

# Cultural Events

## COM+S Festival

This year's COM+S festival will be held on Feb. 14 and 15. COM+S is a center established by Matsuyama city to promote gender equality. The name comes from the 'com' in Communication, common (sharing) and companion and the ' + S' refers to both women and men. There will be many workshops covering topics such as writing a living will, how the issue of domestic violence is handled in Ehime, and events. Here are some of the highlights:

Feb. 14 12:45-13:15, 15:30-16:00 2nd floor:

Ricky and Timbila Family who performed at the Osaka Expo.

Feb. 15 (1) Exhibitions, Sales, and Workshops 1st floor Lobby

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Content: 【Nigeria】 Goods Sales

【UK】 Giant Quilt (Collaboration piece with junior high students, award-winning work at the European Quilt Show)

Handicrafts (Exhibition and Workshop)

【Indonesia】 Cultural introduction through fun games and quizzes

(2) Stage Performances 2nd Floor, Stage

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Timetable: 10:00 AM - Cheer Dance (Catherine Rabbit)

10:30 AM - Cultural Introduction & Dance Performance (Nigeria)

11:00 AM~ Jembe (Kenya)

13:00 PM~ African American History and Traditional Music (USA)

13:30 PM~ Dance Performance (Indonesia)

14:00 PM~ Dance Performance (Nepal)

14:30 PM~ Music Performance (Nigeria)

(3) Flavors of the World COMS Parking Lot Entrance

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ends when sold out)

Nepal】 Curry and popular foods 【Nigeria】 Jollof Rice



An instrument from Mozambique designated by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage.

## Let's talk about the environment in English with citizens in Matsuyama!

◆Content : We are holding an event to discuss environmental topics with citizens in Matsuyama. It is not a serious academic lecture, but a fun workshop! Would you like to use English to interact with Japanese people? This is a great chance to make new friends in the local community. Everyone is welcome to join (not just only students)! We look forward to seeing you there.

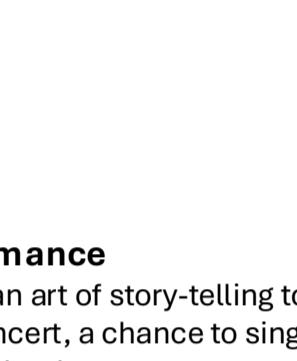
◆Date & Time : Feb. 16 (Mon), 13:00-14:00

◆Venue : Cybozu Matsuyama Office

【Qualita Matsuyama 3F, 3-7-12 Nibancho, Matsuyama City】

◆Registration : Use the QR code

★Inquiry : 080-9758-4527 または [ot23k2ia@apu.ac.jp](mailto:ot23k2ia@apu.ac.jp) (MR. OTA)



## Pansori Performance

A traditional Korean art of story-telling to music. There will be a concert, a chance to sing together and to try playing the drum.

Feb. 8 13:30-15:30

Place: Ehime Prefecture Danjo Kyodo Sankaku Center

(愛媛県男女共同参画センター)

1st floor auditorium

Admission: ¥1000

Use the QR code on the poster to register in advance.



## Nihongo Chounakai

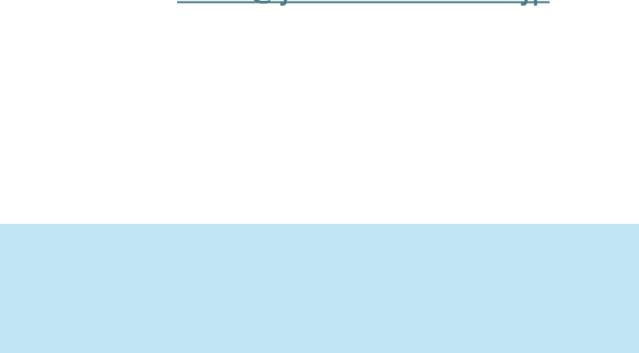
Hello! We are Nihongo Chounakai. We hold regular gatherings for both Japanese and non-Japanese people to communicate and share information. Please check our Facebook and Instagram for more information.

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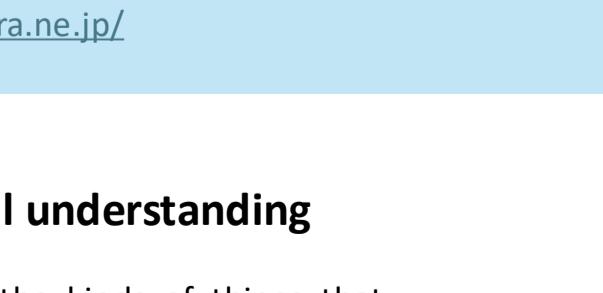
## Making Matcha for a relaxing experience



Experience a bit of Japanese culture by whisking your own matcha. If you wish, you can experience, Tamara, a kind of Reiki, for relaxation. Sponsored by Maru.

\*There will also be hot coffee and tea in the coming colder season.

Location: Yuzuki Castle Museum in the southern part of Dogo Park.  
Feb. 19 (Thurs.), 11:00-15:00  
Fee: ¥500



## Taiko Lessons

Japanese drum (taiko) lessons are given at Matsuriya Tauchi, located on the corner just south of the Teppochi streetcar station.

Teppochi 1-8, Matsuyama

Tel. 089-925-3591

Email: [tauti@jasmine.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:tauti@jasmine.ocn.ne.jp)

## SGG Club

The SGG Club trains and provides volunteer goodwill guides who are ready to assist visitors from overseas. Please contact us if you need guides or translators. We can provide guides who speak English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.

INFO: <http://ehimesgg.sakura.ne.jp/>

## Videos to promote intercultural understanding

To give Ehime residents a perspective on the kinds of things that foreign residents may have difficulty with living in Japan, the Ehime Prefecture Human Rights Education Section has created two videos, each about 10 minutes long and available on YouTube:

1. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4\\_9sLs&t=199s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4_9sLs&t=199s)

2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy0INvDzw-4>