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The 28th Mitaka International Festival



MISHOP WORLD 2017

Let's Join Hands: We Are One World!

Date and time: September 24 (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

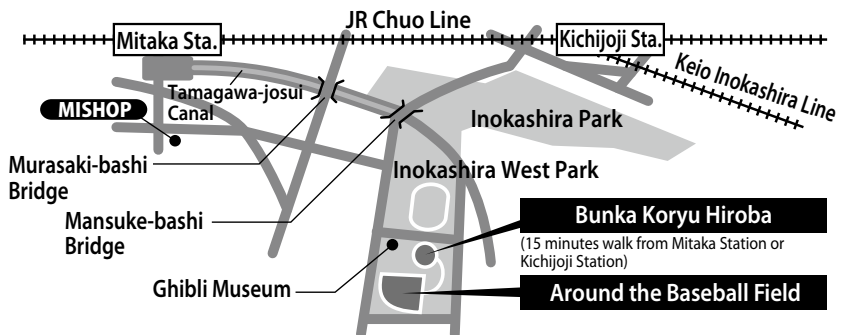
Win a prize by completing a bingo sheet, answering quiz questions in each area. Don't miss the hands-on attractions, either, such as the popular game using parachutes!

Community Fellowship Zone

Shops and displays will be set up by various public and 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

Filling Mitaka with Flowers and Greenery—Gardening Festa 2017

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



The Gardening Festa is a festival of flowers and greenery held every year since 2005 to encourage greenification activities among city residents. For this year's festival, the 13th, the venue has moved to the eastern area of the Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention. We've prepared many events to allow you to interact with flowers and greenery that everyone from children to adults can enjoy.

Date and time: September 30 (Sat.), 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (will be held even in light rain)

Location: Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention

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

◇ Opening ceremony (from 11:00 a.m.)

Those who submitted photographs for Gardening Festa will receive a commemorative gift.

◇ Panel exhibition of photo entries

See 140 photographs of beautiful gardens and scenery sent in by Mitaka City residents.

◇ Flower and greenery name quiz

Try to name the plants at the event site. Those who answer all correctly will receive a sweet treat.

◇ Hands-on experience corner

You can make flowers and greenery-themed crafts, and try your hand at log carving.



Scene from last year's festival

◇ Crafts shop and hands-on experience corner

You can make ribbon sachets with lavender, and mini-bouquets, lavender crafts and other items will be on sale. Herb tea will be served free of charge.

◇ Bamboo crafts hands-on experience corner

You can try making items such as flower vases, hand-brooms and bamboo helicopters using bamboo grown within Mitaka City.

◇ Vending booths

Flower seedlings and vegetables will be on sale, and Mitaka City cafés will also run booths.

◇ Mitaka Solar System Walk Stamp Rally 2017

A limited-edition comet stamp for the Solar System Walk stamp rally will be available here on this day only (see back for details).

September 20 to 26 Is Be Kind to Animals Week

Life is precious. Take care of pets responsibly throughout their lifetime.

Inquiries: Environmental Policy Section, Ext. 2523

■ To all dog owners

All dogs more than ninety days old must be registered (once per lifetime), and must immunized against rabies once a year according to the Rabies Prevention Act.

◇ Dog registration

Register your dog within thirty days of the day you bring it home—or within thirty days after it is ninety days old if you buy it before that age—and obtain a dog tag.

Fee: ¥3,000 (handling fee)

Application: Civil Affairs Section (Mitaka Municipal Office 1F) or at municipal office branches

◇ Rabies immunization

Please have your dog immunized at your local animal hospital. Show the rabies immunization completion certificate you receive at the hospital to the Civil Affairs Section (Mitaka Municipal Office 1F) or any municipal office branch, and obtain an immunization completion slip (handling fee: ¥550). The immunization fee varies depending on the animal hospital.

◇ Proper manners when walking your dog

Cleaning up after your dog is your responsibility as an owner. Make sure to potty-train your dog properly.

■ To all cat owners

◇ Do you keep your cat indoors?

Due to complaints about the waste of cats that live outdoors, as well as traffic and housing conditions, Mitaka City recommends that you keep your cat indoors. Attaching a nametag or microchip to your cat makes it easier to locate your pet if it gets out and gets lost.

