



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



◎ 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 8 th 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 students	
To apply:	Fill in the designated application form available at the International Plaza and send in by mail/fax.			



◎ International Understanding Talk –Feel the World Around You-

~1st Talk: On Ghana & 2nd Talk: On Columbia~ ※Free-of-charge

Get to know about the customs and culture of the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of Columbia, we welcome you to this talk. Fun activities such as dressing up Ghana-style and an introduction to salsa will be included. So come on down!

Talks will be held in Japanese. *Please bring your own stole if you own one.

Date:	8 Sep (Sat)	*There will be a break in between
Time:	Ghana	1:30pm to 2:30pm
	Columbia	3:00pm to 4:00pm



Speaker:	Mrs. Delphine Azumah (on Ghana); Mr. Hugo Kuratomi (on Columbia)
Venue:	Carino Miyazaki 8 th Floor Gaga-8 Multi-purpose Room A
Capacity:	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 in the talk)

◎ Miyazaki Art Festival 2008 “Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In” Art Exhibition Now Accepting Artworks!



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 **Exhibition Venue:** Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8

Exhibition period: 30 Jan (Wed) to 9 Feb 2008 (Sat)

*The artworks will also be exhibited at certain municipalities within the prefecture after the Art Festival 2008.

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.

Submission/Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

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

Looking everywhere for someone to practice speaking Japanese with? Why not do it with our Japanese volunteers? Feel free to join in!

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

Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



~No Japanese Practice Sessions on these dates~

Please note that there will be no Japanese Practice sessions on the 25 Sep (Tue) and 28 Sep (Fri).

◎ 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 Korea -Part 1- Let's make Korean Cuisine! Hosted by the Miyazaki City International Association
Would you like to learn how to make "Gujeolpan", a traditional royal Korean cuisine? Please bring your own apron and food container. *The same session will be repeated in 4 different venues.

Date/Venue: 7 Sep (Fri) Takaoka Welfare and Health Centre (*Bokuenkan*) Cooking Room
14 Sep (Fri) Miyazaki City General Welfare & Health Centre Cooking Room
12 Oct (Sun) Sadowara Town General Culture Centre Cooking Room
19 Oct (Fri) Tano Health Management Centre Cooking Room



Time: 6:30 to 9:00pm (Full-day)

Capacity: 20 for Takaoka/Sadowara/Tano, 30 for Miyazaki City (First-come-first-served)

Cost: 500 yen, free for Miyazaki City International Association members and participants of high school and below

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

Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki City International Association (Miyazaki City Hall Planning & Publicity Section)

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Lunch & Simple English Conversation in Nobeoka (Free-of-charge, No prior registration required)

Would you like to have lunch and practice *eikaiwa* with Nobeoka CIR Melissa Lawler? Please bring your own lunch box.

Date: 12 Sep (Wed) 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 hosted by Nobeoka City

Enjoy cooking and exchange at the same time! This time we will be learning to make Australian food. Please bring your own apron, cloth and containers.

Date/Time: 27 Sep (Thu) 10:00am ~ 1:00pm Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre Cooking Room

Capacity: 25 (First-come-first-served) Cost: 800 yen (for ingredients)

Enquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006



Tegetege Living at Costa Rica

Learn about Costa Rica from the viewpoint of a member of the Machinnaka International Culture Exchange Association who taught Japanese language in the country. You can also experience Costa Rica's food culture through cuisine and coffee.

Date/Time: 30 Sep (Sun) 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Venue: Gendai Bldg 2 (West side of Miyazaki Bank Daiku-cho Branch)

*Please take public transport as there are no carparks

Cost: Machinnaka International Culture Exchange Association Member/Students: 500yen

Non-members: 800yen Capacity: 30



To apply/Enquiries: Machinnaka International Culture Exchange Association Fax: 0985-20-5633 Email: info@machinnaka.net

"Hannari – Geisha Modern" Screening



"Hannari – Geisha Modern", a documentary film by producer Sohara Miyuki from Miyakonojo, whose activities are now based in Los Angeles, will be screened with Japanese and English subtitles. Geishas from Kyoto will give a live performance on tea ceremony and dance.

~"Hannari – Geisha Modern"~

This is a movie about Geishas who dedicate their lives to mastering the traditional arts of Japan, and those who support them behind the scenes, who live in the entertainment districts known as Hanamachi, symbol of Kyoto's history and culture. See the glamour and harshness of life in the Hanamachi, and indulge in the beauty of the four seasons in Kyoto in this movie.

Time: 12 Oct (Fri) 1:00pm /*4:00pm/ 7:00pm

13 Oct (Sat) 10:00am/ 1:00pm/ *4:00pm/ 7:00pm *English Subtitles available only in 4pm slot

Capacity: 250 each session

Cost: Advance tickets: 1,600yen (Sold at Miyazaki Kinema-kan, Miyakonojo City Kuroki Seisha Outlets etc from 1 Sep)

Normal tickets: 1,800yen

Venue: Miyakonojo Wellness Exchange Plaza Mujika Hall For more information please go to: <http://www.hannari.info>

"Hannari – Geisha Modern" will come to Miyazaki Kinema-kan from 6 Oct (Sat) to 12 Oct (Fri).

For more information, please go to Miyazaki Kinema-kan homepage <http://www.bunkahonpo.or.jp/cinema> or call the Kinema-kan directly at 0985-60-3911.



Events in September

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Additional Info
 Aya Town Fireworks Festival	15 Sep (Sat)	8:00pm to 9:00pm	Aya Town Aya Minami-kawa Sanbonmatsu-bashi upper reaches	Fireworks: approx 3800 Enquiries: Aya Town Sangyo Kanko-ka Tel: 0985-77-3464 (Night/Weekends Aya Town Yakuba Tel: 0985-77-1111)
Ama-no-Iwato Shrine Autumn Grand Festival	22 Sep (Sat), 23 Sep (Sun)	9:30am to 4:00pm	Takachiho Town Ama-no-Iwato Shrine	Enquiries: Ama-no-Iwato Shrine tel: 0982-74-8239
13 th Sukimura Kuri Festival	23 Sep (Sun)	10:00am to 4:00pm	Kobayashi City Suki/Sukimurando	Enquiries: Kobayashi-shi Suki Cho-sha Chiiki Shinkou-ka Tel: 0984-48-3111

The Lion's Walkway

Neo Su Yu

Goodbye Ocean Dome

As I have very limited space I shall keep this short and sweet—the Ocean Dome, Miyazaki's symbol and the biggest indoor water park in the Guinness World of Records, will be closed at the end of this month. So if you wish to do some indoor surfing, please hurry! Hopefully this won't turn into a forever goodbye. Touch wood.