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Inokashira Onshi Park 100th Anniversary Week May 5 Is Mitaka Day! Mitaka-no-mori Festival 2017

Inquiries: NPO Mitaka City Tourism Association, **Tel:** 0422-40-5525

Inokashira Onshi Park will commemorate its 100th anniversary on May 1, kicking off a week of celebration that will run until May 7 and full of events. May 5—a national holiday and also Mitaka Day—will feature the annual outdoor Mitaka-no-mori Festival music event. In addition to live performances by popular and talented musicians, there will be many booths—such as those selling goods from Mitaka’s sister and friendship towns—set up to help visitors celebrate the anniversary.

Date and time: May 5 (national holiday), 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (will be held even in light rain)

Note: The opening ceremony will start from 11:00 a.m.

Location: Around the athletic field of Inokashira Onshi West Park

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

Note: Please refrain from coming by car.

◆ Program and schedule

Yumi Kimura & Toshio Nakagawa with Takeshi Hashima, 12 noon to 12:40 p.m.

A performance by the special trio of Yumi Kimura, a singer known for “Always with Me,” the theme song of the film *Spirited Away*; Toshio Nakagawa, a pianist famous for contemporary music and music used in commercials; and Takeshi Hashima, the concertmaster of the NHK Symphony Danyu Orchestra.



Schroeder-Headz, 2:40 to 3:20 p.m.

Schroeder-Headz is a post-jazz side project of support keyboardist Shunsuke Watanabe. The music created by the trio of piano, bass and drums also has many fans outside of Japan.



O-ame (Yuichi Ohata and Miu Sakamoto), 1:20 to 2:00 p.m.

After performing together a number of times, Yuichi Ohata and Miu Sakamoto realized they had great chemistry and formed the unit O-ame, which takes a character from each of their names. Although *o-ame* means “heavy rain,” they claim every outdoor music festival they participate in gets great weather!



Megumi Mori, 4:00 to 4:40 p.m.

Singer-songwriter Megumi Mori took time out of her national tour to participate in the festivities once again this year! Enjoy her powerful voice and guitar performance that has gained recognition from Guild Guitar and Fender.



◆ Mitaka-no-mori Festival 2017 Concurrent Event—Olympic Flag and Paralympic Flag Event

We have invited Yuko Takahashi (Fujitsu Limited)—a triathlete from Mitaka expected to qualify for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020—as a guest and will hold a flag-bearing event on a special stage.

Time: 11:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Gardening Festa 2017

Open Call for Photos of Gardens and Greenery in the City

Inquiries: NPO Flowers and Greenery Town Mitaka Creation Association, **Tel:** 0422-46-2081

Gardening Festa is an annual festival with the goal of encouraging greenification activities among city residents. We are soliciting photographs of your homes, gardens and favorite scenery again this year. Entries will be included in a portfolio and be exhibited at the event planned for this autumn and at other panel exhibitions. A commemorative plate will be given to everyone who submits an entry.



An entry from last year’s “My Garden” category

◆ “My Garden” Category (Self-recommendation)

Gardens and other areas rich in vivid seasonal colors and greenery that face the street are eligible. Please introduce a flowerbed around your home, school or company (in Mitaka City only).



An entry from last year’s “My Favorite Green Spot” category

◆ “My Favorite Green Spot” Category (Recommendation)

Please introduce your favorite scenery in Mitaka City. This can be vivid flowers and greenery or trees, your favorite green oases and other areas in your neighborhood that residents can see and that you would like to preserve for future generations.

Eligibility: City residents and those who work or go to school in the city

To apply: Send your photograph(s) (one photograph per person per category; submitting a photograph for both categories is permitted) to the NPO Flowers and Greenery Town Mitaka Creation Association between May 1 (Mon.) and June 30 (Fri.; must be received by this date).

Note: Entries must be L-size, 2L- or postcard-sized if applying with developed photographs.

◇ Please be aware that:

- Entries are restricted to photographs of locations in the city that can be seen from the street (zoomed-in photos of flowers and trees are not acceptable). For more information, please read the entry requirements (available at the association office and the City Parks and Green Zone Section [Municipal Office 5F, Counter No. 56], and local community centers. The requirements can also be downloaded via the websites of Mitaka City and of the association [URL: <http://hanakyokai.or.jp/>]).
- Photographs will not be returned. You may also be asked to provide the negative(s) or image data for exhibits.
- Rights to the use of your photograph(s) will belong to the event organizer, and your photograph(s) may be used during the operations and public relations activities for this festival.
- Please obtain the permission of the homeowner or rights holder of other subject matter before submitting your photograph(s). The event organizer will not be held responsible for the personal information or image rights related to the subject.

