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MIEA STATION

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*Commemorative Event Celebrates 55th Anniversary of
Matsudo-Whitehorse Sister City Exchanges*

31st Matsudo International Cultural Festival October 17 (Saturday)

10:00 – 15:00 Stage and exhibition booths

11:00 – 14:30 World cuisine

Venue: Matsudo Citizens' Hall (Shimin Kaikan),
(5-minute walk from the East Exit of Matsudo Station)

Fee: Free admission. No application necessary.

※ Merchandise sales and world foods may incur fees.

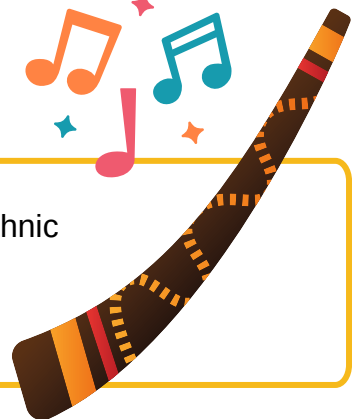


This year's Cultural Festival is about Matsudo's sister city in Australia.

On Stage



See a performance of indigenous musical instruments and ethnic dances. Michael, Coordinator for International Relations, will introduce sister-city exchanges.



Exhibition Booths

Find Australian animals, experience Australian football, make can badges, learn about the cultures of various countries, and see exhibits on international exchange organizations and NPO activities. Other events include games, kamishibai, origami, the tea ceremonies of Japan and Taiwan, shodo (Japanese calligraphy), balloon art, Thai soap carving, aroma treatment, and the sale of South American goods.

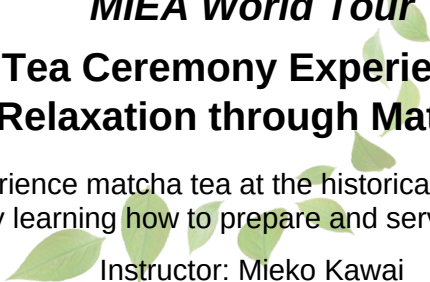
*** You can have an enjoyable experience at each booth. ***



World Cuisines

Thailand, Vietnam, China, Australia, onigiri, homemade bread, gelato



November – December (Tuesdays & Fridays) 9:00 – 10:00 ※Dates & time: Check the QR code for details. Venue: Matsudo Workers' Hall 	Jin-san's Tai Chi Class Experience meditation while moving your body in Tai Chi Chuan class. 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. Instructor: Jin Chunhua (From China, Matsudo International Cultural Ambassador) 	Eligibility: First-timers are welcome. Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: Set of coupons (10 tickets) MIEA members ¥ 5,000 Non-members ¥ 8,000  ※Apply at any time. ※A free trial lesson is available. 
October 31 (Saturday) 10:00 – 12:00 Venue: Workers' Hall 	1st Lecture on Japanese Language Education Japanese Language Education for Foreign Children and to Support Foreign Parent-Child Interaction Lecturer: Tomoko Aiso (Associate Professor, Chiba Meitoku College)	Eligibility: Those involved in Japanese language education to foreigners and those interested in Japanese language education Capacity: First 40 persons Fee: Free 
November 11 (Wednesday) 6:40 – 17:00 Meeting place: Matsudo Citizens' Theater (Shimin Gekijo) 	40th One-Day Trip One-Day Bus Tour for International Exchange (Yamanashi Fuji)  Experience Japan's cutting-edge technology and the great outdoors on a one-day trip. Visit the Yamanashi Prefectural Maglev Exhibition Center, Oshino Hakkei, Lake Kawaguchi Maple Corridor, and other sights. At the same time, you can enjoy international exchanges.	Eligibility: 16 years or older Capacity: 38 persons Fee: MIEA members ¥ 10,000 Non-members ¥ 13,000 Application deadline: October 16 (Friday)  
November 14 (Saturday) 10:30 – 12:00 Venue: Shountei tea pavilion (on the grounds of the Tojogaoka Historical Park. Shountei is opposite the Tojotei House.) 	MIEA World Tour Tea Ceremony Experience ~Relaxation through Matcha~ Experience matcha tea at the historical Shountei. Enjoy learning how to prepare and serve matcha. Instructor: Mieko Kawai (Professor, Urasenke Chado) 	Capacity: 16 persons (Selected by lottery if applications exceed capacity) Fee: MIEA members ¥ 500 Non-members ¥ 1,000 (includes matcha and sweets) Application deadline: October 22 (Thursday)   

