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The 29th Mitaka International Festival

MISHOP WORLD 2018

Let's Join Hands: We Are One World!



Date and time: September 23 (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

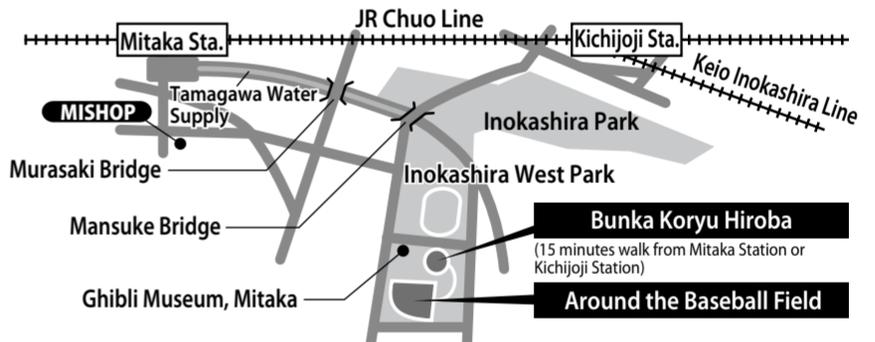
Win a prize by completing a bingo sheet, answering quiz questions in each area. Don't miss the hands-on attractions, either, such as the popular game using parachutes!

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

URL: <http://www.mishop.jp/>

Established: November 23, 1989

Filling Mitaka with Flowers and Greenery—Gardening Festa 2018

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. 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 29 (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 130 photographs of beautiful gardens and scenery sent in by Mitaka City residents.

◇ Flower and greenery quiz

Answer quizzes on the plants at the event site. Those who answer all questions 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

◇ Bouquet/craft shop and hands-on experience corner

Mini-bouquets of flowers grown by volunteers and lavender craft items will be on sale. You can also make small craft items yourself using dry flowers. 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 2018

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 1 Is Disaster Prevention Day! Please check the safety of the concrete walls around your house.

Inquiries: Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 4511

Concrete walls around elementary schools and local houses collapsed during the earthquake that occurred in northern Osaka this past June, and precious lives were lost. Cracked walls are at risk of collapse and can threaten human life in the event of an earthquake. They can also obstruct evacuation routes and hinder rescue activities.

Please take the time to check the concrete walls and similar structures around your house, and consult an expert if any of the following apply: the height and/or thickness of the wall exceeds the standards; flaws such as tilting or cracking are evident; you have questions in general about your concrete walls.

Family farming experience Come enjoy harvesting rice and a harvest festival!

Inquiries: Hotaru-no Sato Mitaka Village, Tel: 090-4171-3070

The farming experience available throughout the year at Osawa's "Hotaru-no Sato Mitaka Village" paddy field naturally includes reaping the golden stalks of rice. Participate in the harvest and you'll be invited to a harvest festival that includes *mochitsuki* [rice cake pounding] on Oct. 21 (Sun.) (tentative).

Date and time: September 16 (Sun.), from 10:00 a.m. onward (canceled in case of bad weather)

Eligibility: Children of elementary school age and above, with guardians; first-come first-served basis; 100 guardians/child pairs (total of 200 people)

Location: Rice paddy fields near Nogawa/Aisoura Bridge (2-17 Osawa)

Things to bring: Loose-fitting clothing, towel

Application: Just come to the venue.

Note: Please do not come by car.



Harvesting

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

Inquiries: Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest, Tel: 0422-39-3401, URL: www.city.mitaka.tokyo.jp/ehon/

This facility, which just celebrated its tenth year on July 7, holds traditional Japanese festivals every season.

"Otsukimi" is an old tradition originated in China and brought to Asian countries including Japan. People in Japan appreciate and honor the autumn moon on the old lunar calendar date of August 15 (which falls on September 24 this year according to the modern calendar). It is known in Japanese as *chushu no meigetsu* (also called *jugoya*, meaning "the fifteenth night"). On the day, as per the customs of old, the venue will be offering pampas grass and *dango* sweet rice dumplings to the moon.

Date and time: September 24 (a substitute holiday) from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. (in case of rain, the program to be held from 5:00 p.m. onward will be canceled)

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

Details: Storytelling, stargazing, refreshment booths, etc.

Application: Just come to the venue.



Storytelling

Mitaka Solar System Walk Stamp Rally 2018

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

Official website for the event:

URL: <http://www.taiyokei-walk.jp/>

More information can be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Dates: September 21 (Fri.) to October 28 (Sun.)

◇ Walk across the solar system!

By shrinking the solar system to 1.3-billionth its actual size and placing the sun at Mitaka Station, we can set every celestial body all the way to Pluto within the Mitaka City limits. Participants in the Mitaka Solar System Walk can walk through eleven areas that correspond to those celestial bodies, collect stamps at participating shops and facilities in each area, and experience the vastness of outer space.

This year, several fun events will be added to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the walk, and some of the participating stores will also be offering limited-edition collaboration products.

◇ 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 (249 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 Sunday, November 4 (while supplies last).

◇ Limited-edition comet stamps are available

The limited-edition comet stamp will be available at 21 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.

Tobu Library Closure Notice

Inquiries: Tobu Library, Tel: 0422-49-3851

The Tobu Library will be closed for renovations. While the library is closed, please use other neighborhood libraries in Mitaka City. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Duration of closure: September 17 (a national holiday) to March 20 (Wed.), 2019

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 7:30 p.m.)

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

Mitaka City Gallery of Art 25th Anniversary Misao Yokoyama Exhibition: From His Atelier

Misao Yokoyama (1920–73) is a representative Japanese painter from the Showa Period whose home and atelier were in the Osawa district of Mitaka City from 1959 until his death. The works in this exhibition included paintings found left in the atelier and a display of the artist's favorite painting materials. The exhibition will highlight the charms of Yokoyama and his paintings.

Duration: Until October 14 (Sun.)

Days of closure: Mondays (but open when falling on a national holiday), September 18 (Tue.) and 25 (Tue.), and October 9 (Tue.)

Admission fee: General, 600 yen; 65 years and older and students, 300 yen

Notes:

- 1) Admission is free for junior high school age attendees or younger, and persons who have a *Shogaisha Techo* (handicapped persons ID booklet).
- 2) The Mitaka Coral underground parking lot cannot be used until September 30 due to ongoing renovation work.

International Christian University Church
33.3×25.1 cm
Mitaka City Gallery of Art Collection



Population and Number of Households As of August 1, 2018

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 187,248 persons (-16)

Number of Households 93,677 households (-26)

