

Cultural Events

The Japan International Photographic Federation (JIPF) is a member of the (FIAP) and promotes international exchange through photography.

Announcement of a Special Lecture

International Photojournalist

Peter Figetakis



— *A Window on the Other Side* —

We are pleased to announce a special lecture by internationally active photojournalist **Peter Figetakis**, who has been based in New York and working around the world for over 50 years.

◆ Date & Time

Saturday, April 25, 2026
Lecture: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Doors open: 1:20 p.m.

◆ Venue

COMS (Matsuyama Gender Equality Promotion Center)
5th Floor, Main Conference Room

◆ Admission

Free (Capacity: 140 participants)

◆ Registration / Contact

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Conneting Pyeongtaek-USFK-Matsuyama
International Meditation Culture Exchange

The first Session :
- **April 25, 2026 (Saturday)**
- **Time : 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (KST)**
 (US: April 24-6:30PM PT / 9:30 PM ET)
- **location : Online (Zoom)**

RSVP : Google Form

This free session is open to everyone and will take place online every last Saturday of the month from April to September, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM (Korea Time).

Ganhwa Seon -Korea / Mindfulness - USA / Zazen - Japan
Experience Three Meditation Traditions

Organizer Inner Light Seon Meditation Center
Sponsor

Meditation and Exchange with Pyeongtaek and USA!

Pyeongtaek City in South Korea is a friendship city of Matsuyama City and we have developed various cultural exchanges. We invite you to experience "Meditation"—a way to calm your mind and relax with your eyes closed—together with residents of Pyeongtaek and the American community.

Support in English and Japanese is available.

1. Online International Meditation Sessions via Zoom

◆ Schedule (4 sessions in total) : Every last Saturday of the month

Session 1 : April 25 (Sat), 2026

Session 2 : May 30 (Sat), 2026

Session 3 : June 27 (Sat), 2026

Session 4 : July 25 (Sat), 2026

◆ Activities : Experience various types of meditation :

- Seon (Zen) Meditation : To calm the mind
 - Ganhwa Seon (Koan) Meditation : Deepening focus through Zen riddles
 - Breathing Meditation : Focusing on the breath
 - Singing Bowl Meditation : Healing through sound and vibrations
 - Metta (Loving-kindness) Meditation : Wishing for the happiness of all
- Cultural Exchange : Time for participants to talk and share experiences

◆ Cost : Free of charge (0 yen)

◆ Registration : Please apply via the Google Form below.

◆ Inquiries : innerlightmc@gmail.com

◆ Organized by : Inner Light Seon Meditation Center Supported by : PIEF (Pyeongtaek International Exchange Foundation)

※You don't have to attend every session to participate

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Hello! We are Nihongo Chounaikai. 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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Facebook Instagram

Taiko Lessons

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

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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. *Help Us!*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4_9sLs&t=199s
2. *Ehime is our Home*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syolNvDzw-4>