◆ Feeding stray cats

Please note that some people do not like cats. While taking care of animals is a good thing, to avoid causing problems please discuss matters with your neighbors, and with their approval designate and follow rules for feeding cats in your neighborhood.

◆ Reduced fees for spaying/neutering stray cats

Fees for spaying/neutering procedures conducted at a designated animal hospital for stray cats (six months of age or older) in Mitaka City will be reduced by ¥7,000 (for up to thirty cats, on a first-come, first-served basis). For more information, please read the Mitaka City website.

Note: You cannot apply for this discount after these surgical procedures have been completed.

WonDogful Reading Experience

Inquiries: Mitaka Library, Tel: 0422-43-9151



Scene from the last event

This event, which began last year, has already been held several times and been well received each time. During the doggy petting class, children learn how to become friends with dogs and find out what dogs like and don't like. Afterward, the children can read picture books to cute, calm reading aide dogs that have been trained to listen quietly.

Date and time: September 23 (Sat.) and October 21 (Sat.); 1:20 to 3:15 p.m. for both days

Eligibility: Eight children per day (parents may accompany children)

Location: Mitaka Library

Application: Call the Mitaka Library (Tel: 0422-43-9151) from 9:30 a.m. on September 5 (Tue.), giving your name, age and telephone number, as well as the desired date (on a first-come, first-served basis; children applying for the first time have priority).

Population and Number of Households As of August 1, 2017

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 186,131 persons (-13)

Number of Households 92,818 households (-49)



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: Storytelling, Japanese drum performance, star observation and vending booths

Date and time: October 1 (Sun.), 2:00 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: Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest, Tel: 0422-39-3401, URL: <http://www.city.mitaka.tokyo.jp/ehon/>



Scene from last year

Mitaka Solar System Walk Stamp Rally 2017

Inquiries: Mitaka Network University, Tel: 0422-40-0313

Official website for the event, URL: <http://www.taiyokei-walk.jp/> (From September 1)

Dates: September 22 (Fri.) to October 22 (Sun.)

◇ Walk across the solar system (1.3-billionth scale)!

By shrinking the entire solar system to 1.3-billionth the scale of its actual size and placing the sun at Mitaka Station, we can scatter the celestial bodies to Pluto within the Mitaka City limits. The city's communities are divided into eleven areas corresponding to the solar system's celestial bodies. You can walk through town, collect stamps at participating shops and facilities in each area, and experience the vastness of outer space.

◇ Collect stamps and win astronomy-related goods!

Stamp rally maps are available locations such as at the Mitaka Network University, the Mitaka City Tourism Association Office and at participating shops and facilities (246 locations). Collect the designated number of stamps and you'll receive a prize (an original astronomical item). You can claim your prize at Mitaka Network University or the Mitaka City Tourism Association Office until October 29 (Sun.).

Note: The supply of prizes is limited.

◇ Limited-edition comet stamps are available

The limited-edition comet stamp will be available at 18 locations in conjunction with events in Mitaka City. Participate in these events to collect the stamps!

Notes:

1. Check the stamp rally map for more information on events where the comet stamp is available.
2. Events may be canceled in inclement weather.

Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

Mitaka City Arts Center, ☎ 0422-47-5122

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

Closed: September 4, 11, 19, 20 and 25

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"

Savall Trio: The Celtic Viol

September 16 (Sat.), from 3:00 p.m.

Tickets now on sale. All seats reserved.



Jordi Savall © Toni Peñarroya

Prices (tax included):

Members: S seats: ¥5,400; A seats: ¥4,500

Non-members: S seats: ¥6,000; A seats: ¥5,000

U-23 (23 years of age or younger): ¥3,500

Performed by:

Jordi Savall (treble viol and lyra viol)

Andrew Lawrence King (Irish harp and psaltery)

Frank McGuire (bodhrán)

Program:

Traditional Scottish songs: "Tullochgorum," "Reel" Turlough O'Carolan: "Abigail Judge" and "Planxty Judge"

Traditional Irish song: "The Cup of Tea" and more

Jordi Savall, a virtuoso from Barcelona, Spain who has led the world of Western early music for nearly half a century as a viol (viola da gamba) player and conductor, will perform in Mitaka for the first time. This concert is sure to appeal to fans of Western early music as well as audiences who love Irish music by artists such as Altan, Enya and Anúna.