

8th Japan-France Local Government Exchange Conference

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Japan and France share a long history of mutual cultural admiration and exchange spanning the fields of cinema, music, comics, animation, fashion, and food. Shizuoka City itself has been sister cities with Cannes, France since 1991, and we continue to share a special relationship. This year the 8th Japan-France Local Government Exchange Conference will be held right here in Shizuoka City!

Theme: Bringing New Value to the World Through Japan-France Local Government Partnerships

Through the presentation and discussion of local challenges and innovative solutions, this conference aims to promote the development of local governments in both countries. The conference has been held every second year since 2008, in France and Japan alternatively. This year 50 local governments from both countries will come together in Shizuoka City to share knowledge and create new value in the field of sustainable city development.

Come and Watch the Conference:

Panel discussions will be open to the public, featuring simultaneous interpretation in French and Japanese.

When: Wed 20 November, 09:00-12:00

Where: GRANDAIR Bouquet TOKAI

Theme: Connecting the Great Power of Society to Bring About New Value, Together.

Capacity: 50 people

Cost: Free

Applications: Apply online from noon on Fri 1 November (first come first served) <https://logoform.jp/form/79j2/727843>

Related Events

French de Shizuoka Food Tour

Present your digital guidebook at participating restaurants to access a special menu.

<https://aml-ebook.com/frenchbar2024/?pNo=1>

When: Fri 1 to Sat 30 November

Where: Participating restaurants throughout the city

Shizuoka-Cannes Week in Autumn

When: Sat 9 and Sun 10 November

Where: Shichiken-cho Shopping Area and other locations

<https://cannes-shizuoka.jp>

Shizuchika French Market

An underground market will be appearing under JR Shizuoka Station's north exit, selling an assortment French confectionary and other goods. There will also be displays showcasing the relationship between Shizuoka City and Cannes, France.

When: Sat 23 and Sun 24 November, 11:00-17:00

Where: "Shizuchika event space in the underground plaza near JR Shizuoka Station's north exit.

Talk By Manga Artist, IKEDA Riyoko

"The Rose of Versailles" is a hit manga series depicting the life of Marie Antoinette leading up the French revolution. This November, series creator IKEDA Riyoko will be coming to Shizuoka to give a talk about her France-inspired classic.

When: Sat 30 November, 14:00-15:00 (tentative)

Where: Euphonia Hall

Theme: Using "The Rose of Versailles" to Contemplate a Society in Which Anyone Can Excel.

Capacity: 450 people

Cost: Free

Applications: Apply online from noon on Fri 1 November (up to 4 people per group, first come first served)

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