



MIEA STATION

Spring, FY 2026 (English Edition)

Looking for High School Students for the 45th English Speech Contest

【Application Period】

May 1 (Fri.)–Jun. 25 (Thu.)
※ Must receive by June 25 (Thu.)

Contest date and time:
Aug. 22 (Sat.), 13:00



Eligibility: High school students living or enrolled at a school in Matsudo

※ However, the following students are unable to participate:

- ① Students who have lived in an English-speaking country for a total of one year or more from the age of 5, or for over six consecutive months
- ② Students who were enrolled or had studied at a school in Japan or abroad where the curriculum is taught in English for six months or more
- ③ Students who live with a parent or guardian who is a native speaker of English or is from an English-speaking country
- ④ Students who were previous award winners of this contest

※ Winners will be given priority to participate in the sister-city Youth Delegation Programs scheduled in February or March 2027.

Recruiting for the 28th Matsudo International Cultural Ambassadors

【Application Period】

May 15 (Fri.)–31 (Sun.)

【Capacity】 About 30 persons

【Selection Method】

Application review
and interview
(scheduled for
late June)



We are seeking volunteers to serve as Matsudo Cultural Ambassadors starting from September 2026. We are looking for people who can introduce the cultures, lifestyles, and arts of foreign countries and Japan through lectures and events to deepen international understanding.

※ The commissioning ceremony is yet to be decided.



Matsudo Young People's Ibunka Exchange Club

Mainly for people
ages 16 to 39



Join us at any time!



Viewing of sumo
morning practice at
Sadogatake Stable



Ninja experience at
Kumagakure-ryu
Bujinkan



Visit to Ushiku Chateau and
Buddha statue Ushiku Daibutsu



Meet people from other countries!
Make friends! Interact with others
even if you don't know the language!
Talk about each other's culture! And
more!
Please join us.♪

<p>April 16–Aug. 6 (Thu.) 10:30–12:00 【15 lessons】</p>  	<p>Let's make friends with Agatha Christie ~Study English literature~</p> <p>Understand a mystery story. Study English while having fun.</p> <p>※ This class will be conducted in English.</p> <p>Instructor: Sarah Holland (From the UK, part-time university instructor)</p>	<p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room) Eligibility: Eiken Grade 2 or higher, CEFR-B1 or higher, or other equivalent level Capacity: First 16 persons Fee: MIEA member ¥15,000 Non-member ¥18,000 Text: English edition of <i>Death on the Nile</i> HarperCollins UK/ISBN9780008328948 ※ Purchase on your own ※ This course continues from the 2025 one.</p>
<p>Apr. 18–Sep. 17 (Sat.) ① 10:30–12:00 ② 13:00–14:30 【15 lessons per class】</p> <p>① ②</p>  	<p>① Introductory Korean Course For those who have never studied Korean before, use simple grammar to take on the challenge of conversing in Korean.</p> <p>② Elementary Korean Course II Build a solid foundation and enjoy speaking in Korean. Instructor: Choi Hyo Yeon (From the Republic of Korea, Korean language instructor at a prefectural high school in Chiba)</p>	<p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room) Capacity: First 20 persons per class Fee: MIEA member ¥15,000 Non-member ¥18,000</p> <p>※ Please check the QR codes for details on the textbooks and more information.</p> 
<p>May 15–July 17 (Fri.) 15:15–16:45 【10 lessons】</p>  	<p>Introductory Course for Easy Chinese</p> <p>This course is for beginners learning Chinese for the first time. Starting with pinyin, you will learn expressions and phrases used in daily life. Those who have experience learning Chinese are also welcome!</p> <p>Instructor: Liu Guang Sui (From China, high school Chinese language instructor)</p>	<p>Venue: International Friendship Room (Kokusai Yuko Room) Eligibility: Complete beginners Capacity: First 20 persons Fee: MIEA member ¥10,000 Non-member ¥13,000 Text: ネイティブが教えるマンガで身につく！中国語 (ナツメ社) ※ Purchase on your own</p>
<p>June 17 (Wed.) English 10:30–12:00 Taiwanese Mandarin 13:00–14:30</p>  	<p>Language Salon ~Cultures and Languages~</p> <p>Experience foreign cultures! Try foreign languages!</p> <p>Facilitators: High school ALTs, Matsudo Cultural Ambassadors, others Cosponsor: Matsudo City Board of Education</p>	<p>Venue: Salon Space in Matsudo Bunka Hall Eligibility: People who can make everyday conversation in those languages. Capacity: English 15 persons Taiwanese Mandarin 10 persons ※ Selection by lottery if applications exceed capacity Fee: MIEA members free Non-member ¥500 ※ Application period: May 15 (Fri.)–31 (Sun.)</p>
<p>Deutsch-aktuell ~Know about Germany now in German~</p> 	<p>Read, listen, speak and write in German on different topics each time. By touching upon the current situation of Germany, this course will give students the opportunity to think about Japan and the world.</p> <p>※This course will be conducted mainly in German. ※Details will be posted later on the MIEA website.</p>	
<p>Subsidies to groups engaged in international exchange Application period: Apr. 3 (Fri.)–20 (Mon.)</p>	<p>We will subsidize a portion of the expenses incurred by community organizations engaged in voluntary activities promoting international exchange and international cooperation. ※ Please apply through the MIEA website.</p> <p>※ If you have any questions, please call or email MIEA.</p>	



