

“Welcome! Day of Exchange with the China Science and Technology Museum” September 25 (Sun.), 2011

On September 25 (Sun.), 2011, the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) (Director: Mamoru Mohri; Address: Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo) will hold “Welcome! Day of Exchange with the China Science and Technology Museum” comprised of events conducted by trainees from the China Science and Technology Museum.

During the approximately one-month period from September 2 to 28, Miraikan is conducting science communication training targeting four trainees that it has accepted from the China Science and Technology Museum in Beijing. In order to present the results of the training, various events will be held in Chinese as part of “Welcome! Day of Exchange with the China Science and Technology Museum.” These include a demonstration using Miraikan’s symbol exhibit Geo-Cosmos to describe the Earth’s environment based on a variety of scientific data, as well as a workshop to explain that building blocks, which have been a popular toy since ancient times in China, are in fact linked to the concepts of geometry and architecture, and that Chinese architectural technology is also linked to Japanese architectural technology.

The China Science and Technology Museum is a national science museum of China that has a mutually cooperative relationship with its Japanese counterpart, Miraikan. This people-to-people exchange plays a role in strengthening the friendly ties and relationship of trust between Japan and China, and Miraikan aims to improve the skills of the staff by sharing the expertise of science communication activities which have been a priority for both museums. As a cooperative relationship with China is essential in dealing with global challenges such as the greenhouse effect, Miraikan also aims to raise mutual awareness of such challenges with science communication training that focuses on themes that require a global outlook.

Miraikan Tour Trainees will explain the permanent exhibitions of Miraikan under four themes.

- Time 10:30-11:45/15:30-16:45
- Venue 3F & 5F Permanent exhibition floors
- Capacity 30 persons *Bookings are to be made at the Science Library on the day of the tour.

Science Mini Talk Trainees will describe the mechanism of robots in an easy-to-understand manner, using AIBO.

- Time 10:45-11:00/12:45-13:00
- Venue 3F Science Library

Workshop Trainees will explain that building blocks used since ancient times in China are linked to the concepts of geometry and architecture.

- Time 11:45-12:15/13:15-13:45/14:45-15:15/15:30-16:00
- Venue 3F Science Library
- Capacity 8 persons *Bookings are to be made at the Science Library on the day of the tour.

Geo-Cosmos Demonstration Trainees will describe the Earth’s environment using the Earth display, Geo-Cosmos, based on a variety of scientific data.

- Time 11:15-11:30/14:15-14:30/16:15-16:30
- Venue 3F In front of Geo-Cosmos

■ Overview ■

- Term: September 25 (Sun.), 2011
- Opening Hours: 10:00 – 17:00 (Please enter at least 30 minutes before closing time.)
- Venue: National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Address: 2-3-6, Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo)
- Closed: Every Tuesday (Open during national holidays and spring, summer, and winter holiday seasons)
- Admission Fees: Adults: 600 yen, 18 years and under: 200 yen
Groups (8 people and over): Adults: 480 yen, 18 years and under: 160 yen
- *Includes charges for permanent exhibitions.
- *Free admission for those in possession of a disabled person’s certificate and up to one accompanying person.
- *The above-mentioned event will be conducted in Chinese. Demonstrations in Japanese will be held as usual.

* Opening days and hours may change due to the electricity supply situation and other reasons. Further information will be provided on the Miraikan website. URL : <http://www.miraikan.jst.go.jp/en/>

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