



Plaza News

June 2007



Miyazaki

Prefecture International Plaza

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Announcements from the Plaza

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



◎ International Plaza Closure Announcement

Please note that the International Plaza will be closed on 20 June (Wed) following the closure of Carino Miyazaki.

◎ Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents (Beginners) in Nobeoka

Japanese Language Course for beginners are finally coming to Nobeoka! If you live in the city itself or nearby, please make use of this opportunity!



Period: 2 July (Mon) to 1 November (Thur) 30 sessions in total Every Monday & Thursday (※except for public holidays, no lessons on 13 and 16 Aug)

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm Target: Beginners in Japanese

Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre (Nobeoka-shi Shakai Kyōiku Centre)

Costs: Textbook fee ¥2,835

Participant Limit: 15

How to apply: Fill in the designated application form and

send in by post or fax

Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

※Miyakonojo City is accepting applications for open Japanese Language Courses held on every Mon and Wed from 28 May (Mon). For more information, please contact the Miyazaki International Foundation or the Miyakonojo International Association

◎ Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents (※Free ※No prior registration needed)

Japanese volunteers are holding Japanese practice sessions. Join us!

Date: Every Tuesday/Friday 10:30 to 11:30am Location: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8

◎ Looking For Volunteers!

(1) International Chat Volunteers

We are looking for people who can help out when "International Chat" sessions in English/Mandarin/Korean are being held.

(2) International Understanding Talk Speakers

Interested in introducing your country's culture and customs to the residents of Miyazaki? Then this is for you! Talks will be an hour long.

For more details, please enquire at the Miyazaki International Foundation.

◎ Looking for Supporting Members

In order to better promote our purpose and encourage as many people as possible to participate in our activities, we are seeking generous assistance from supporting members.

Membership fees (annual):

Individual member- 2,000 yen per person/Organization - 10,000 yen per group

Members' privileges:

- Receiving the "Plaza News" (monthly) and "Southwind" (3 times a year)
 - ◇ "Plaza News": A newsletter packed with information regarding various seminars held by the Foundation and international exchange events to be held in the prefecture.
 - ◇ "South Wind": A journal published by the Foundation with information and topics regarding international exchange and international cooperation
- Advanced notification of language courses and events organized by the Foundation (enjoy free participation, special rates or be given special priority)
- Receiving publications by the Plaza
- Usage of multi-regional video appliances (free-of-charge for members)



Other Announcements

Learn about Malaysia Session 1 "Let's make Spicy Food!"

Would you like to learn how to make the popular Malaysian dish "Nasi Lemak"? Here's your chance!

※Please bring your own apron and food containers.

Date: 1 June (Fri) Venue: Tano Health Management Centre (Tano Kenkō Kanri Centre) Cooking room

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm Participant Limit: 20 ※First-come-first served

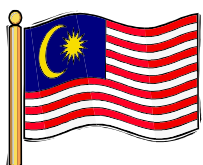
Participation fee: 500 yen (public), free for Miyazaki City International Association members & participants below high school.

To Apply: Send in the designated application form to the address below by mail, fax or email.

Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki City International Association

〒880-8505 Miyazaki City Hall Planning & Publicity Section

1-1-1 Tachibana Dōri Nishi, Miyazaki City Tel: 0985-21-1719, Fax: 0985-22-0200





Learn about Germany Session “Learning about German culture from Peter” ✂Free to participate

Would you like to deepen your knowledge of German culture, customs and social structure, and also pick up some simple German conversation? Take part in this session then!

✂ The session will be held in 3 different venues.

Date/Venue:

21 June (Thur) Sadowara General Cultural Centre (*Sadowara Sogo Bunka Centre*) 7:00pm~8:30pm

28 June (Thur) Takaoka Area Agricultural Community Environmental Centre
(*Takaoka Chiku Noson Kankyo Centre*) 7:00pm~8:30pm

5 July (Thur) Tano Cultural Hall (*Tano Bunka Kaikan*) 7:00pm~8:30pm

Speaker: Miyazaki City Coordinator of International Relations Dr. Peter Fuhl (from Germany)

Participant Limit: 20

To Apply: Send in an application form, postcard, fax or email with your contact details (postal code, address, name and contact number) to the address below.

