



# Plaza News

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## Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

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## Announcements from the Plaza

Please direct all enquiries regarding plaza announcements to the Miyazaki International Foundation



### ◎ Announcement of Plaza Closure

The Miyazaki International Plaza would be closed on the 21<sup>st</sup> February (Wed) following the closure of Carino Miyazaki on that day.

### ◎ Miyazaki Art Festival 2007!

#### ○ "Miyazaki – Looking in From the Outside" Art Exhibition ※Free Admission

Art pieces depicting foreign residents' impressions of Miyazaki will be displayed at the much-awaited Miyazaki Art Festival. Works of art include photographs, calligraphy, paintings and crafts. Please come down and have a look!

Exhibition period: 22 Feb (Thur) to 28 Feb (Wed) 10:00am to 8:00pm

Location: Carino Miyazaki 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gaga-8 Free Space

#### ○ International Exchange Event

~24 Feb (Sat)~



"Miyazaki Collage" by Lisette Kaleveld, 2006

11:00am to 3:00pm	Experience Japanese Culture Sessions 1. Sado (Tea Ceremony) 2. Kimono-wearing **Payment required. 200 yen per event
10:00am to 3:00pm	Blood pressure and body-fat measurement for foreigners, Health Consultation **Free of charge
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Meet the Artists **Artists who submitted works of art would be present to explain their work. Please do come by! Prize presentation for outstanding works of art
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Performances by Foreigners
* *	Mini-play by JET Youths "More, more Momo!" • 1 <sup>st</sup> Show: 3:00pm to 3:45pm • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Show: 5:00pm to 5:45pm
Full-day Event	JET Youth-Managed Country Booths

~25 Feb (Sun)~

★Event requires pre-registration

10:00am to 3:00pm	Blood pressure and body-fat measurement for foreigners, Health Consultation **Free of charge
11:00am to 1:00pm	★Life and legal consultation for foreigners **Interpreters available
* *	Mini-play by JET Youths "More, more Momo!" 3 <sup>rd</sup> Show: 11:00am to 11:45am
11:00am to 3:00pm	Free Chinese tea supplied by the Miyazaki Prefecture China-Japan Friendship Association
1:00pm to 1:45pm	★International Chat Session (English/Mandarin/Korean)
2:00pm to 3:00pm	★Kotowaza (Idioms) Karuta Game for Foreigners **Prizes would be awarded to the top players. Get your friends to come along!
Full-day Event	JET Youth-Managed Country Booths

※ Please note that above times are subjected to changes.

### ◎ Life and Legal Consultation Session for Foreigners ※Free of charge ※Pre-registration required

Are you troubled by issues regarding living in Japan, legal problems or status of residence (visa)? Lawyers, administrative scriveners and life consultation experts are here to answer your questions. You may also request for assistance from volunteer interpreters.

Date/Time: 25 Feb (Sun) 11:00am to 1:00pm ※Each person is limited to 30 minutes of consultation time

Location: Carino Miyazaki 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Miyazaki International Foundation

How to Apply: Please apply by phone. When applying, please indicate if you need a volunteer interpreter.

Deadline: 20 Feb (Tue)

### ◎ Health Consultation for Foreigners ※Free of charge ※No registration required

Blood pressure and body fat measurement for you! Or if you need a simple health consultation nurses are here to answer your questions. Please do make use of this chance!

Date/Time: 24 Feb (Sat), 25 Feb (Sun) 10:00am to 3:00pm

Location: Carino Miyazaki 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

© World Box

The Miyazaki International Foundation has "World Boxes" which include maps, musical instruments, CDs, costumes etc from 13 countries and 3 different regions. Please feel free to make use of them for your International Understanding classes, seminars and events. ✕ Content of boxes might differ according to countries.

Countries: Republic of Korea, Social Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, England, Kingdom of Sweden, Republic of Hungary, Republic of Poland, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Czechoslovakia, Republic of Slovakia, Singapore

Regions: Africa, Central South America, South America

Other Announcements

Miyazaki City International Exchange Festival – "Explore the World!"

