>Participation Fee : Free</p>  
<p><b>7th Feb (Sat)</b> <b>10 : 00~12 : 00</b></p> <p>Location : Matsudo Workers Hall</p> 	<p><b>The 2nd Japanese Education Lecture</b></p> <p>Topic : 「Is correct Japanese necessary? ~Shall we think about it together?~」</p> <p>Lecturer : Nihongo Service YOU&amp;I Representative Tomoe Sekizaki</p>	<p>Capacity : 40 people, first come first served</p> <p>Intended Participants : People who teach Japanese Language to foreigners and those interested in Japanese Language Education</p> <p>Participation Fee : Free</p> 

# Upcoming Event

## We Are Looking For Participants

### The 34th Matsudo City Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners

No sign up needed to watch on the day

People currently studying Japanese are very welcome to apply.

Date : 28th Feb (Sat)

Location : Matsudo Municipal Theatre

Topic : My thoughts

Prizes : The top 5 contestants will receive a trophy and certificate

Application Deadline : 18th Jan (Sun)

Details and Application : See below QR code



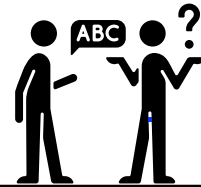
## Groups Looking for New Members

Looking for volunteer translators and interpreters!

※Please look at the QR code on the right for more details

Make the most of your language skills and help out the foreign community! Please register if you are interested. Starting with asking us “what can I do to help?” is perfectly ok.

For inquiries please contact Matsudo International Exchange Association



Recruiting for Ibunka Exchange Club Members !!



Designed to allow young Japanese people and foreigners to come into contact through cultural experiences, sports, food events and other fun activities, the Ibunka Exchange Club aims to deepen understanding and interacting with other cultures through exchange. Help us plan and carry out events together and experience the Ibunka!!!




Intended for : People aged 16-39 who live, study, or work in Matsudo

※ As a general rule





**【In Person Classes】**

Classes	Day	Time	Term Period
 <b>Primary</b>	Tues	10 : 10~12 : 10	6th Jan~10th Mar
		12 : 30~14 : 30	
		18 : 45~20 : 45	
	Wed	10 : 10~12 : 10	7th Jan~11th Mar ※No class 11th Feb
	Fri	10 : 10~12 : 10	9th Jan~13th Mar
		12 : 30~14 : 30	
Sun	10 : 10~12 : 10	11th Jan~15th Mar	
	12 : 20~14 : 20		
<b>Kanji</b> Study N4 Level Kanji (For people who can read and write hiragana and katakana )	Wed	10 : 10~12 : 10	7th Jan~11th Mar ※No class 11th Feb
	Sun	14 : 30~16 : 30	11th Jan~15th Mar
<b>Conversation Forum</b> (For people who can read hiragana and katakana and do simple daily conversation)	Wed	13 : 00~15 : 00	7th Jan~11th Mar ※No class 11th Feb
	Thur	13 : 30~15 : 30	8th Jan~12th Mar
 <b>【Online Classes】</b> 			
Class (Level)	Day	Time	Term Period
Beginner Class (For those who can do a little bit of conversation)	木	10 : 00~12 : 00	8th Jan~12th Mar
Conversation Class (For those who can do simple daily conversation)	火	13 : 30~15 : 30	6th Jan~10th Mar

**Matsudo City's Consultation Service for Non-Japanese Residents**

A place where you can consult about your problems and worries in everyday life

【Location】 Matsudo City Hall Main Building 2nd Floor Consultation Corner ※ You can also consult over the phone

【Topics】 Administrative Procedures, Household, Education, Divorce, Health, Housing ETC. Depending on the topic, you can also consult with a lawyer on a different day. ※All consultation details will be kept strictly confidential

【Dates and Times】 Mon~Fri 8 : 30~17 : 00 (Consultations are unavailable on days the City Hall is closed)

【Interpreter availability】


English : Mon · Tue · Wed 13 : 00~16 : 00 Thur · Fri 10 : 00~13 : 00

Chinese : Mon · Tue · Wed 10 : 00~13 : 00 Thur · Fri 13 : 00~16 : 00

Filipino : Tue 13 : 00~16 : 00 Fri 10 : 00~13 : 00

※At times when an interpreter is not present or for other languages, translation devices and video call services can be used for consultations.



【Contact Details】 Matsudo City Hall Public Relations and Public Hearing Division, Public Hearing Section Tel : 047-366-9151



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