



Plaza News

February 2008

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 (Free Admission)

"Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" Art Exhibition

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be holding the "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" Art Exhibition in early 2008. Come and take a look at the brilliant artworks consisting of photographs, calligraphy, sketches etc on display soon.

Exhibition Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8 Free Space

Exhibition period: 30 Jan (Wed) to 9 Feb 2008 (Sat) 10:00am to 8:00pm



🌸 2 FEB (SAT) 🌸	
11:00-15:00	Japanese Culture Session • Tea Ceremony (fee applies) • How to use a <i>furoshiki</i> • Miyazaki Traditional Dance Mass Dancing (Nosan-bushi)
12:30-13:00	Giant Paper Crane Folding
13:00-15:00	Performance by Foreign Residents • Indonesian ethnic dance • Korean fairy tales storytelling • International Beat • Yosakoi Dance • Noh etc
13:00-15:50	Meet-the-Artists Session & Prize-Presentation Ceremony for Outstanding Artworks *Artists will be present to talk about their artworks. *Visitors will vote and select the best artworks from 4 categories.
16:00-17:00	Bilingual play produced by JET Programme participants. 1st Show (Adults—500yen; Children below elemen-
Full-day	International booths *U.S.A/South Korea/Australia/Taiwan etc. World picture storybooks display *Brought to you by Kijo Ehon-no-sato!

🌸 3 FEB (SUN) 🌸	
10:00-11:00	Bilingual play produced by JET Programme participants 2nd Show (Adults—500yen; Children below elementary sch age—250yen)
10:15-12:15	Consultation session for foreigners regarding living in Japan, local laws and status of residence *Free *Registration required
10:30-12:00	Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents
11:00-15:00	Chinese tea café
11:00-15:00	Games of the past • Cup-and-ball (<i>kendama</i>) • Otedama • Karuta • Face-making game
11:00-11:30	Story-telling with picture storybooks & Korean fairy tales storytelling *Registration required For infants to adults Capacity: 30
13:00-14:00	International Multilingual Chat *Registration required Capacity: 15 each (English/Mandarin/Korean/French/German/Spanish)
14:00-14:30	Let's Have Fun in English! *Registration required For children below elementary school age Capacity: 20 parent-child pairs
14:30-15:00	Experience Setsubun Bean-throwing!
14:30-16:00	Karuta Card Game for Foreign residents *Application required
Full-day	International booths *Indonesia/Ghana/Taiwan/U.S.A/South Korea/Australia/Taiwan etc. World picture storybooks display *Brought to you by Kijo Ehon-no-sato!

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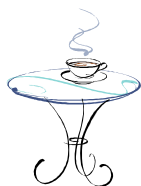
🍵 Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents (※Free ※No prior registration needed)

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 Miyazaki International Plaza

Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Other Announcements

Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreigners in Nobeoka (Free of charge)

Japanese volunteers will be holding Japanese practice sessions in Nobeoka. If you are interested in practicing conversations or picking up useful daily Japanese, please feel free to join in.

Dates: 4 Feb (Mon), 14 Feb (Thur), 21 Feb (Thur), 25 Feb (Mon)

Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm

Venue: Nobeoka City Shakai Kyoiku Centre

Enquiries: Nobeoka City Internationalization Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006



Miyazaki City International Exchange Festival

Come down to this fun-filled event for all ages! There will be a stage featuring songs and dances around the world, Japanese culture corner, a "Having Fun in English" session for lower elementary school students (registration required), and exchange sessions with foreign participants.

Date/Time: 17 Feb (Sun) 10:00am to 4:00pm

Venue: Miyazaki Shimin Plaza 4F Gallery

To apply for "Having Fun in English" session: Send in the name of the participating child and contacts by fax.

Enquiries: Miyazaki City International Association

880-8505 Miyazaki City Regional Community Division

Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax: 0985-21-1733 Email: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



German Language & German Culture (Free of Charge)

Learn some useful German that you can use in restaurants and hotels, and also German culture and etiquette. Beginners in the German language are very welcome.

Date/Time: 19 Feb (Tue) to 25 Mar (Tue) Every Tues/6 sessions in total 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Venue: Miyazaki Shimin Plaza Conference Room

Participants: Max 20 Speaker: Mr. Peter Fuhl (Miyazaki City CIR, Doctor of Literature)

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

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Learn About Korea –Part 2– Food and Customs of Korea's New Year

Hosted by the MCIA (Miyazaki City International Association)

Learn about various aspects of Korea from New Year food to games played during the festive occasion.

Please bring along your apron. The seminar will be held in Japanese.

Date/Venue:

2 Feb (Sat) Tano General Welfare Hall (Sogo fukushi Kan) Cooking room/training room

23 Feb (Sat) Takaoka Welfare & Health Centre (fukushi hoken centre) (Bokuen-kan) Cooking room/small training room

8 Mar (Sat) Miyazaki Regional Exchange Centre (Chiku kouryo centre) Cooking room/Japanese room/learning room

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Capacity: 20 each, 30 for 8th Mar seminar in Miyazaki City (first-come first-served)

Cost: 500 yen (Free for members of Miyazaki City International Association and children below high-school age)

To Apply: Fill in a designated application form and send it to us by post, fax or email.

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Fun Cooking Class (first-come first-served)

Please bring along your own apron, cloth and containers.

Date: 28 Feb (Thur) 10:00am to 1:00pm

Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre Cooking Rm

Capacity: 25

Cost: 800 yen (for ingredients)

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



Events in February

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Additional Info
Nobeoka Toka Ebisu Festival	10 Feb (Sun) 11 Feb (Mon)	10:00am~10:00pm 10:00am~9:00pm	Nobeoka City Imayama Hachiman Shrine	Enquiries: Imayama Ebisu Shrine Office Tel: 0982-21-4525
Nawashiroda Festival (Hebu-ga-haho)	18 Feb (Mon)	10:00am~12:00am	Takaharu Town Sano Shrine	Enquiries: Takaharu Town Planning Division Tel: 0984-42-2111
Aya Hinayama Festival	23 Feb (Sat) to 3 Mar (Sun)		Aya Town Chuo-dori	Enquiries: Aya Town Industrial & Commerce Division Tel: 0985-77-0017

Pat's Little Rant

Please, **STOP!**

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to the good will of drivers throughout the city. Last week I had my regularly-scheduled assortment of fearful close calls on the roads, where drivers apparently oblivious to their surroundings sought to end my life. I ride a bike, as do many others, to get around. I have no problem doing so, except that the roads are like a freaky obstacle course. Now I believe I understand what action the stop signs request one to do – stop. I believe I know why these stop signs exist – for everyone's safety. So please, gracious drivers, when confronted with these mysterious red signs, please, please, PLEASE, make an attempt to stop! Let's bring peace to the streets! Spare my life!