

What you can do at MIA

■ Learning Japanese

We offer three weekly group lessons.

■ Getting useful information about daily life and joining events

We offer information in Japanese, Chinese, English on our website and newsletter, "MIA Calendar".

■ Consulting with a specialist

We offer free legal and psychological consultation with a volunteer interpreter on the forth Saturday every month. Please make reservation in advance.

■ Interpretation/Translation

We can send a volunteer to help your language difficulties in administration, education and social welfare. There is a charge in this service.

■ Volunteering

MIA helps international students volunteer at the community.

Helping this program events

Introducing you home cooking, hometown, etc to children and/or adults in the community.

Being a guest speaker of Community radio program at the Musashino FM.

Helping festival events of the community.



What is MIA?

Musashino International Association (MIA) aims to make citizens more open-minded, where people with different cultural backgrounds live together under the ideal of World Peace.

MIA has a variety of activities concerning international exchange, international cooperation, and foreign residents support services.



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Closed on Sunday, Monday, national holidays and year-end and New Year holidays

For International students



Ryugakusei Musashino Family Program



This program was started in response to the requests of international students who hoped to have the opportunity to communicate with local people and in return wanted them to know more about their culture as well. The main activity is home visits for about 1 year. This program also includes events such as MIA exchange party, workshop, etc.

Program Content

■Description of activities

Principally this is a home visit program. MIA offer exchange events only for program participants.

■Participating family

All of them are members of MIA. There are various families, such as large family, family consisting of one or two people. Some families are with small children, pets like dogs, cats and so on. It is precious opportunity to interact with people in various life style.

■Duration of the program

about 1 year

Spring term: April - March

Fall term: October- September

■Activity including expenses

In principal you have to pay for your own expenses in such cases as excursions and trips with the family. We advice that you consult with your family about the expenses expected in activities.

■Interaction events

(only for the program participants)

MIA holds interaction events for international students and family to understand each other well and enjoy together. The events are also good opportunity to know not only your family but also other family and international students.

Procedure

①Enrollment

Students of Asia University, Seikei University, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Engineering and Tokyo Woman's Christian University can submit an application form on MIA's website. Students of other universities should contact MIA first by e-mail.



②Introduction

MIA will contact you by e-mail or telephone after designating your host family and notify when to come to MIA to meet your host family.



③Visit

You can contact your family freely to get together, meet or for anything else you may have planned. Please join MIA exchange events to promote mutual understanding.

Please keep the following rules.

- ①When your contact address/phone number has changed, please notify MIA and your family.
- ②When you are out of contact for a long time, such as you return to your home country for a certain period of time, please notify your family so as not to make them worry.
- ③Even though you were too busy to exchange with your family, please contact them when you leave Japan.
- ④-⑦ are prohibited
- ④Borrowing/lending money, selling/buying items
- ⑤Request of being a guarantor
- ⑥Introducing a job
- ⑦Persuasion regarding politics, religion and business.

Q&A

Q. What activities am I supposed to do?

- A. It is important that both you and your family enjoy the time spent together and that neither of you feel stressed due to the activities. You may enjoy any of the activities at the rate of once a month, if you keep in mind the rules written on this brochure. When you are busy and unable to meet, you can communicate through LINE etc. Please make full use of free interaction events MIA holds.

Q. I do not like children/Pets. I cannot eat some foods. Can I join this program?

- A. We are going to choose you a family considering your request. We explain your restriction to your family in advance, please write in the application if you need special care.

Q. If I have a question, or I am in trouble, who should I contact?

- A. Please contact MIA. MIA offers legal and psychological consultation with an interpreter too.