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Venue: Kirameki Minato Kan

Admission Free

Note: An additional fee is required for food and participation in the program.

Note: Opening day -11/9, Main events -11/10



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The past and future of Tsuruga

Tsuruga Port, which is located in Tsuruga city of Fukui prefecture, is the place where Jewish refugees whose lives were saved by the “Visas of Life” of Chiune Sugihara arrived.

“The town of Tsuruga looked like heaven.” the Jewish refugees said. Tsuruga city is a place where Polish orphans arrived in the 1920’s. They were followed by Jewish refugees whose lives were saved by the “Visas of Life” of Chiune Sugihara in the 1940’s.

Tsuruga’s citizens provided warm care to the orphans and the refugees. The interactions between them at that time established friendships between Japan, Poland, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Israel, which last to this day.

Thus, we are holding “Tsuruga International Culture Festival 2019” to look back on the humanitarian history without letting it fade away. We hope to see that interactions with the four countries are passed to the next generations. At this Festival, you can enjoy the cultures of Poland, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Israel in one fell swoop.

In this second edition of this event, the main theme is “festival festival”. We will focus mainly on each country’s featured festival. You can enjoy musical performances including one by Mr. Damon Krukowski, who is a child of Sugihara Survivors. In addition, you can enjoy each country’s culture through its food, etc.

Humanity

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Screening
11/10 12:30~ (25min)

“Sugihara Survivors”

Previously unknown bonds between Jewish Sugihara survivors and Japanese people that continue to this day are going to be revealed.



11/10 13:00~ (60min)

Jyunichi Kajioaka

A film director, a playwright, and an actor based in London

“Sugihara Survivors” directed by Junich Kajioaka [What happened to the people saved by Mr. Sugihara’s visas.]

Through the making of the documentary film, “Sugihara Survivors : Jewish and Japanese people past and future”, and his experiences as a film director and actor internationally will be introduced by him.



11/10 14:00~ (60min)

Michiko Noma

Novelist

“Relay for life •past •present •future, From the Netherlands, Poland, Lithuania, Israel, and Tsuruga to the world”

How come Tsuruga was called the “Port of Humanity”? From the Netherlands, Poland, Lithuania, Israel, and Tsuruga. She will be introducing stories leading to the present, tracing back history, to parents and children.



11/10 15:00~ (60min)

Ton Van Zeeland

Former attache of the Embassy of the Netherlands

“The Netherlands Ministry Foreign Affairs in the Second World War, ~politics and the work of Dutch diplomats~”

He will explain the situation in which the Netherlands was placed and the diplomacy which the government took during world war. He will focus on introducing diplomats who did brave deeds during wartime, especially casting light on Jan Zwartendijk.

Life

The lives of people which were saved by the visas of life of Chiune Sugihara.

Damon & Naomi, Decision to come to Japan!



11/10 11:00~12:00

Damon Krukowski and Naomi Yang

Among the many of Sugihara Survivors, whose lives were saved by the visas issued by Chiune Sugihara, is Damon Krukowski, who is active globally.

A child of Sugihara Survivors, Damon Krukowski, is coming to Tsuruga!

Date : 11.10(Sun) 11:00 ~ 12:00

Venue: Kirameki Minato Kan in Tsuruga city of Fukui prefecture

Admission : 1500 yen per person

Registration: We will start accepting reservations from 9:00am on November 10th, on a first-come-first-served basis on the website.



Music

Each country’s featured music will warm up the event site.

Enjoy the music creating time and space where the four counties mix together in a slow way.

Finale: Sing and dance with “Tsuruga Totemo Suki-Suki” by Jinta-la-Mvta.

11/10 11:00~ (30min), 13:30~ (30min)

Jinta-la-Mvta

The band is a Chin Dong Orchestra (brightly-dressed musicians) known as no nationality music CICALA-MVTA with Wataru Okuma and Miwazo Kogure as central figures. As original Klezmer in Japan/world music, they give many performances abroad. Pay attention to their talk and you will enjoy it and learn a lot.



11/10 12:30~ (60min)

Salam Unagami Music critic

[Introduction of Tsuruga world music]

Known as a DJ of “Ongaku Yuran Hikou” on NHK-FM, he will introduce world music which is born between traditional cultures and global cultures with the latest movies shot in locally.

11/10 15:00~ (30min)

Japan-Poland dance club “Kuraco”

Polish dance by Kuraco, who are active and received the Grand Prix prize in the Dance Summit contest in Japan. You can also enjoy their beautiful ethnic costumes.



Festival

Introducing each country’s featured festival along with cultural goods such as food and craft products.

A quiz competition will be held on 11/10(Sun).

People who win the lottery will receive luxurious prizes such as a pair of tickets to Poland, etc.

Local companies will be selling original products produced for this festival at the booth.



Poland

Introducing the Bolestawiec pottery festival. Selling a variety of goods and snacks.

This year, Japan and Poland are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. Introducing Poland which is deeply related to Tsuruga.

Let’s get to know Poland*Quiz competition & Talk show*and “paper cutting art workshop”,etc.



the Netherlands

Introducing King’s Day. Selling beer, a variety of products of King’s Day, etc.



Israel

Introducing Hanukkah Festival. Providing the authentic cuisine of Israel by TA-IM, which is a popular Israeli restaurant in Ebisu, Tokyo.



Lithuania

Introducing Kaziukas Festival. Selling Lithuanian wine, food and a variety of other products.

Note: The photos are for illustrative purposes.

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Also being held on the same day in conjunction with our festival is,

“Port of Humanity Tsuruga Symposium”

11/9(Sat) 13:30~ Venue: Kirameki-Minato-Kan, at the Small hall
100th anniversary project of Japan-Poland. Organizer: Tsuruga city

Crystal Bowl Performance at Tsuruga port illumination “Miraie”2019

11/10(Sun) 18:00~(20min) Venue: Kanagasaki-Ryokuchi

“Pray to BE~Dedicate yourself to the natural beauty”

Crystal Sounds Artist Clair will play the crystal bowl which creates the future.



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