

Jiyu Gakuen Gymnastic Festival

on Saturday, 7th October, 2017

to be held on Sunday, 8th in case of rain, which will be announced on the school home page after the decision is made at 7 AM on 7th

Programme

Morning programme from 10:00 (the gate will open at 8:30)

1. Entering March
 2. Gymnastics and Races Preschool
 3. Gymnastics Primary school 1st, 2nd & 3rd year
 4. All-student Gymnastics Boys' Department
 5. Gymnastics with Clubs Girls' Dept., 2nd & 3rd year senior high
 6. Relay Race between School Families Primary school
 7. Gymnastics Boys' Dept., junior high
 8. Maypole Dance Girls' Dept., 1st & 2nd year junior & 1st year senior high
- Gymnastic Exercises for Everyone

Intermission from 12:00

Afternoon programme from 13:15 to 15:00

9. Tumbling Boys' & Girls' Depts. & College team
10. Gymnastics Primary school, 4th, 5th & 6th year
11. Gymnastics College team
12. Pyramids Boys' Department
13. Gymnastics with Cloth ... Girls' Dept., 3rd year junior & 1st year senior high
14. Gymnastics Boys' senior high
15. All-student Gymnastics Girls' Department
16. All-student Gymnastics College
17. Finale

Wind Orchestra Concert from 15:30 at Memorial Auditorium

Guests are requested to come to the reception desk at the main gate. There is no parking space on campus, so please refrain from coming by car. Some bread, cookies, related books and goods are on sale after the morning programme is over. Please leave no litter on campus but take it back home. No pets are allowed on campus but guide

dogs. Alcohol drinking and smoking are not allowed on campus. Taking photographs and video is allowed only to the guardians of Jiyu Gakuen students.

Danish Gymnastics at Jiyu Gakuen

Danish gymnastics are done at Jiyu Gakuen to aid the development of a healthy mind and body. The Festival is an opportunity for all of the students, from little four year old children to twenty-two year old youths, to perform the gymnastics which they study throughout the year. The Gymnastic Festival began as a sports day in 1926. In 1931, a Danish Gymnastic team came to do a performance for our students. In 1933, a Danish woman became a gymnastic teacher at Jiyu Gakuen. And in the following year, two graduates of the school left for Denmark to learn Danish gymnastics for one year and a half and then returned to teach gymnastics. Yoshikazu and Motoko Hani, our founders, found that Danish gymnastics were an appropriate type of physical training that would develop both body and mind. In 1935, the school held the first Gymnastic Festival on the big lawn, and with the exception of the years during World War II and two years when it was cancelled due to rain, the festival has been held annually ever since.

Special Exhibition

In association with the 150th anniversary of establishment of the diplomatic relations between Denmark and Japan, there will be an exhibition by video and pictures on the history of exchange activities between Jiyu Gakuen and Denmark.