Date/Time: 11 February (Sun) 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Citizens' Plaza (Shimin Plaza) 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery

Programme: ✕Please call us for further enquires regarding programme contents



10:00am to 11:00am	Let's have fun with CIRs (for lower grades) ✕Registration required. CIRs: Peter Fuhl (Germany)/Chin Meelai (Malaysia)/ Myung Ji-seon (South Korea)
11:00am to 12:00pm	Let's learn the languages of the world! (Chinese/Korean/Indonesian/Columbian etc)
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Cultural Experience National Costumes Corner, Instruments Corner (Indonesia, Ghana etc) Face-painting (World flags), Taijiquan (Tai-chi) display
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Games of the World (Philippines, China)
2:00pm to 4:00pm	Around the World with "Quizzes and Music"! (Indonesia, Hawaii, China, Thailand, Columbia)

Application/Enquires: Miyazaki City International Association Tel:0985-21-1719/0985-21-1714 Fax:0985-22-0200

Email:miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Peruvian Cuisine Challenge!

Would you like to challenge yourself to try making the extremely popular Peruvian dish – "Seco c/Frejoles?" Simply put, it is a bean dish cooked with beef and herbs. We await your participation! ✕ The session will be conducted in Japanese.

Location: Takaoka Town Bokuenkan Cooking Room

Things to bring: Apron, triangular napkin Cost: Adults – 500 yen/Children – 250 yen

Participants: 20 ✕Application closes 10 February ✕First-come-first-served basis

Application/Enquiries: Takaoka Bokuen International Exchange Association Tel: 0985-82-1821 (Iwakiri residence)



Learn a new dish and amaze your friends!

Events in February

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Other info
Mythological Takachiho Nation-Founding Festival	10 Feb (festival eve) (Sat)	7:00pm onwards	JA Takachiho Area/Yume-yume Plaza	On the festival eve (10 Feb), Kaugura and Mr/Miss Kami-sama contest would be held. During the festival (11 Feb) there would be dance performances, tug-of-war, and also a parade related to myths and legends (11:00am to 12:30pm)
	11 Feb (Sun)	10:00am to 4:00pm	Takachiho Town/ Town Centre	
Tano Town Health & Welfare Festival	18 Feb (Sun)	10:00am to 3:00pm	Miyazaki City Tano Culture Hall ( <i>Bunka kaikan</i> )	
Eastern Female Orchestra "C-gal" (Tōhō Joshi Gakubō) First Concert	24 Feb (Sat)	7:00pm	Miyazaki Citizens Culture Hall ( <i>Shimin Bunka Hall</i> )	<u>Admission charges:</u> A seats 5,000yen; B seats 4,500 yen; C seats 4,000yen Indulge in contemporary music from China using Chinese musical instruments such as <i>erhu</i> (two-stringed fiddle), Chinese lute, flute, zither and <i>yangqin</i> (hammered dulcimer). <u>Enquiries:</u> MIN-ON Miyazaki Tel: 0985-27-8941
Edo-period Hyuga State Exhibition	3 Feb (Sat) to 18 Mar (Sun)	9:00am to 5:00pm	Miyazaki City/Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature & History	Tel:0985-24-2071
Aya Hinayama Festival	24 Feb (Sat) to 4 Mar (Sun)	9:00am to 5:00pm	Aya Town/Central Street ( <i>Chuō Dōri</i> ) around shopping street ( <i>Shōten-gai</i> )	This is a valued traditional culture in all of Japan which has its roots in the Edo period.

The Lion's Walkway Neo Su Yu

Hope all of you had a wonderful New Year. It was difficult trying to settle into the office after the holidays. While my Japanese co-workers were already putting in 120% effort (or so it seems) 40% of me was still drifting in the forests of Aya and along the Aoshima beach. My supervisor took me to the Aoshima Beach to watch the Hadakamairi Festival (8 Jan). It was cold, but fun. And it was even more interesting to see some fellow JETs in their fundoshi dashing into the cold water. Why not give it a try next year? You might be able to catch me shaking on the sands in a juban then. \*\*giggles\*\*