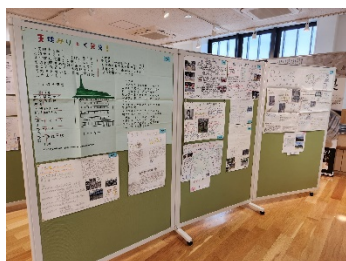


2024 Time Travel City Projects and Activities

It's been three years since we started our efforts to promote our city's official English catch-copy and slogan, "Time Travel City" and "Be a Time Traveler." among our citizens. In 2024, we focused on increasing participation in the project, deepening the content of our activities, and establishing a framework to ensure the project's sustainability.

Elective Summer Vacation Project "Tenri ☆ Beauty Discovery! ~Be a Time Traveler.~"



Now in its third year, this initiative saw local elementary and junior high school students voluntarily choosing their own "Time Travel" themes. As their elective summer vacation independent study project, titled "Tenri ☆ Beauty Discovery! ~Be a Time Traveler.~", they researched and compiled their findings into creative works.

The university student members of the Time Travel City Circle worked with the supervisor from the Board of Education to visit local elementary and junior high schools, encouraging the students to engage with the independent study project in a fun and proactive manner. They even utilized videos they had created beforehand to inspire the younger students.

In early November, the 98 submitted works were displayed at the Nara Prefecture Historical and Artistic Culture Complex. Visitors were invited to vote for the pieces they felt were "did a good job" and also to write encouraging messages on the ballot papers.

Through the voting process, six works that received the most votes were selected for the "Good Time Traveler Award", while three works chosen by university students and one work chosen by an artist from the Artist in Residence at the Nara Prefecture Historical and Artistic Culture Complex (called Bunkamura AIR) were selected for the "Nice Time Traveler Award".

In February 2025, an awards ceremony was held with the participation of parents and many other stakeholders, celebrating the efforts of the elementary and junior high school students in a warm atmosphere. At the ceremony, the encouraging messages written on the ballot papers were shared with the students. Furthermore, members of the Board of Education, university students, and the artist provided their comments, and commemorative medals created by the university students were also presented.

Time Travel Walk Event



In October, following the success of the previous year, we held the second “Time Travel Walk” event for elementary school students and their families.

Starting at the Nara Prefecture Historical and Artistic Culture Complex, participants toured historical and well-known spots in the area with explanations provided by volunteer guides.

At the lunch venue, everyone enjoyed the “Tenri Charm Discovery Game” organized by the university student members of the Time Travel City Circle, along with outdoor activities and a “mochi pounding and sharing” experience offered by members of the local Furusato Undo Committee, an organization preserving and sharing local traditions.

An Bunkamura AIR artist also joined, making it a fun and engaging day for a wide range of generations, from children to adults, fostering deeper connections among them.

With Bunkamura AIR



In October, the local elementary and junior high school students and their families who created works for “Tenri ☆ Beauty Discovery! ~Be a Time Traveler.~”

participated in a workshop with Yuiga Ohtsuki, an Bunkamura AIR artist. They shared their thoughts and feelings about creating their artwork and deepened their interaction through a photography workshop. This exchange led to the joint discovery of new charms of Tenri.

Instagram



Of course, we are continuing to share some of the beauty of Time Travel City through our Instagram @timetravelcity_tenri.

The activities of the Tenri University-based Tenri charm promotion circle “Time Travel City”



The circle, which was established last year, has expanded its activities even further this year with the addition of new international students to its membership. It played a crucial role in the “Time Travel Project” activities, such as the summer vacation independent study project for elementary and junior high school students, “Tenri ☆ Beauty Discovery! ~Be a Time Traveler.~”, the “Time Travel Walk Event,” and “With Bunkamura AIR,” actively collaborating with the local government. In the autumn, they set up a “Time Travel City” PR booth at the Tenri University Festival to inform visitors about their initiatives and encourage participation. Of course, they continue to share the charm of Tenri on their student circle’s Instagram account, @time_travel_citystudent.

2022 Time Travel City Activities

2023 Time Travel City Activities

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