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The 27th Mitaka International Festival

MISHOP WORLD 2016

Let's Join Hands: We Are One World!



Date and time: September 25 (Sun.), 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Venue: Inokashira West Park Bunka Koryu Hiroba and around the baseball field
Sponsor: Mitaka International Society for HOspitality (MISHOP)
Co-sponsor: Junior Chamber International Mitaka
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World Bazaar: Foods and Folk Crafts from around the World!

Enjoy the cuisines and folk crafts of various countries. There will also be attractions where you can experience the cultures and customs of these countries. Fair Trade and NGO activities will also be introduced.

Stage: Delivering the Live Sound and Beats of the World

Enjoy performances of dance and music from various countries including Japanese traditional entertainments. Let's have fun watching spectacular dancing and listening to energizing music!

MISHOP Station: What Is MISHOP All About?

This area will introduce the activities of MISHOP, such as programs to promote multicultural understanding, international friendship exchanges, Japanese-language learning classes, etc.

Kids Zone: Come On, Children! Around-the-World Bingo Rally

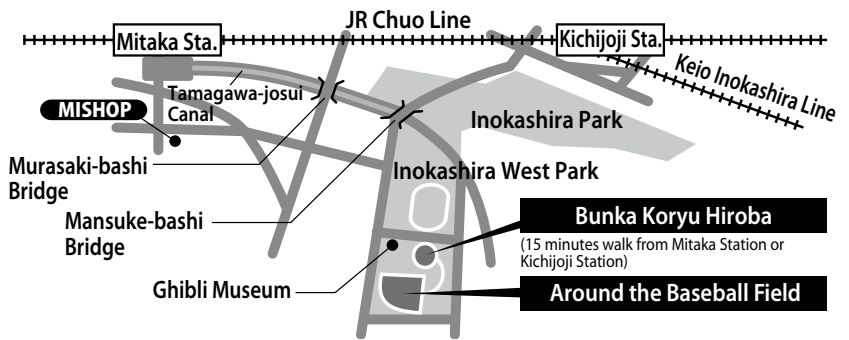
Win a prize by completing a bingo sheet, answering quiz questions in each area. Don't miss the hands-on attractions, either, such as the popular game using parachutes!

Community Fellowship Zone

Shops and displays will be set up by various community groups.

Bring Your Own Dish and Chopsticks and Get a Discount!

Some shops will offer some discounts if you bring your own dish and chopsticks. Please cooperate in garbage reduction efforts.



Information

Information about Mitaka International Society for HOspitality

MISHOP Office
Days: Monday through Saturday (Closed on Sundays and national holidays)
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Mitaka City Chuo-Dori Town Plaza 4F, 3-30-12, Shimorenjaku 181-0013
Tel: 0422-43-7812 **Fax:** 0422-43-9966
E-mail: mishop@mishop.jp
URL: <http://www.mishop.jp/>

Established: November 23, 1989

September 1 Is National Disaster Prevention Day

Participate in Disaster Prevention Drills to Protect Ourselves in the Face of Sudden Disasters

Inquiries: Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 2284

The National Disaster Prevention Day was established to remember the lessons learned from the Great Kanto Earthquake that struck on September 1, 1923, and to promote preparedness during this season when there are many typhoons. An epicentral earthquake or a typhoon that hits Tokyo directly can occur at any time. Disaster Prevention Day is a good opportunity to think about preparing for disasters to protect yourself, your family and other precious people around you. The city will conduct comprehensive disaster prevention drills in seven communities, operating under the scenario that a hypothetical major earthquake has occurred.

◆ Comprehensive Disaster Prevention Drill Schedule

Area	Date and time	Venue
Tobu (East)	Sep. 3 (Sat.) 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Mure Community Center
Osawa	Oct. 30 (Sun.) 10:00 a.m. to noon	Osawadai Elementary School
Renjaku		Minamiura Elementary School
Ekimae (Station front)		Dai-yon Elementary School
Shinkawa Nakahara	Nov. 6 (Sun.) 10:00 a.m. to noon	Nakahara Elementary School (main site)
Seibu (West)		Dai-ni Junior High School
Inokashira	Nov. 13 (Sun.) 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Inokashira Community Center

◆ Main Drills (drills vary by community)

The drills include first-stage fire extinguishing techniques, evacuation site operations, first aid, medical rescue, evacuation guidance, providing water and meals, etc.

Note: For the drills held on November 6 at Nakahara Elementary School (main site), volunteers of Mitaka International Society for HOspitality (MISHOP) will offer interpreting services for residents worried about their Japanese-language skills.

◆ How to Confirm the Safety of Family Members and Acquaintances When a Major Disaster Strikes...

◇ Disaster Emergency Message Dial (171): Confirmation of safety by telephone

You can record a voice message from private, public and mobile telephones, smartphones and PHS, and other phones can play your message.

How to use the service: Dial 171 and follow the recorded instructions.

Note: You can try out this service using the special public telephone at the main site of the comprehensive disaster prevention drill.

◇ Disaster Message Board: Confirmation of safety by mobile website

If you register a text message from a cell phone, PHS or smartphone, other devices (including personal computers) can read it. If you access one company, the registered message can be searched via all companies.

Communication companies: NTT DoCoMo, KDDI (au), SoftBank and Y!mobile
How to use the service: Click "Disaster Message Board" on the homepage of the official website of the communication company you use and follow the instructions on the screen.

◇ Broadband Message Board for Disaster (Web 171): Confirmation of safety by Internet

If you register a text, video, photo or voice message from a device, such as a personal computer, it can be viewed from other computers and devices.