☕ Lecture on how to roast and brew coffee (Indonesia)



🍷 Introduction to Italian culture 🍷

MIEA WORLD TOUR

We organize a wide variety of international exchange events. Please join us!



Introduction to American and Ukrainian culture (Japanese anime and TV games)



🍴 Vietnamese cooking class 🍴



🥟 Making gyoza (Taiwan) 🥟

EVENT REPORT

34th Japanese Speech Contest for Foreigners

This event was held on Saturday, February 28, at the Matsudo Citizens Theater. Fourteen contestants from six countries qualified for the finals and gave speeches on the theme of "My Thoughts." The award receivers were:



【松戸市長賞/Mayor of Matsudo Award】

Asumbrado Jeremias Medillo (Phillipines)
「日本のリアルは字幕がない」 (The Real Japan has no Subtitles)

【理事長賞/Director of MIEA Award】

Sun Yunyun (China)
「松戸の四季が教えてくれた、「私の季節」を待つこと」
(What the Four Seasons of Matsudo Taught Me: Having 「My Own Season」)

【ロータリークラブ賞/Rotary Club Award】

Rai Samiksha (Nepal)
「上手ですね。」 (You're so Good at Japanese)

【優秀賞/Excellence Award】

Pham Thi Hue (Vietnam)
「私の考え」 (My Thoughts)

【特別賞/Special Award】

Mikhail Kindruk (Belarus)
「言語の力」 (The Power of Languages)



FY 2026 Elementary Japanese Classes (1st Term)

First come
first-serve basis

Registration begins
April 7 (Tue.), 10:00 am

Eligibility: MIEA members 15 years or older (born before April 1, 2011), excluding junior high school students
 Fee: MIEA membership fee of ¥1,000 for FY 2026 plus 1,000 per class (per term).
 Childcare: Childcare support is available. (We provide a partial subsidy to parents who need short-term childcare while taking Japanese classes.)
 ※ ☎ For inquiries, please phone the MIEA office.



【In-Person Classes】 Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room

Class	Day	Time	Term
Elementary	Tue.	10:10–12:10	May 12–July 14
		12:30–14:30	
		18:45–20:45	
	Wed.	10:10–12:10	May 13–July 15
	Fri.	10:10–12:10	May 15–July 17
		12:30–14:30	
Sun.	10:10–12:10	May 10–July 12	
	12:20–14:20		
Kanji Study N4 Level kanji. (For those who can read and write hiragana and katakana)	Wed.	10:10–12:10	May 13–July 15
	Sun.	14:30–16:30	May 10–July 12
Conversation Space: Kaiwa Hiroba (For those who can read and write hiragana and katakana, and who can carry on simple, everyday conversation)	Wed.	13:00–15:00	May 13–July 15
	Thu.	13:30–15:30	May 14–July 16
	Sun.	14:30–16:30	May 10–July 12

【Online Classes】 Venue: Kokusai Yuko Room ※ Only the first lesson

Class (Level)	Day	Time	Term
Conversation Class (For those who can carry on simple, everyday conversation)	Tue.	13:30–15:30	May 12–July 14
Elementary Class (For those who can speak a little)	Thu.	10:00–12:00	May 14–July 16

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