Preparing for Heavy Rains Please Join in Our Comprehensive Flood Prevention Drills

Inquiries: Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 4512

Heavy rains exceeding the capacity of urban sewerage systems have caused many urban floods in recent years, inundating floors, homes and roads. These floods have even occurred in Mitaka City. Mitaka City is conducting comprehensive hands-on-experience flood prevention drills again this year as preparation for such flooding. This year, it will be held at the Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention, which just opened this April. While doing these drills, you can learn flood countermeasures you can be take using things around you. Participants will be given disaster prevention goods.

It is important to take quick action when heavy rains strike. Please participate in these drills, and be prepared for floods.

Date and time: May 14 (Sun.), 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention

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

◆ Main Drills

• **Experiencing the difficulty of opening doors affected by water pressure**

You will experience opening and shutting a door affected by water pressure.

• **Urban flood prevention method experience drill**

Learn flood prevention methods that can be done in any home, such as by using garbage bags and planters.

• **Learn how to make sandbags**



Experiencing opening and shutting doors affected by water pressure

Please Take Advantage of Mitaka International Society for HOsPitality (MISHOP) Classrooms

MISHOP offers Japanese-language classes so that foreign residents can live without inconvenience and have chances to participate in community activities. Please feel free to join in.

◆ Japanese-Language Class

Japanese conversation classes for beginners (for conversations useful in daily life such as for shopping and making phone calls) are conducted in groups.

Eligibility: Foreign residents who live, work or go to school in Mitaka City

Date and time: Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Registration fee: ¥2,000

◆ Children's Class

Help with Japanese-language studies including the school subject is available free of charge so that children of foreign nationality can lead a fun and plentiful school life.

Eligibility: Municipal elementary and junior high school students of foreign nationality whose Japanese capability is not enough, etc.

Date and time: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon



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

Population and Number of Households As of April 1, 2017

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 185,725 persons (+767)

Number of Households 92,539 households (+772)



Seeking Foreign National Citizen Commissioners for the 10th "Mitaka Internationalization Round-Table Discussion"

Inquiries: Planning Management Section, Ext. 2115

Mitaka City is recruiting foreign national citizen commissioners who have Japanese speaking ability for this year's seat of the 10th "Mitaka Internationalization Round-Table Discussion." If you are interested, please take this opportunity and apply.

◆ Description of the Discussion

The discussion—consisted of Japanese and foreign residents, representatives of citizen groups, etc.—were established in May 1999 with the goal of discussing various issues involving the internationalization, and fostering city policies that reflected their ideas. The commissioners will receive remuneration according to city regulations.

Term: Until March 31, 2019 (with possible reelection)

Number of vacancies: A few people

Eligibility: Those who fulfill all of requirements (1) through (3):

- (1) Foreign residents who are twenty years of age or older as of May 1, and who have lived in Mitaka City for one year or longer (students are also eligible).
- (2) Can attend all the discussions, which are held about three times a year (from 6:30 p.m. for about two hours; the first discussion is scheduled in June or later).
- (3) Those having sufficient Japanese-language proficiency to understand the discussions (no interpreters will be available).

To apply: Send your application by mail, fax or e-mail to the Planning Management Section (postal code: 181-8555; fax: 0422-45-1271; e-mail: kikaku@city.mitaka.tokyo.jp) no later than May 19 (Fri.) (must be received by this date). In Japanese, write your address, name (with *furigana*), gender, date of birth, telephone number (daytime telephone number), fax number, e-mail address, and a short essay on the reason you are applying (about 400 letters in Japanese, free choice of type of paper and format). A lottery will be held if applications exceed the number of vacancies. All applicants will be notified of the results no later than June 2 (Fri.).

Long-Term Closure of the Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum

Inquiries: Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum, Tel: 0422-42-6233



Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum

Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum—which celebrated its twentieth anniversary last year—is being renovated to ensure the safety of visitors and to preserve the museum as an important city asset. The museum will be closed during the renovation period, and plan is to reopen at the end of March 2018. Your understanding and cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Closed: Thursday, June 1, 2017 to late March 2018

Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

Mitaka City Gallery of Art, Tel: 0422-79-0033

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (admission until 7:30 p.m.)

HP <http://mitaka-sportsandculture.or.jp/gallery/> (Japanese only)

Exhibition: The Never-Fading Scenery—The World of Jiro Takidaira

Dates: April 22 (Sat.) to July 2 (Sun.)

Closed: Mondays

Admission: Members: ¥480; adults: ¥600; those who are sixty-five or older, and high school or university students: ¥300

Note: Free for junior high school students and younger, and those with a handbook for the disabled.

Reflecting on the work of Jiro Takidaira (1921–2009), this exhibit will feature about two hundred works filled with his poetic sentiment, including unknown early woodcut prints, originals from the picture books of his middle years (during which he switched to papercutting art), and originals from his newspaper series, which brought him great popularity.



Mochi Mochi Tree, 1971, 28.5×48.5 cm, papercutting, Japanese paper, Western paper, India ink and watercolors
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Cherry Blossoms, 1973, 22.5×23.5 cm, papercutting, Japanese paper, Western paper, India ink and watercolors
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