



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



Miyazaki Art Festival 2008 "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" Art Exhibition Now Accepting Artworks!

※Exhibition tentative dates: from 30 Jan (Wed) – 9 Feb (Sat) 2008

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be holding the "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" Art Exhibition in early 2008. If you would like to share with others your impression of Miyazaki using your creativity and talent, please send us your artwork!

Theme: 《Impressions of Miyazaki and things related to Miyazaki》

(the organizers reserve the right not to exhibit artworks that are considered inappropriate)

Requirements: In principle, foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

Forms of artwork: Photographs, pictures, sketches, poems etc.

Size limitation: Approximately 50cmX50cm

To submit: Send us your work by post (postage paid) or bring it down to the Miyazaki International Plaza. Artwork must bear the name, contacts and nationality of the artist, together with the title and a brief explanation of the artwork.

Deadline: 22 December 2007 (Sat)

Return of artwork: Please pick up your work(s) from the Miyazaki International Plaza by the end of April 2008, or we can send your work(s) to you with postage due on delivery.

◎ Volunteer Recruitment for the Miyazaki International Plaza

If you are aged 18 and above and would like to help the International Plaza with simple administrative stuff as a counter volunteer, here's your chance! Please fill in and submit the application form available at the International Plaza and send it to us by 31 August (Fri).

Volunteer period: 2 October 2007 (Fri) to 29 March 2008 (Sat)

Volunteer time: 1) 10:00am ~ 1:00pm 2) 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm 3) 4:00pm ~ 7:00pm
Once per week from Tuesday to Saturday

Volunteer content: ○ Providing general information ○ Attending to visitors ○ Tidying up library books & reference materials ○ Computer processing ○ Processing and dispatching used stamps and prepaid cards
○ Handling borrowing/returning of books and videos

Other information: There will be no reimbursement for transport and volunteer service. However, parking fees and volunteer insurance will be borne by the Miyazaki International Foundation.

Application deadline: 31 August (Fri)



◎ International Understanding Talk –Feel the World Around You ~1st Session: On the Republic of Ghana~ and ~2nd Session: On the Republic of Colombia~ ※Free-of-charge

Due to the typhoon, the first international understanding talk on the Republic of Ghana was cancelled.

However, to make up for it, we present to you two talks at one go! If you would like to know about the customs and culture of the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of Colombia, experience fun games from Ghana and know about the famous Colombian Salsa dance, we welcome you to this talk.



Date: 8 September (Sat) Time: Ghana—13:30~14:45/Colombia: 15:00~16:15
Speakers: Miyazaki University Overseas Students, Ms. Delphine Azuma (Republic of Ghana)

and Mr. Hugo Kuratomi (Republic of Columbia)

Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8 Multi-purpose Room A

Participant limit: 30 (pre-registration required; application ends once participant limit is reached)

To apply: Tell us your name and telephone number by phone, fax or email

(When applying, please let us know what you would like to hear regarding the two countries in the talk)



◎ International Chat in Chinese

Would you like to chat with Chinese residents in Chinese, or learn about Chinese culture? Here's your opportunity. Proficiency in Chinese is not a requirement. So, worry not and join us!

Period: 24 July (Tue) ~ 21 Aug (Tue) ※Every Tuesday (5 sessions in total)

Time: 1:30pm ~ 2:30pm

Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Miyazaki International Plaza

To apply: Let us know your name, contact number by phone, email or fax



◎ Japanese Language Course for Foreigners! (For beginners) ~Second phase~

We are holding a Japanese language course for foreign residents in Miyazaki prefecture. If you have the urge to learn or would like to practice speaking Japanese, we welcome you to sign up for the course.

Period: 11 Sep (Tue) ~ 7 Dec (Fri) 25 sessions in total Every Tue/Fri ✕No lessons on 23 Nov (Fri/Pub holiday)
Time: 10:10am ~ 12:00pm **Venue:** Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8
Target: Beginners and those who want to learn basic reading and writing in Japanese
Fees: Textbook fee 2,835 yen **Enrolment limit:** 15
To apply: Fill in the designated application form available at the International Plaza and send in by mail/fax
Deadline: 31 Aug (Fri)



◎ 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

◎ 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.

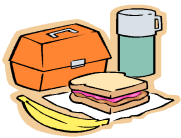


(2) International Understanding Talk Speakers

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



Lunch & Simple English Conversation in Nobeoka

Would you like to have lunch and practice *eikaiwa* with Nobeoka CIR Me! Please bring your own lunch (*bento*).

Date: 23 Aug (Thu) 11:30am ~ 1:00pm
Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre 3rd Training Room
Enquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006




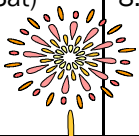

Fun Cooking Class! ✕First-come-first-served

Have fun cooking and interacting at the same time! Please bring your own apron, triangular cloth, kitchen cloth, and containers for the class.

Date: 30Aug (Thu) 10:00am ~ 1:00pm
Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre Cooking Room
Participant limit: 25 (First-come first-served) **Cost:** 800 yen (for ingredients)
Enquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006



Events in August

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Additional Info
Hyuga City Hyottoko Summer Festival 	Pre-festival celebration: 3 Aug (Fri)	6:00pm~	Hyuga City/Space in front of the City Office & Central Hyuga	Enquiries: Hyuga Hyottoko Summer Festival Executive Committee Tel: 0982-52-2111
	Main event: 4 Aug (Sat)	12:00pm~		
35 th Yamabiko Summer Fireworks Festival	4 Aug (Sat)	7:30pm~	Nishimera Village, Murasho Hitotsuse Riverside	Fireworks: approx 4000 shots Enquiries: Nishimera-son Kanko kyokai Tel: 0983-36-1111
Takasaki Summer Festival	4 Aug (Sat)	9:00pm~	Takasaki Town General Sports Park Athletics Stadium	Fireworks: approx 10,000 shots Enquiries: Takasaki-cho Shoko-kai Tel: 0986-62-3131
Summer Festival in Hitotsuse 	18 Aug (Sat)	8:00pm~	Miyazaki City Sadowara Town/On the riverside of the Hitotsuse River below Hyuga Ohashi	Fireworks: approx 6,000 shots Enquiries: Sadowara-cho Kanko kyokai Tel: 0985-73-1114
Cape Toi Fire Festival 	24 Aug (Fri)/ 25 Aug (Sat)	8:00pm ~ 9:00pm	Kushima City, Open Space in front of Cape Toi Kanko Hotel	Enquiries: Kushima Kasseika linkai Tel: 0987-72-0053



The Lion's Walkway ✨
Neo Su Yu

To All Newbies in Miyazaki

Youkoso! August marks the beginning of a new life (for better or for worse) for new incoming JET Participants. When I first came last year, I settled into Miyazaki quite comfortably. The people of Miyazaki are warm and nice, and the coasts and mountains are breathtaking.

Local dialects, public transport and garbage disposal may be a pain initially, but you will get used to them quickly. Miyazaki also has many festivals (*matsuri*) throughout the year. Participating in such local events will help you understand Japanese culture and history, and you will also be able to make some friends. So fret not, and may all of you have a great time ahead. Enjoy summer!

