

Invitation to International Mikoshi Festival at JIYUGAOKA KUMANO SHRINE

We, at the Action Committee for International Mikoshi Festival of Jiyugaoka, are newly having our Festival this year. The Festival has been postponed due to the corona disaster that hit the world including Japan but will be held for the first time in four years thanks to the efforts of those involved.

Conflicts and divisions are reported in various parts of the world. Now is the time for us to play a friendship with everyone from all over the world through goodwill, cultural exchange, and international goodwill. We consider it very meaningful.

In the previous Festival, 45 participants from 16 countries shouldered the Mikoshi.

We will wear original "Hanten" or Japanese jackets, as well as specially made "Tenugui" or Japanese head towels. This will be a great chance for foreigners to experience a traditional Japanese occasion and to make friends with people in Jiyugaoka.



Requirements for application: 14 years of age or above, and Japanese, Chinese, French or English speaking ability. Japanese will attend with a non-Japanese friend(s). All nationalities are welcome.

After having faxed the application form, you will get a participation card. On the day of the event, please bring the participation card. At the end of Mikoshi carrying, we'll give you a "Tenugui". Contrarily, original "Hanten" jackets will be only provided for the day. It is preferable to wear a pair of sneakers and white shorts & pants or similar. At the end of Mikoshi carrying, please bring with you Jiyugaoka famous sweets as a event participation souvenir. Original "Hanten" jackets will be collected before your leaving.

- Date:** Saturday, September 2, 2023
 - Time:** 3:00~8: 30 pm (reception desk opens at 3:00 pm)
 - Fee:** **Free** (including BBQ party)
 - Meeting place:** **Parking lot behind Mistui Sumitomo Bank** (2 min walk ahead of Shomen exit of Jiyugaoka station)
 - Cosponsored by:** Jiyugaoka Ekimae-chuo-kai , Société Franco-Japonaise de Jiyugaoka, Meguro Ward, J-SPIRIT INC., Jiyugaoka Association of Business & Commerce, Meguro Taxpayer's Association, Jibokukai, Jinmai and Tenyu
 - Important notice:** The organizer as well as above sponsors and support groups cannot take responsibility for any accidents, injuries etc.
 - Closing:** Friday, August 25, 2023 (or when we have 50 participants.)
 - Inquiries:** Jiyugaoka Information Center TEL:03-5731-7274 (Japanese language only)
- Note : Cancellation is only accepted by facsimile (FAX : 03-3717-4549) .**

. APPLICATION FORM
Participants need to fill in the form below and fax to the Action Committee for International Mikoshi Festival of Jiyugaoka .
FAX : 03-3717-4549

Details	Name	(Name in Katakana)	Age	Nationality	First language
Address	〒				
Contact number	TEL		FAX		
e-mail	@				
Accompanying person(s)	Name	(Name in Katakana)	Age	Nationality	First language
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Informed from who ?	1. Société Franco-Japonaise 2. Meguro International Friendship Association 3. Official web site of Jiyugaoka 4. Other				