



Plaza News

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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 Understanding Talk : Feel the World Around You ~First session: Ghana~

※Participation is free!

If you would like to understand the culture and customs of the Republic of Ghana, we welcome you to this International Understanding Talk on Ghana. There will be other fun-filled events so do join us! ※The Talk will be held in Japanese.

Date: 14 July (Sat) 14:00~15:30
Speaker: Ms. Delphine Azumah
Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8 Multi-purpose Room A
Participant limit: 30 (Prior registration required; first-come first-served basis)
To apply: Call, fax or email us to tell us your name and telephone number.
Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



◎ Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents (Beginners)

Can't speak Japanese, or frustrated with lack of practice? Fret no more! We are holding a Japanese language course for foreign residents, so please do not miss this opportunity!



Period: 11 Sept (Tue) to 7 Dec (Fri) 25 sessions in total Every Tuesday & Friday
※No lessons on 23 Nov (Fri/Public Holiday)
Time: 10:10 am to 12:00 pm
Target: Beginners & those who wish to build a solid foundation in reading & writing
Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Inside Gaga-8
Cost: Textbook fee ¥2,835
Participant Limit: 15
How to apply: Fill in the designated application form and send in by post or fax

Application deadline: 31 Aug (Fri)

Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

◎ Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents (※Participation is 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 Miyazaki International Plaza
Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

◎ 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.

Other Announcements

Learn about Malaysia Session 2 "Let's Speak Malay" ※Participation is Free

Ever wondered what the Malay language sounds like? The Malaysian Coordinator of International Relations, Ms. Chin Mee-lai will be holding a Malay Language seminar.

※The seminar is divided into two sessions and will be held in Japanese.

Date: 3 Jul (Tue)/10 Jul (Tue)
Venue: Miyazaki Citizens' Plaza (Miyazaki-shi Shimin Plaza) Level 4 Conference Room
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Participant Limit: 20
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
Tel: 0985-21-1719, Fax: 0985-22-0200
Email: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



**Erekoccha Miyazaki Festival! Citizens' Group Dancing & Exchange Party**

Would you like to take part in the Combined Citizens' dancing parade to the tune of Miyazaki's very own folk songs? It's a great opportunity to experience Miyazaki's Summer!

Date: 28 Jul (Sat)

<Group Dancing>

Assembly venue: Miyazaki Citizens' Plaza, in front of the fountain

Assembly time: 4:50pm

※ You are free to wear anything you like, comfortable clothing is recommended. Please bring your own towels.

※ Uchiwa (fans) and happi coats will be lent out to participants who need to borrow them.

There will be a simple dance practice during the assembly time.

<Exchange Party>

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Venue: Koto-koto-ya

Participant limit: 100

Participation fee: Free for foreigners, 500 yen for Japanese

To apply: Fill in the designated application form and send in by mail, fax or email

Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki City International Association

〒880-8505 Miyazaki City Hall Planning & Publicity Section

**Sports Festival Organized by the Miyazaki University Foreign Students' Association (MUFSA)**

Would you like to enjoy games such as volleyball, futsal and badminton and exchange with the foreign students of Miyazaki University? Please bring your own bento (lunch boxes) and indoor sports shoes.

Date: 7 July (Sat) 10:00am ~ 5:00pm

Participant limit: approximately 40

Venue: Miyazaki University Kibana Campus Sports Hall

Participation fee: 200 yen (Free for Miyazaki University students) ※ Prior registration not required

Enquiries: Miyazaki University of Foreign Students' Association (MUSFA)

Mr. Hugo Kuratomi Tel: 080-6416-1475

**Events in July**

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Other info
Ondasai Matsuri	Pre-festival: 30 Jun (Sat)		Misato Town Saigo-ku Ondasai-no-Sato Fureai Hiroba	Enquiries: Misato Town Office Saigo Branch Office Regional Affairs Division Tel: 0982-66-3609
	1 Jul (Sun)			
17th Osuzu taki Tour	15 Jul (Sun)	9:00am ~ 3:00pm	Tsuno Town Osuzu Shirataki Course	Participation fee: 500 yen/person Enquiries: Tsuno Town Kanko Kyo- kai Tel: 0983-25-5712
Miyazaki Port Festival	16 Jul (Mon/ Pub. Holiday)	11:00am ~ 6:00pm	Miyazaki City Miyazaki Port	Enquiries: Miyazaki Port Festival Executive Committee Tel: 0985-21-1791

**Fireworks Festivals (Hanabi-taikai) in July**

Date	Event	Scale	Time	Venue
8/9 Jul (Sun/ Mon)	Miyakonojo Rokugatsu tou (Light of June) "Okage Festi- val" (Fireworks display on the 9th)	Approx 400~500 shots	7:00pm~	8th: Along the Central Business Street 9th: Station front to Kanbashira Shrine Premises
14 Jul (Sat)	Kyomachi Onsen Summer Fire- works Festival (Hanabi-taikai)	Approx 7000 shots	6:00pm ~	Ebino City Kyomachi Hot Spring Sen- daigawa Riverbed
21/22 Jul (Sat/ Sun)	Aoshima Summer Festival	100 shots per day	10:00am ~ 9:30pm	Miyazaki City Aoshima Beach/ Kokumin-shukusha Atochi Park
28 Jul (Sat)	Aburatsu Port Fireworks Festival	Approx 6000 shots	8:00pm ~ 9:00pm	Nichinan City Aburatsu Port (will be postponed to Sun if it rains)

**The Lion's Walkway *****Neo Su Yu**

Last month I went to Shiiba Village for a school visit. It was a long way from Miyazaki—a 50-min train ride to Hyuga, followed by a 200-min bus ride to Shiiba, but the experience was great. I stayed at a *minshuku* called Ryūjinkan, was served a whole table of food fit for a king, and the owner, Mrs. Shiiba was very kind to me. In contrast to the blaring engines of motorcycle gangs in the city, I was able to sleep to the lullaby of summer insects, wake up and see the morning dew on pine trees, listen to the greetings of birds. Phew. For a weekend escape, I'd think Shiiba is definitely the place to go.

Also, this is the month of great fireworks displays! Put on your yukata, slip into your geta, go out and celebrate Miyazaki's summer! Don't be lazy because the weather is hot and humid! Haha. Till next time. À bientôt!

Shiiba Village 椎葉村、Hanabi-taikais