### **CCEA**

# Cross Cultural Exchange Association

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#### **Shinto In Everyday Life**

We will start our meeting with an engaging discussion on Shinto traditions and their significant influence on Japanese culture. We'll explore various cultural practices and then create traditional origami known as Shide, the striking zig-zag paper streamers found at shrine entrances. We will then take time to write our wishes on wooden votive tablets called Ema. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this enriching experience together!





**May Meeting Location:** 

## Aichi International Plaza-10:30am

2 Chome-6-1 Sannomaru, Naka Ward, Nagoya, Aichi 460-0001

1st Floor Large Meeting Room

5-minute walk from Nagoyajo Station, Exit 5, (Purple / Meijo Line)

Coming next month...

### **Hula Dance Experience**

Hula is a beautiful Hawaiian dance that brings to life the rhythms of chant (oli) and song (mele). It was created by the Native Hawaiians who first settled in the lovely Hawaiian Islands. Hula is not just about dancing; it's a vibrant expression of culture and history!









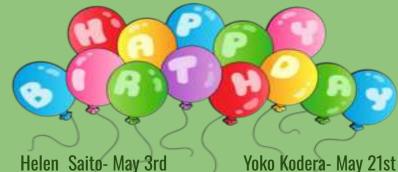
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5	6	7 Day Trip	8	9 CCEA General Meeting	10	11
12 Book Club	13 Restaurant Hunters	14 Language Exchange	15 Yamato-e	16 CCEA Board Meeting	17 Ikebana & Calligraphy	18
19 Pilates Photography	20 Kimekomi	21	22 Day Trip	23 Happy Hour Hunters	24	25
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Golden Week is the unofficial and affectionate name for a period that sees a succession of public holidays in Japan, falling at the end of April and running into May. The holidays are: Shōwa Day (29 April), Constitution Memorial Day (3 May), Greenery Day (4 May), and Children's Day (5 May).



**General Meeting Dates** 

June 6th -Hula Dance Experience
September 5th - Welcome Back!
Reintroduction & Catered Lunch
October 3rd- Understanding Kimono
Dressing & Tea Ceremony
November 7th -Thanksgiving
Discussion
December 5th- Holiday Lunch



Helen Saito- May 3rd Sofie Franzén- May 12th Satomi Kobayashi- May 15th Anglai Jimenez- May 17th Kimberly Trevino- May 18th Yoko Kodera- May 21st Jenny Evans- May 24th Sara Hanson-Lynn- May 24th Takeno Matsuda- May 31st

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Hello,

My name is Manisha Kundu. I am from Pune city in India. I have a PhD in Physics with specialization in semiconductor materials and worked as a scientist at research institutes in Tsukuba city, Japan for almost two decades. Now I am leading a slow life with my Japanese husband and eight cats in Ichinomiya city in the suburbs of Nagoya. I have lived in Japan for about 28 years and appreciate the culture and traditions here.

I have been a member of CCEA for over two years. I am a board member and one of the leaders of the interest group 'Hiking and Day Trips' since January. I enjoy participating in various interest groups activities and love making new friends from different cultures.

Join us if you are in Aichi prefecture and have a wonderful time with CCEA.

Are you ready to launch an impactful new group? Contact us for more details on turning your ideas into action! Email: Nagoyaccea@gmail.com

**Calligraphy & Ikebana** 

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**Marketing Coordinators:** Samantha Brunner

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> Are you interested in becoming a board member? Please contact us for more information!

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