

2025 Time Travel City Projects and Activities

It has been four years since we began our efforts to spread our city's official English catch-copy and slogan, "Time Travel City" and "Be a Time Traveler." among our citizens with the participation of many people. In 2025, we looked back on the past three years and worked to create a system that would lead to further expansion in the region in order to further evolve the city.

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



This initiative is now in its fourth year. Local elementary and junior high school students took on the summer vacation independent study project "Tenri ☆ Beauty Discovery! ~Be a Time Traveler. ~", in which they independently chose their own "Time Travel" theme, researched it, visited the site, and compiled their findings into a piece of art.

To encourage students to enjoy and actively participate in the independent study project, the university student members of the Time Travel City Circle visited each school with the supervisor from the Board of Education, utilizing videos they had created in advance.

In early October, the 46 artworks collected were exhibited at the Nara Prefecture Historical and Artistic Culture Complex. Visitors voted for the works they felt were "did a good job" and also wrote messages of encouragement on their ballots.

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".

An awards ceremony was held in February 2026, attended by parents and many other stakeholders, to praise the efforts of the elementary and junior high school students in a warm, supportive atmosphere. At the ceremony, the encouraging messages written on the ballot papers were conveyed, and members of the Board of Education, university students, and the artist shared their thoughts. The award recipients were also presented with commemorative medals created by the university students.

Time Travel Walk Event



In October, the third “Time Travel Walk” event was held for elementary school students and their families. 46 participants split into two groups and started at the Nara Prefecture Historical and Artistic Culture Complex, touring the area’s historical and well-known sites. Along the way, they collected stickers and enjoyed games by Boy Scouts.

At the lunch venue, students enjoyed games and outdoor activities hosted by the university student members of the Time Travel City Circle and Boy Scouts.

An Artist from Bunkamura AIR also participated, and people of all ages, from children to adults, enjoyed a fun day and deepened their connections. The event was also filmed using a drone.

With Bunkamura AIR



In November, children who applied and their families participated in a workshop to create photographs using sunlight from fallen leaves and natural shapes, and deepened their connection with Manami Hayasaki, an artist from Bunkamura AIR. Through this interaction, they discovered new charms of Tenri together.

With Community Center Activities



The award-winning works from the summer vacation independent study project “Tenri ☆ Beauty Discovery! ~Be a Time Traveler.~” were also exhibited at three local community centers, providing an opportunity for many local residents to see them. This project promotes new initiatives connect schools with the community, and children with the local community.

Instagram



Of course, we are continuing to share some of the beauty of Time Travel City through our Instagram [@timetravelcity_tenri](https://www.instagram.com/timetravelcity_tenri).

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



“Time Travel City” circle within Tenri University that promotes the charms of Tenri, played an important role in each of the Time Travel project’s initiatives, and worked actively together with the local government. In the autumn, they set up a PR booth for “Time Travel City” at the Tenri University Festival, where they

explained the project to visitors and encouraged them to get involved. Of course, they share the charms of Tenri on their student circle's Instagram account, @time_travel_citystudent.

2022 Time Travel City Activities

2023 Time Travel City Activities

2024 Time Travel City Activities

About Our Project