

A New Initiative for the Wellness of Children and Communities: A Mental Health Awareness Event with U.S. - Japan Experts

☐ Heartfulness × Hip-Hop Therapy × Expressive Arts Therapy □"M.O.F.U." to Be Held for the First Time in Katsushika, Tokyo

TOKYO, CA, JAPAN, May 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Saturday, June 7, 2025, a mental health awareness event titled"M.O.F.U (Mind Opening Forum for Us) — Aware, Feel, Connect: A Mental Health Workshop That Touches the Heart"will be held at Nanzoin Hall, Narihirasan Nanzoin Temple, located in Katsushika-ku, Tokyo.

<Event Overview>

- Date & Time: Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Doors open at 9:45 AM)
- Venue: Narihirasan Nanzoin, Nanzoin Hall (2-28-25 Higashimizumoto, Katsushika-ku, Tokyo)
- Participants: Students aged 10 and up, their parents/guardians, educators, community supporters, NPO workers, mental health professionals, and students
- Registration URL: https://mhec- event20250607.peatix.com
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<Hosted by>

- Mental Health Environmental Change Project (MHEC) (non-profit organization)
- Heartfulness Association
- Doctor in da House

Co-organized by:

Madoka Project

Event Information:

"Mental health care should be a part of everyday life." This event is designed for children and their supporters — including parents, educators, community supporters, nonprofit organizations, and mental health professionals — to experientially learn about mental health care and wellness (a harmonious state of mind and body).

Featured programs include:

- Heartfulness experience by world-renowned psychologist Dr. Steven Murphy-Shigematsu (Stanford University), who advocates for "Heartfulness"
- Hip-Hop Therapy workshop by Japanese pioneers in the field a psychiatrist and a psychosomatic medicine doctor.
- Expressive Arts Therapy led by an U.S. psychotherapist who is a leader in global <u>community</u> mental health.

Through dialogue and experiential activities, participants will be invited to explore and connect with their inner selves.

Why This Matters:

In Japan, mental health stigma and difficulty accessing support remain serious challenges especially for children. Many children have limited opportunities to express emotions or seek help in a safe environment. Delayed emotional care in childhood can lead to increased psychological distress later in life.

This event aims to break down barriers between education, healthcare, psychology, and community and to become a new step forward in nurturing the mental well-being of children and their supporters together with the community.

Main Sessions & Speakers:

- Wellness Dialogue (All participants)
- Heartfulness Session: Facilitator-Dr. Steven Murphy-Shigematsu (Psychologist, Stanford) University)
- Hip-Hop Therapy Session: Facilitator Dr. Makidashi (Japan-Psychiatrist), Wu Docc (Japan-Psychosomatic Physician)



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- Expressive Arts Therapy Session: Facilitator-Manami Yamamoto, LMFT (U.S.- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist), Yoshie Kubota EXA Facilitator)
- Group Reflection & Q&A Session

Host Organizations:

- Heartfulness Association: Led by Dr. Steven Murphy-Shigematsu, it promotes mental harmony and health for the Japanese public.
- Doctor in da House: A team consisting of psychiatrists, psychosomatic doctors, and artists, introducing Hip-Hop Therapy in Japan.
- Mental Health Environmental Change Project (MHEC): A collaborative platform of mental health professionals and community leaders from Japan and the U.S., focused on building community-rooted mental health support systems.

Co-organizer:

• Madoka Project: An initiative to understand and respect various human connections and bring them into everyday life.

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