



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



◎ Disaster Preparation Bus Tour for Foreigners



Are you confident you'd be able to cope with an earthquake or fire? Take part in this bus tour, and experience what it is like when an earthquake or fire breaks out with reenactment and authentic equipment. The trip also includes a visit to the Saitobaru Archaeological Museum and the Burial Mounds. We await your participation!

- Date/Time:** 27 Oct (Sat) 8:30am to 4:30pm *date & time subject to change
- Participants:** Foreign residents, international students and family members **Capacity:** 60~90 people
- Assembly point:** At designated bus stops (At the front entrance of the Kencho, Miyazaki Prefectural Arts Centre, Miyazaki University, Miyazaki Sangyo-keiei University)
- Destination:** Takanabe Town - Higashi Koyu Fire Association Disaster Prevention Centre (earthquake and fire reenactment, learn how to put out a fire, watching a disaster-prevention video)
Saito City - Visit to the Saitobaru Archaeological Museum & Burial Mounds
- Cost:** 500 yen for adults, free for children below elementary school age
*Lunch boxes are available for 500 yen per lunch box. (You can also bring your own lunch if you'd like.)
- To apply:** Fill out the designated application form and send it to the MIF by fax or post.



◎ Japanese Language Course for Foreigners! (for beginners) 2nd 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 (Fri) ~ 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 students
- To apply:** Fill out the designated application form available at the International Plaza and send in by mail/



◎ 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)
- Target Participants:** In principle, foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture
- Types 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



◎ "Global Stage" in Miyazaki

Dr Norihiko Kuwayama began his international medical aid activities while traveling around the world. In this performance, using images and self-composed songs, Dr Kuwayama will talk about his experiences and the stories of children who remained cheerful and strong despite poverty and unrest.



His concert performances attract both children and adults, and are held over 200 times a year. This is his first performance in Miyazaki. Don't miss it! *the performance will be held in Japanese.

- Date:** 24 Nov (Sat) 1:30 to 3:45pm (doors open at 1:00pm)
 - Venue:** Miyanichi Kaikan 11th Floor, Miyanichi Hall **Capacity:** 250
 - Cost:** Free *prior registration required
 - To apply:** Let us know your name, address and contact number, via fax or email, by the end of October.
 - Application/Enquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation JICA desk Miyazaki - Ms. Sato
- For more details, please visit the "Global Stage" website at <http://www.e-stageone.org>.



Other Announcements

“Basic Japanese Culture Seminar” for Foreigners hosted by the Miyazaki City International Association ~Understanding the Japanese practice of minimizing waste –How to use a “furoshiki”~

The Miyazaki City International Association will be holding a seminar explaining the Japanese practice of not being wasteful (“*mottainai*”). Learn how to use a “*furoshiki*”, a kind of Japanese wrapping cloth, to wrap different kinds of items. You can therefore better understand the Japanese custom of wrapping and taking good care of things. Also learn how to make a tapestry with handkerchiefs.

*Furoshiki for the seminar will be provided. However, please bring your own handkerchief for making the tapestry.

Date/Time: 14 Nov (Wed) 9:30 to 11:30am (Reception starts 9:00am)

Venue: Miyazaki Citizens Plaza 4th Floor Japanese culture room

Speaker: International Exchange Group “Hime-no-kai” **Enrollment limit:** 30 foreign residents

Cost: Free

To apply: Fill out the designated application form with your contact information (postal code, address, name with furigana and tel no.) and send it to us by fax or email

Application/Enquiries: Miyazaki City International Association “Basic Japanese Culture Seminar” Section
(Miyazaki City Hall Planning & Publicity Section)
880-8505 Miyazaki City, Tachibana Dori Nishi 1-1-1
Tel: 0985-21-1719, Fax: 0985-22-0200, Email: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



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.

Date/Venue: 19 Oct (Fri) Tano Health Management Centre Cooking Room

Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm **Capacity:** 20 (First-come, first-served)

Cost: 500 yen, free for Miyazaki City International Association members & students elementary through high school

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

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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: 18 Oct (Wed) 11:30am ~ 1:00pm

Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre

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



Events in October

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Additional Info
Nobeoka Tenka-ichi Takigi Noh	6 Oct (Sat)	Opening: 3:00pm Show starts: 5:30pm	Nobeoka City Shiroyama Park	Tickets: S seats 6,000 yen A seats 4,000yen (sold at Nobeoka General Culture Centre, Jusco Nobeoka, Miyazaki Prefectural Arts Center and Miyazaki Yamakataya). Enquiries: NPO Nobeoka Tenka-ichi Citizens Exchange Organization Tel: 0982-33-1141
Starry night Musical Concert	13 Oct (Sat)	Opening: 6:00pm Performance starts: 7:00pm	Kijo Town/Kijo Ehon-no-sato	Tickets: Adults Advance – 3500yen, Normal – 4000yen; Students (elementary to high school) Advance – 1500yen, Normal – 2000yen (sold at Kijo Ehon-no-sato, Miyazaki Yamakataya, Bon Belta, Miyako City etc). Enquiries: Kijo Ehon-no-sato tel: 0983-39-1141
Takanabe Lantern Festival	12 Oct (Fri)	6:00pm ~	Takanabe Town Maitsuru Park (and around the park)	Enquiries: Takanabe Town Sightseeing Association tel: 0983-22-5588
	13 Oct (Sat)	10:00am to 9:00pm		



~Pat's Little Rant~ Patrick Maher (CIR, Miyazaki Prefectural Office)

Greetings, people of Miyazaki. My name is Pat Maher, and I work right next to Neo, the genius creator of this splendid “Plaza News” monthly announcement. I crossed the Pacific into Miyazaki on the 1st of last month, and it’s hard to believe it’s already September. Soon October will come around, and the leaves will change to the various colors of the earthy rainbow, signaling a hopefully lengthy, calm autumn for us all. Thinking of October leads me towards image of November, and I must say I feel crestfallen knowing I will miss out on a giant turkey in celebration of Thanksgiving. Anybody feeling similarly saddened by this image, I say let’s find ourselves a bird and celebrate! I work at the Plaza on Friday—come say hello & we can go in search of a turkey. Onward, my friends!

