

One-day Bus Tour “Let’s learn about Mt. Fuji”

Date : November 14(Fri)

Participants : 65 people (including 22 international participants)

Under the perfect blue sky, we left The Meguro River Funairiba Park. The first place we visited was “The Waterfall Shiraito”, which means white silk thread, with hundreds of waterfalls cascading down the cliff, 20 meters high and 150 meters wide.



After a barbecue lunch, we visited “Fujisan Hongu Sengen Taisha”. They held a chrysanthemum exhibition then, and its contrast with the shrine building was beautiful.

The last destination was “Mt. Fuji World Heritage Centre”. It has a spiral slope for visitors to experience a virtual Mt. Fuji climbing while watching some scenery projected on the wall. On the top floor, we were welcomed by a spectacular view of Mt. Fuji. Mount Fuji as a World Heritage site comprises 25 cultural assets. We visited only two of them this time and we’d like to have more opportunities to know “Mount Fuji as an Object of Worship and Source of Art”.

Yayoi Suzuki

Visit to Musashigawa Beya (Sumo Stable)



On October 8th, the Meguro UNESCO Association visited Musashigawa beya as part of a cultural experience to learn about Japanese traditions. 10 friendship members (including 2 children) and 5 staff members participated. The oyakata (head of the stable) is Musashimaru, the 67th Yokozuna (sumo grand champion).

When we entered, the practice took place right in front of us, and we were surrounded by the sounds of the wrestlers vigorously clashing

and their heavy breathing. Musashigawa oyakata gave the rikishi (sumo wrestlers) strict but caring instructions to make sure they didn't get injured.

After practice, everyone enjoyed Chanko (a hearty stew traditionally eaten by sumo wrestlers) prepared by the wrestlers, and spent time chatting with them. We had a truly enjoyable and invaluable experience.

Tomoaki Mohri

Meguro UNESCO New Year Party



Date and time: Saturday, January 24, 2026, 13:30-15:30

Venue: Meguro Ward Office Main Conference Hall

Number of participants: 93 (including 24 friendship members)

Following opening remarks by Chairperson Saito, the event began with greetings from Mayor Aoki and other distinguished guests. As a surprise, Superintendent of Education Takahashi and Chair of the Ward Assembly Suzuki performed and sang Beatles number "Eight Days a week" on guitar and we also clapped along and hummed this familiar song.

The participants from the language classes introduced their classes. The French class presented the proverb, "little by little, the bird builds its nest" which means in language learning, steady accumulation of effort is important. A member of the Chinese class performed a flute piece and Chinese attendees joined in and sang together.

After enjoying the lottery, led by Mr. Mouri Tomoaki, everyone sang "*Goodbye for Today*" and the event concluded with closing remarks by Vice-Chair Iwasa.

Participants commented that people from many different countries gathered, creating a harmonious and warm atmosphere, and that they were able to spend an enjoyable time with a rich program.

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