

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn1,179

Number of telescopes: 2 telescopes

Number of organisers: 6

Number of attendees: 400

Event photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44719215@N02/4112180169/>
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/44719215@N02/4112179625/>

Event Report:

We planned this event as a sidewalk star party at JR Matsue Station Plaza. Front of Matsue Terra at north exit of JR Matsue Station is one of the busiest place in Matsue City. This star party was the third one held at this place.

We placed two telescopes at around 18:00, and until around 20:00 we showed the Moon and Jupiter to 300-400 people for two hours. We held star parties on weekdays so far, and this time we held on Saturday. Both attendees and organisers enjoyed stars in placid mood. Especially, we were impressed by women's high level of interest.

In the busy place of Saturday evening, we heard sound of guitar, harp, and tambourine from street live near the place.

We felt that sidewalk star parties is a new style of enjoying stars in Matsue, in addition to "Astronomy Class" in Matsue City Astronomical Observatory and star parties in various locations.