How to use the service: Agree to the terms of usage at **URL:** <https://www.web171.jp/> and follow instructions on the screen.

Filling Mitaka with Flowers and Greenery—Gardening Festa 2016

The goal of Gardening Festa, a festival of flowers and greenery, is to encourage greenification activities among city residents. We have prepared many events related to flowers and greenery that everyone from children to adults can enjoy.



Woodcraft booth at last year's festival

Date and time: September 24 (Sat.), 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (will be held even in light rain)

Location: Inner garden of the Mitaka Municipal Office

Application: Come to the venue directly on the day of the event.

- ◇ Opening ceremony (from 11:00 a.m.)
 - ◇ Panel exhibition of photo entries (gardens, scenery, and more)
 - ◇ Hands-on experience corner (making sachets, experiencing log carving, and more)
 - ◇ Gardening class
 - ◇ Vending booths (flower bouquet, flower seedlings, food, drinks, and more)
 - ◇ Experiencing riding a fire ladder truck
- This popular annual festival will be filled with other enjoyable events.



Gardening class at last year's festival

Inquiries: NPO Flowers and Greenery Town Mitaka Creation Association, **Tel:** 0422-31-2671 (until Aug. 25), 0422-46-2081 (from Aug. 26)

Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest Harvest Moon Viewing

Would you like to enjoy a relaxing time looking at the moon in a simple and old-fashioned atmosphere? Dumplings and pampas grass will be offered according to Japanese tradition.

Program: Kocarina performance, talking about the stars, booths and vendors, etc.

Date and time: September 17 (Sat.), 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. (If it rains, the programs after 5:00 p.m. will be canceled)

Location: Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest (inside the National Astronomical Observatory, 2-21-3 Osawa)

Application: Come to the venue directly on the day of the event.

Inquiries: The facility, **Tel:** 0422-39-3401, **URL:** <http://www.city.mitaka.tokyo.jp/ehon/>

New Special Exhibition at the Ghibli Museum! “All Aboard! The Cat Bus to the Ghibli Forest”



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Fifteen years have passed since the Ghibli Museum opened, and a new special exhibition, “All Aboard! The Cat Bus to the Ghibli Forest,” started on July 16. For this exhibition, masterpieces of the fourteen exhibitions held to date has been assembled and arranged in one place, allowing visitors to enjoy a condensed version of the museum's decade and a half of existence.

As soon as you pass through the entrance, you'll find yourself inside the Cat Bus that thrilled everyone in the “The View from the Cat Bus—A Special Exhibition” (2011). Even adults can ride, and the seats are as comfortable as depicted in the movie. From the window, you can also see scenes from *Howl's Moving Castle*. After going through the Cat Bus, the ornithopter (bird-shaped airplane) exhibited at the “Castle in the Sky” and Imaginary Science Fiction Machines Exhibit” (2002) makes a reappearance. “We are spotlighting the most popular parts of each of the special exhibitions conducted to date,” says museum director Kiyofumi Nakajima, “please take this opportunity to enjoy the exhibition.”

Exhibition dates: Until May 2017 (subject to change)

Note: Admission to the museum is on a reservation basis. Tickets are obtainable by reserving the desired date and time at Lawson (for the general public) or at the Mitaka Tourist Information Center. (There is a special discount for those who live, go to school or work in Mitaka City, Musashino City, Koganei City and Nishitokyo City.)

Inquiries: Ghibli Museum Guidance Dial, **Tel:** 0570-055777 (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except on Tuesdays; Japanese only), **URL:** <http://www.ghibli-museum.jp/>

◆ Website for Those Overseas Opened

A website operated by Lawson Tickets and geared for those who live overseas has opened for online reservations for admission tickets. For more information, please visit the museum website (**URL:** <http://www.ghibli-museum.jp/en/ticket-information/>).

Survey of Foreign Residents

Mitaka City and Musashino City are conducting a survey of foreign residents to inquire about awareness of everyday life and current living conditions. Questionnaires in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean will be mailed to eligible persons in early September. If you receive the questionnaire, your cooperation would be deeply appreciated. For more information, please visit the Mitaka City website.

◆ Eligibility

One thousand foreign residents eighteen years of age or older as of August 1 have been selected at random from Mitaka City's basic resident registrar.

Inquiries: Planning Management Section, Ext. 2115

Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

Mitaka City Art Center, ☎ 0422-47-5122

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Closed: September 5, 12, 20, 21 and 26

HP <http://mitaka-art.jp/ticket> (Japanese only)

= A nursery service is available. (Please apply two weeks prior to each performance.)

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall “Kaze”

Mitaka Junior Orchestra (MJO) 2nd Autumn Concert

October 16 (Sun.)

Performance begins at 2:00 p.m.



Tickets on sale now; all seats reserved.
Members: ¥720; non-members: ¥800; preschoolers (4 years of age or older): ¥500
Conductors: Karl Naito and Masaki Ogawa



Program:

Frank Bridge: *Sir Roger de Coverley: A Christmas Dance* (string ensemble)

Claude Debussy: *The Girl with Flaxen Hair, Golliwog's Cakewalk* (wind ensemble)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: *Symphony No. 41 in C major, K.551 “Jupiter,” first movement* (all members) and more.

The MJO performs two concerts per year at Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall “Kaze.” The autumn concert consists mainly of small-group ensembles. Members of the orchestra serve as emcees, and this concert can be enjoyed by persons of all ages. We look forward to welcoming you.



Population and Number of Households As of August 1, 2016

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 184,965 persons (+124)

Number of Households 91,917 households (+12)