**November 28
(Saturday)
10:00 – 12:00**

Venue: Matsudo
Citizens' Hall (Shimin
Kaikan), Room 101



MIEA World Tour **Benvenuti a Napoli** **~Welcome to Naples~**

A married couple from Naples will introduce
the legends and scenic spots of Naples, the
origins of the town, local cuisine, and more.

Lecturers: Alfonso Prota
Beatrice Pecorella
(From Italy)

Eligibility: Those 16 years and older
Capacity: First 25 persons
Fee: MIEA members free
Non-members ¥500



English 10:30 – 12:00
①November 14 (Sat.)
②December 9 (Wed.)

**Taiwanese Mandarin
13:00 – 14:30**

①November 14 (Sat.)
②December 5 (Sat.)

Venue: Salon Space in
Matsudo Bunka Hall
(Matsudo Building, 4th
floor)

Language Salon **Culture and Languages**

Enjoy speaking English and Taiwanese
Mandarin with native speakers.

Facilitators: Assistant Language Teachers
(ALTs) and Matsudo Cultural Ambassadors



Eligibility: People who can make
everyday conversation in English
and Taiwanese Mandarin

Capacity:

English 15 persons

Taiwanese Mandarin 10 persons
(Selected by lottery if applications
exceed capacity)

Application period:

①Oct. 1 (Thu.) – Oct. 9 (Fri.)

②Nov. 1 (Sun.) – Nov. 9 (Mon)



**November 29
(Sunday)
10:00 – 12:00**



MIEA World Tour **Learn about American Culture** **with Camden, Coordinator for** **International Relations**

Lecturer: Camden Gregory
(From the United States, Matsudo
Coordinator for International Relations)

Contents & details: To be decided

We will post information on the
MIEA website once this event has
been decided.



**December 12
(Saturday)
13:00 – 15:00**

Venue: Matsudo
Chamber of Commerce
and Industry



37th International Exchange Party

Please join us for an enjoyable time
meeting people from various countries.



Please check the MIEA website
and SNS for details.

(To be updated in late October)



※For details and to apply, scan the respective QR code and check the contents.

**February 20, 2027
(Saturday)
13:00 – 17:00**

Venue:
Matsudo Citizens'
Theater (Shimin Gekijo)

Application period:
Nov. 13 (Fri.) – Jan.
11, 2027 (Mon., a
national holiday)



We're Seeking Contestants for the 35th Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners!

Present your thoughts on everyday life in Japan or your discoveries since coming to Japan. Awards will be given to the top five contestants.



Eligibility:

- ① Persons 15 years or older who reside, work, or study in Matsudo
- ② Persons whose native language is other than Japanese, and persons who do not have Japanese citizenship
- ③ Persons living in Japan for less than five years in total as of February 20, 2027
- ④ Persons who have never won this speech contest before

Contents: Speech of 5 minutes or less

Screening criteria: Use of words and phrases, manner of speaking

※Contestants will be selected following document screening.



Activity Report

55th Anniversary Event Celebrates Matsudo-White Horse Sister City Exchanges Matsudo Holds 45th English Speech Contest for High School Students



On Saturday, August 22 at the Matsudo Citizens' Theater, 13 high school students living or studying in Matsudo gave speeches in English, presenting their own opinions and ideas.

The top six award winners will be sent as delegates to White Horse (Australia) and Santa Clarita USA) under the Matsudo Sister City Youth Delegation Program in February and March 2027.

29th Appointment Ceremony and Reception Held for Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors

The 29th appointment ceremony and reception were held on Sunday, September 27, for 32 international cultural ambassadors from 15 countries and regions.

Please invite the ambassadors to your organization's events and experience international exchange through the cultures and histories of various countries. Please do not hesitate to contact us!



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