It's summer! Time for Matsuri and Mikoshi!

🕱 Come experience a Japanese festival 🗡

Have you ever seen a "Mikoshi" at a "Matsuri" (Japanese festival)? Mikoshi are things that Shinto gods reside in when they take short trips outside the shrine. When Mikoshi are used at festivals, everyone helps carry them on their shoulders. This is an important tradition that has been passed down since old times throughout Japan, and it is still passed down today because everyone from the local children to the elderly come together for the event. Matsue has an old festival called "Tenjin-san." This summer, how about working together with everyone out in the sun and help carry a Mikoshi? This is a good chance to experience Japanese culture and an important tradition in Matsue.

\sim 7/24 (Monday) \sim

Activity: Shirakata Tenmangu Matsuri: Carrying the Mikoshi from

Matsue Castle to Shirakata Tenmangu Shrine

Open to: International residents in Matsue (age 16 and up)

Time: $3:15pm \sim 9:30pm$

Capacity: 20 participants (first come, first serve basis)

Deadline to Apply: 7/3 (Monday)

Cost: Free for students, ¥1000 for non-students

To Apply: Matsue International Community Center (MICC)

AllPlease apply via e-mail or phone, or come directly to the MICC office on the 2^{nd} floor.

E-mail: m.koryu@web-sanin.co.jp %Please use "Mikoshi" as the subject.

Telephone: 0852 (31) 8345

[About the practice sessions]

There are two one hour practice sessions and costume fittings beforehand. Please attend one.

7/5(Wed) at 7:00pm or 7/8 (Sat) at 1:00pm

(About 7/24)

Gathering Location Shirakata Community Center

Gathering Time 3:15pm

*Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the festival site.

If using public transportation, the participant will be responsible for the cost.



Please let us know about these things when you apply: Name, Gender, Nationality, Occupation,

Mobile phone, Preferred date of practice