

Arts Council Tokyo Traditional Culture Program Decision to hold new traditional culture experience program for foreigners in 2016

**Last year, more than 28,000 foreign visitors participated from all over the world.
 This year, new programs will be held in August/October.**

The release of the “Arts Council Tokyo Announces FY 2016 Line up of Traditional Culture Programs” was announced on April 26th, 2016. This time we inform you of the additional short programs that offer foreign visitors the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of traditional culture and performing arts around tourist attractions in Tokyo.

The program began in 2015, and had more than 28,000 participants during the last year. In addition to the “Japanese dance workshop” at the Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center and the “Engei workshop” at the Edo-Tokyo Museum already underway almost every weekend, newly scheduled events include an “Edo-style Hand Painted Paper Lanterns workshop” and “Edo Sudare Coaster workshop” at the MOSHI MOSHI BOX Harajuku Tourist Information Center on August 20th (Sat) and 21st (Sun), a “Go” workshop at the Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center on August 28th (Sun) and a “Tokyo kumihimo (braided cords) workshop”, “Kimono dressing workshop” and “Japanese flower arrangement workshop” at the Hama-rikyu Gardens on October 15th (Sat) and 16th (Sun). All programs are conducted with explanations in English. We welcome you to visit these programs and cover them in the media.



1 < Edo-style Hand Painted Paper Lanterns workshop >



2 < The image of “Go” workshop >



3 < Japanese flower arrangement workshop >



4 < Kimono dressing workshop >

*Photographs 1, 3 and 4 are from programs in 2015.

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PRESS RELEASE

< New programs >

1. MOSHI MOSHI BOX Harajuku Tourist Information Center 2F MOSHI MOSHI GALLERY

【Address】 3-23-5 Jingumae , Shibuya-ku , Tokyo

The Traditional culture workshop held in March 2016 at the MOSHI MOSHI GALLERY on the second floor of the MOSHI MOSHI BOX Harajuku Tourist Information Center was very well received, and it will be held this year as well. A workshop on traditional crafts designated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Area will be held over the course of two days.

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Program	Edo-style Hand Painted Paper Lanterns workshop
Date	August 20th (Sat), 2016
Time	1st 12:00~13:00, 2nd 12:30~13:30, 3rd 14:00~15:00 4th 14:30~15:30, 5th 16:00~17:00, 6th 16:30~17:30
Content	You will make Edo-style Hand-painted paper lanterns creating a design in pencil on the lantern itself and using acrylic paint to fill in the design. You can take the lantern home with you.
Price	500 yen
Application acceptance	July 29th(Fri), 2016 15:00~ (currently accepting)
Participation	Please apply from the website. https://v3.apollon.nta.co.jp/moshimoshi8/ (When it does not reach capacity, we accept it on a first-come-first-served basis on the day.)
Capacity	30 (Approx. 4~6 per workshop)
Organized by	Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Supported by and in cooperation with	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Supported by	Tokyo Paper Lantern Manufacturing Guild

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Program	Edo Sudare Coaster workshop
Date	August 21st (Sun), 2016
Time	1st 12:00~12:30, 2nd 13:00~13:30, 3rd 14:00~14:30 4th 15:00~15:30, 5th 16:00~16:30, 6th 17:00~17:30
Content	Based on skills handed down for nearly 300 years since the Edo period, this workshop gives you the opportunity to create a superb quality Edo Sudare (Edo-style bamboo lattice) coaster in a design that matches the modern lifestyle. You can take the coasters home with you.
Price	500 yen
Application acceptance	July 29th(Fri), 2016 15:00~ (currently accepting)
Participation	Please apply from the website. https://v3.apollon.nta.co.jp/moshimoshi8/ (When it does not reach capacity, we accept it on a first-come-first-served basis on the day.)
Capacity	40 (Approx. 7 per workshop)
Organized by	Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Supported by and in cooperation with	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Supported by	Tokyo Reed Blinds Industry Association

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2. Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center

(To be Held on the Same Day as the Popular traditional Japanese dance workshop)

【Address】 2-18-9 Kaminari-mon , Taito-ku , Tokyo

A “Go” workshop will be held on the same day as the popular “Japanese dance workshop” at the Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center. “Go” originated in China and became popular among aristocrats in Japan during the Heian period, wherein a unique Japanese version developed. It is a profound game that has been long-loved by the Japanese. Please take this opportunity to experience it for yourself.

Program	“GO” workshop
Date	August 28th (Sun), 2016
Time	1st 10:30~11:30, 2nd 13:00~14:00, 3rd 15:00~16:00
Venue	Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center 5F Main conference room
Content	We carry out simple explanation of the rules of “Go” and playing it. We will hand out the manual in English, Chinese and Korean. Guidance are available in English, Chinese and Korean. You can take “the paper GO board for beginners” home with you.
Price	Free
Application acceptance	July 1st(Fri), 2016 9:30~ (currently accepting)
Participation	Please apply from the website. https://v3.apollon.nta.co.jp/igo/ (When it does not reach capacity, we accept it on a first come first-served basis the day.)
Capacity	120 (40 per workshop)
Organized by	Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Co-organized by	Taito City
Supported by and in cooperation with	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Special supported by	The Nihon Ki-in

PRESS RELEASE

3. Outdoor Booths in Hama-rikyu Gardens

(Open the Same Day as the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2016)

【Date】 October 15th (Sat) and 16th (Sun), 2016

【Address】 1-1 Hama-rikyu Gardens , Cyuo-ku , Tokyo

The workshops of Tokyo Kumihimo (braided cords), Kimono dressing and Japanese flower arrangement will be held at the Hama-rikyu Gardens, the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2016 venue. This is a valuable opportunity to come in contact with traditional culture in the middle of a Japanese garden well-known as a “metropolitan oasis.” Reception for participation will be open at the venue on that day, so feel free to come.

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Program	Tokyo Kumihimo (braided cords) workshop
Content	A brief explanation on Tokyo Kumihimo (braided cords) will be given, and a workshop allowing you to create a Kumihimo by hand will be held. Participants will braid Kumihimo by hand using two different colors of silk thread. The braids may be taken home after completed as bracelets, etc. A demonstration on Kumihimo using a braiding stand will also be given at the same time.
Price	500 yen (Entrance fee is charged for Hama-rikyu Gardens.)
Capacity	40 per day (8 per workshop)
Organized	Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Supported by and in cooperation with	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Supported by	Tokyo Kumihimo Manufacturing Guild

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Program	Kimono dressing workshop
Content	Once dressed, you will be able to walk around Hama-rikyu Gardens in Japanese clothes which are furisode(long-sleeved kimono), casual kimono for female, monpuku(crested kimono) for male and kimono for children for 1 hour.
Price	Free (Entrance fee is charged for Hama-rikyu Gardens.)
Capacity	50 per day
Organized by	Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Supported by and in cooperation with	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Supported by	The Cultural Foundation for Promoting the National Costume of Japan

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Program	Japanese flower arrangement workshop
Content	We carry out simple explanation about Japanese flower arrangement called “Kado” and you can experience it. After the instructor arranged a flower as sample, the participant arranges a flower each along the sample. After the workshop, you can take a picture and take a flower home with you.
Price	Free (Entrance fee is charged for Hama-rikyu Gardens.)
Capacity	60 per day (20 per workshop)
Organized by	Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Supported by and in cooperation with	Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Supported by	Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony / Flower Arrangement Federation

* This information is current as of August 17th 2016.

* All programs are subject to change without notice.