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## Cultural Exchange at Festa my Utsunomiya 2025!



“Festa my Utsunomiya 2025” is upcoming.

Day/time: May 18 (Sun) 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Venue: Utsunomiya Castle Park

(Utsunomiya Jyoshi Koen)



In addition to the international exchange area, there will also be a children's area, Machipia (local support center for community enhancement) area, car exhibition area, etc. so you can experience various things.

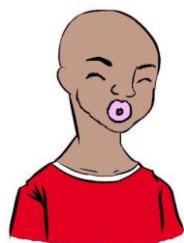
In the international exchange area, you can experience cuisine and culture from various countries.

◆Tent contents

Brazilian snack "pastels," Taiwanese cuisine, vegetarian cuisine, Japanese green tea-making experience, world language activities, etc.

◆Stage contents

Musical instrument performances, hula dancing, etc.



There is also a stamp rally, so try going around the venue and collecting stamps! You can participate in a lottery to win a wonderful prize!

In addition to these things, there is event information on page 3, so invite your friends to go together!



## Payment of Water & Sewage Charges

(Water Charges, Sewage Charges, etc.)

You can apply for automatic withdrawal from your bank account on the Internet.

You can easily apply for automatic withdrawals from your bank account for water and sewage charges on the Internet. Automatic withdrawals from your bank account will reduce your bill by 50 yen per two months, so please consider using this method. In addition, applicants can change their monthly transfer into a monthly payment method by dividing the two-month use into two separate installments, called "maitsuki furikae." "Maitsuki furikae" is 25 yen cheaper per month.

For more information, refer to the Utsunomiya City website or visit the Customer Reception Center.

Utsunomiya City website →



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You can also pay by credit card or electronic payment form.

"Credit card payment" for water and sewage charges and "electronic payment" via electronic notification are now possible. Once you register your credit card for payment, you can continue to pay using that method.

In addition, electronic payment slips are delivered to smartphones, etc. so unlike a paper payment slips, they cannot be damaged or lost. To pay by credit card or electronic payment, you need to register on the "Miyamizu Portal" portal site of the Waterworks Bureau. For more information, refer to the Utsunomiya City website or visit the Customer Reception Center.



↑ Utsunomiya City website credit card payment method info.



↑ Utsunomiya City website electronic payment slip payment method info.



↑ Utsunomiya City website Miyamizu portal info.

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**Please provide notification to start/stop using the water & sewage system up to three days prior**

When you want to start or stop using the water and sewage system, you can do the procedures 24 hours a day from your smartphone or computer on the Internet. If you don't provide notification that you want to stop using it, you will have to pay the basic use fee even if you are no longer using the service.

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## Fun events ♪ ♪

### Utsunomiya Azalea & Flower Fair

- ⌚ May 24 (Sat) – June 1 (Sun) 9:00AM – 5:00PM
- 😊 This is an event where you can enjoy flowers and trees through azaleas, the flower of Utsunomiya City. At the venue, azaleas grown by azalea-lovers from all over the country will be displayed. Enjoy the charm of flowers by purchasing azaleas, observing how they are cared for, participating in a charity auction, etc.♪
- Cost** Free
- @** Michinoeki Utsunomiya Romantic Village (254 Nissato-machihei)
- ☎** Agricultural Production Distribution Division 028-632-2466

### International Exchange Salon ♪

- ⌚ Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 4:00PM – 6:00PM
- ⌚ May 24 (Sat)
- 😊 An opportunity to enjoy interacting with people from various countries.
- Cost** Free
- @** Utsunomiya International Plaza (4-1-1 Baba-dori)
- ☎** 028-616-1563



### 13<sup>th</sup> South Library Children's Festival Come On Baby

- ⌚ May 17 (Sat) 9:30AM - 3:00PM
- 😊 Interactive library events, such as story-telling♪
- Cost** Free
- For** Children age 0 - kindergarten
- @** South Library (*Minami Toshokan*) (56-1 Suzumenomiya-machi)
- ☎** 028-653-7609

### Rediscover Utsunomiya!

- ⌚ June 20 (Fri), July 11 (Fri), August 22 (Fri) 10:00AM - 12:00PM
- 😊 Art talk on Utsunomiya Museum of Art and Frank Lloyd Wright's modern architecture using Oya rock
- Limit** 30 people by lottery
- Sign up** May 7 – 23 in-person, by the Utsunomiya City Website, or by postcard
- Cost** Free (Persons age 18 or older living in or attending school in Utsunomiya)
- @** West Lifelong Learning Center (*Nishi Shougai Gakushu Center*) (17-32 Nishiichinosawa-machi)
- ☎** 028-648-7480

### Animation Film Viewing

- ⌚ May 18 (Sun) ① 10:30AM  
② 2:00PM
- 😊 “Mysterious Candy Shop Zenitendo Gummies”
- Cost** Free
- Limit** First 50 people each time
- Sign up** n/a
- Numbered tickets will be distributed starting 30 minutes prior to the showing
- @** East Library (*Higashi Toshokan*) (3 chome Nakaimaizumi) Audiovisual Library
- ☎** 028-638-5704



## Interview

# Brady of the USA



We asked Brady of the USA about the Statue of Liberty, what he recommends in Brooklyn, what he likes about Japanese culture, how he spends his free time, his job, and what is important about learning a foreign language.

Hey! What's up? Hello. (Casual greeting.) Brady of Brooklyn, USA came to Japan 19 years ago.

### UCIA: What is the meaning of the Statue of Liberty in New York?

**Brady:** Actually, the Statue of Liberty is located in New Jersey. After the end of the American Civil War, in 1876, France presented it with a message of freedom and peace.

### UCIA: What do you recommend in Brooklyn?

**Brady:** You can taste authentic cuisine from almost every country in the world. The Brooklyn Academy of Music is an internationally known multi-art center. You can enjoy various activities such as watching plays and movies, and listening to live music.

### UCIA: What do you like about Japanese culture?

**Brady:** There are many things I like about Japanese culture. What really impressed me when I first visited Japan was the hospitality of the Japanese. My host family was very kind and helpful and I will never forget their hospitality.

### UCIA: How do you spend time with your family on your days off?

**Brady:** We like camping. We enjoy fishing, cooking, and nature. When I camped in Hokkaido, there were deer and foxes. I go cycling with my oldest son, who is a high school student.

### UCIA: What kind of work are you doing?

**Brady:** I am working as an English teacher. I teach at a kindergarten, UCIA, and at my own school. I was very happy when a shy elementary school student learned English, gained confidence, and opened up their heart.

### UCIA: What is important about learning a foreign language?

**Brady:** Language learning is a lifelong process. Challenge yourself without being afraid of making mistakes, learn from that, and enjoy communicating.

**UCIA: Brady, thank you!**

## Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Services

Consultation times have changed.

### General consultation in various languages



※Assistance in other languages is possible using a tablet that can interpret and translate multiple languages.

		Spanish	Portuguese	Vietnamese	Chinese	Thai	English
UIP 028-616-1564	3:00PM – 6:00PM	Mon	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Tues	Wed	Fri	
		4 <sup>th</sup> Sun (by appointment only)					
City Hall 028-632-2834 (Business hours only)	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Thurs	—	—	—	Thurs	
	2:00PM - 5:00PM	Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	—	

## UCIA OFFICIAL LINE

We send out information on fun exchange events and everyday life information. Please register as a "Friend" to use it as an information gathering tool.



"Oh-il" is available in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Thai, and Vietnamese. You can also read it on the Utsunomiya City International Association's (UCIA's) website at <https://www.icia.or.jp>