✂Application ends once the participant limit is reached. 1 postcard may be used for multiple applicants.

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The 13th Miyazaki Film Festival 2007

At the 13th Miyazaki Film Festival 2007, you can expect award-winning works such as “The Wind that Shakes the Barley”, winner of the Palm d’Or at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival directed by Ken Loach, and also “*Tobo Kusotawake*”, “*Kayo kyoku da yo, jinsei wa*” which were shot in Miyazaki, together with other Iranian, American, French and German movies and talk shows will also be held.

Director Kurosawa Kiyoshi will also be holding two film seminars as well.

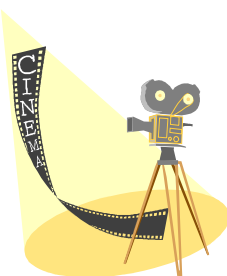
Schedule: 9 June (Sat) ~ 15 June (Fri) Miyazaki Kinema-kan
16 June (Sat) Miyazaki Citizens’ Plaza (*Miyazaki Shimin Plaza*) Albright Hall

Tickets: General (Junior High School & above) 1,000yen (at-the-door: 1,300yen)/
Children (Above 3 years of age and below Elementary School) 500yen/
Free Ticket (limited quantity) 3,000yen

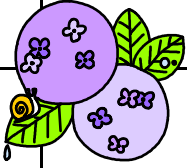
Participant Limit: 100 per movie at Miyazaki Kinema-kan/ 500 per movie at Albright Hall

Ticket sales: Miyazaki Kinema-kan, Miyazaki Yamakataya, Bon Belta Tachibana, Lawson Ticket (L-code: 85090) etc

Enquiries: Miyazaki Film Festival Executive Committee (Inside “Specified Nonprofit Corporation”)



Events in June

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Other info
The 16 th Takasaki Town Doronko Volleyball Festival	3 June (Sun)	8:00am~	Miyakonojo City Takasaki Town Omuta Shitamachi-dorisen Seibukan adjacent “Tanbo”	Enquiries: Organizing office 0986-62-4448
The 21 st Hyuga Kobiki-uta National Competition	Preliminary round: 9 June (Sat) Final round: 10 June(Sun)	9:00am to 5:00pm	Preliminary round: Hyuga City/Hyuga City Central Citizens’ Hall (<i>Chuo Kominkan</i>) Preliminary/Final round: Hyuga City Cultural Exchange Centre (<i>Bunka Koryu Centre</i>)	Entry is free-of-charge. Enquiries: Competition Organizing Office 0982-53-5086
Yamanokuchi Fumoto Bunyabushi Ningyo Joruri Regular Performance	17 Jun (Sun)	2:00pm~	Miyakonojo City Yamanokuchi town Ningyo-no-yakata	Entrance fees: Adults – 710yen, High Sch students – 510 yen, Junior High Sch & Elementary Sch – 310yen (group discounts available). Enquiries: Ningyo Joruri Information Hall 0985-57-5295
Ajisai (Hydrangea) Road	Mid ~End June		Misato town Kitago-ku Shiino Area	Enquiries: Misato Town Kitago Branch office Regional Affairs Division (<i>Misato-cho Kitago Shisho Chiiki Seisaku-ka</i>) 0982-62-6201

The Lion’s Walkway ✂ Neo Su Yu

Food...glorious Singaporean food!

Last month my niece was born, and so I traveled back to visit her. I missed the Hainanese chicken rice like mad, so I had lots of chicken rice. I also had other great food like goat meat soup and braised pork innards (this might be a big turn-off for my vegetarian and non-Chinese friends). My karate sensei also had seafood at Singapore and Malaysia and he absolutely loved them. One week was too short to re-taste all my favourite food like cereal prawns, *bak kut teh*, chilli crab, *satay* and *roti prata*. Singaporean food is cheap, delicious and clean, so one can eat at ease. But if I continue to eat like this, all those months of karate would go down the drain in a matter of days. *Zannen desu*.