



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.



◎ Plaza Closure Notice

Please note that the Plaza will be closed during the national holidays on the 3rd (Sat) and 23rd

◎ Miyazaki International Foundation Website Updated!

The Miyazaki International Foundation's website has been updated. We have added the Korean version to the website. Please let your Korean friends know so that they can stay updated about Miyazaki events as well. Website: <http://www.mif.or.jp>



◎ 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 50cmX50

Exhibition Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8 **Exhibition period:** 30 Jan (Wed) to 9 Feb 2008 (Sat)

* 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.

◎ "Global Stage" in Miyazaki (Free/Prior Registration Required)

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 260 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

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>.

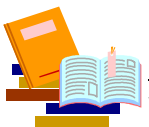


◎ Free distribution of old magazines

The International Plaza will be giving away old publications such as "Newsweek", Filipino news "Pinoy" and "Sukkara", a magazine about Korea. Copies are limited, so please come down early if you wish to pick up a copy.

Distribution period: 6 Nov (Tue) ~

Venue: Miyazaki International Plaza



◎ 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



Plaza Announcements (cont.)


◎ International Understanding Seminar Feel the World around You ~Seminar 3: On Egypt~

We are living in a stressful society, and many of us are affected by stress in our daily lives in one way or another. The speaker from Egypt will be discussing about stress among Japanese people while looking at Japanese and Islamic culture. We sincerely welcome you to this talk. The talk will be held in Japanese.

Date/Time: 22 Dec (Sat) 1:30pm to 3:30pm (Please understand that the seminar might not end exactly at the stipulated time)

Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Theatre **Capacity:** 80 (prior registration required)

Speaker: Mr. Ibrahim Elakead

Mr. Elakead was born in Egypt and studied Psychology in Cairo University. He completed his post-graduate studies at Miyazaki University Graduate School. He is currently engaged in psychological counseling activities in Miyazaki City.

To apply: Call, email or fax us your address, name, and contact number

※If you are coming by car, please park in the pay carparks nearby. Please understand that the Foundation does not provide parking tickets.



Other Announcements

The 2nd Tege-tege Taro Cooking Party (Imo-ni-kai)

Have fun interacting with new people while eating delicious taro by the river. Please bring your own containers, cups and chopsticks. Such Imo-ni-kai are usually held in the Northeastern regions of Japan as part of festive celebrations, where people picnic in small groups outdoors and make hot pots using taro. Give it a try!

Date/Time: 11 Nov (Sun) 12:00 to 2:00pm

Venue: Kiyotake Town Shode (by the river under the Shin Kiyotake Bridge), close to the former Coca Cola factory

Cost: 800 yen for adults, 500 yen for elementary school children and below (Machinnaka International Cultural Exchange Association members 500 yen, 400 yen for elementary school children and below)

Application deadline: 4 Nov (Sun)

For more details, please contact the Machinnaka International Cultural Exchange Association at:

Fax: 0985-20-5633, Email: info@machinnaka.net, Blog: <http://blog.canpan.info/machinnaka>



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: 8 Nov (Thu) 11:30am ~ 1:00pm **Venue:** Nobeoka City Social Education Centre

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

International Lunch Party

Would you like to interact with people of different nationalities in Nobeoka? Bring one dish enough for two and come join us!

Date/Time: 12 Nov (Mon) 11:00am ~ 2:00pm

Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre Cooking Room **Capacity:** 40 (First-come-first-served)

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



Events in November

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Additional Info
Shiiba Village Heike Festival	9 Nov (Fri) to 11 (Sun)	9 Nov: 6:00pm 10/11 Nov: 8:30am	Shiiba Village, Village Office	Enquiries: Shiiba Village Heike Festival Executive Committee Tel: 0982-67-3203
Sky Festa in Miyakonojo	10 Nov (Sat) and 11 Nov (Sun)	9:00am to 3:30pm (Hot-air balloon ride starts from 7:00am to 9:00pm, first-come first-served)	Miyakonojo City, Oyodo Riverside	Entrance fees: Free (Parking and Shuttle-bus are also free) Enquiries: Sky Festa in Miyakonojo Executive Committee Tel: 0986-22-4079
Aya Craft Festival	23 Nov (Fri) to 25 Nov (Sun)	9:00am to 5:00pm	Aya Town, Aya Teruha Dome	Enquiries: Aya Town Industrial Tourism Division Tel: 0985-77-3464/ (Sat/Sun/ Pub Holidays) Aya Town Tourism Information Office 0985-77-2727

Pat's Little Rant

Patrick Maher, CIR, Miyazaki Prefectural Office



If you're a baseball fan, then you're probably aware that my beloved Cleveland Indians blew a 3 - 1 series lead this weekend and lost to the Boston Red Sox. Watching the final game in agony, I screamed at the television, I cried in a fit of sadness, and I saw another Cleveland chance flushed down the toilet. That being said, I'm hoping everyone will amass their emotional power and cheer the Colorado Rockies on to a World Series victory.

Let's help make Matsui Kazuo a Japanese hero! Down with Boston!

