



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.



ART FESTIVAL 2008 "MIYAZAKI - FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN" ART EXHIBITION COMING SOON TO SHINTOMI TOWN/EBINO CITY/NICHINAN CITY



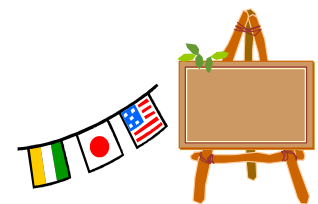
The "Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking In" Art Exhibition held at Carino Miyazaki 8F (Gaga-8) from 30 Jan (Wed) to 9 Feb (Sat) will be coming to Shintomi Town, Ebino City and Nichinan City. The exhibition showcases artworks of impressions of foreign residents in Miyazaki. Rediscover Miyazaki from the perspective of others.

Date/Time/Venue:

- 27 Feb (Wed) to 9 Mar (Sun) 9:00am to 6:00pm (closed on 3 Mar/ends at 5:00pm on the last day)
Shintomi Town Rupee Mall Nijigaoka Commercial Street Gallery Shintomi
- 13 Mar (Thur) to 20 Mar (Thur) 9:00am to 9:00pm
Ebino International Centre Lobby
- 25 Mar (Tue) to 31 Mar (Mon) 9:00am to 5:00pm
Nichinan City International Centre (Komura Memorial Hall) Lobby

Enquiries:

Gallery Shintomi Tel: 0983-33-0577
Ebino International Centre Tel: 0984-35-3211
Nichinan City Commerce and Tourism Division Tel: 0987-31-1134



◎ JAPANESE LANGUAGE COURSE FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS (Beginners' Level)

We will be holding a Japanese language course for foreign residents in Miyazaki prefecture. If you want to pick up the language, or want an opportunity to practice speaking Japanese, we welcome you to sign up!

Date: 8 Apr (Tue) to 8 Jul (Tue) 25 sessions in total/Every Tue & Fri (except Public Holidays)
Time: 10:10am to 12:00pm
Location: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Gaga-8 Miyazaki International Plaza
Target: Beginners in Japanese language Cost: 2,835 yen (textbook fee)
Application deadline: 1 Apr (Tue)
To Apply: Fill in the application form available at the International Plaza.



◎ COUNTER VOLUNTEERS AT THE MIYAZAKI PREFECTURE INTERNATIONAL PLAZA!

If you are 18 and above, residing in Miyazaki prefecture and are interested to help in the International Plaza's operations, we need you! To sign up, please fill in the registration form available at the Plaza and send it to us by 15 Mar (Sat). We will conduct screening if applicant numbers exceed available vacancies. Please note that you have to be able to handle enquiries in Japanese to apply.

Volunteer period: 1 Apr 2008 (Tue) to 30 Sep (Tue)

Volunteer time: 1) 10:00am to 1:00pm 2) 1:00pm to 4:00pm 3) 4:00pm to 7:00pm
(choose any day from Tue to Sat, once per week)

Activities: Handling general enquiries, attending to visitors, packing of documents to be posted, arrangement of library books and documents, computer processing, sorting and dispatch of used stamps and prepaid cards, assistance with borrowing/returning of library materials

Other info: There will be no monetary payout or transport subsidy (however, the Miyazaki International Foundation will provide full reimbursement for parking at Carino and volunteer insurance).

Deadline: 15 Mar (Sat)

Application/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 Miyazaki International Plaza

Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

◎ 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.

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◎ **WORLD BOX**

Have an international event/seminar coming up, but have nothing to display? At the International Plaza, we have “world boxes” containing maps, musical instruments, CDs, costumes etc from 13 countries and 3 regions available for borrowing. Feel free to make use of them. Please note that contents might differ according to country/region.

Countries: Republic of Korea, Singapore, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, England, Kingdom of Sweden, Republic of Hungary, Republic of Poland, Republic of Botswana, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic

Regions: Africa, Latin America, South America

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 conversation or picking up useful daily Japanese, please feel free to join in.

March Schedule: 3 (Mon), 10 (Mon), 24 (Mon), 31 Mar (Mon)
Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm
Venue: Nobeoka City Shakai Kyoiku Centre
Enquiries: Nobeoka City Internationalization Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006



Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreigners in Miyakonojo

(Free of charge/Registration required)

Date/Time: Every Friday 10:30am to 12:00pm
Venue: Miyakonojo Community Centre Childrens' Learning Room
Enquiries: Miyakonojo International Association (Miyakonojo City Seikatsu-bunka Division)
 Tel: 0986-23-2295 Fax: 0986-23-3223 Email: mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp

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/Time: 19 Mar (Wed) 11:30am ~ 1:00pm
Venue: Nobeoka City Shakai Kyoiku Centre
Enquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006



Fun Cooking Class (first-come first-served)

Please bring along your own apron, cloth and containers.

Date: 27 Mar (Thu) 10:00am to 1:00pm Venue: Nobeoka City Social Education Centre Cooking Room
Participants: 25 Cost: 800 yen (for ingredients)
Application/Enquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006



Events in March

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Additional Info
Miyazaki Flower Festa	15 Mar (Sat) to 11 May (Sun)		Miyazaki City Kodomo-no-kuni (main venue) & other venues	Miyazaki Kanko Convention Kyokai Tel: 0985-25-4676
Udo Jingu (Shrine) Haru-no-Ennichi Festival	29 Mar (Sat)	10:30am~	Nichinan City Udo Jingu (Shrine)	Enquiries: Udo Jingu (Shrine) Tel: 0987-29-1001
Saito Flower Festival	29 Mar (Sat) to 6 Apr (Sun)		Saito City Saitobaru	Enquiries: Saito City Kanko-kyokai Tel: 0983-41-1557 Viewing period for Saitobaru Canola flowers: Mid March to End April Viewing period for Saitobaru Sakura (cherry blossoms): End March to Early April



Pat's Little Rant

Perhaps you're like me in that you find it simultaneously exciting yet frustrating when buying bread. Oh, the options! Not only is it difficult making the dire decision as to what kind of sliced bread to purchase, but the singularly packaged treats are even more difficult! Do I want to please my palate with melon bread, cream-filled bread, chocolate bread, bread sticks? And then there's the whole issue of jam. Cheap yet plentiful store-brand jam?

Expensive yet fruit-filled brand name jam? I am not embarrassed to admit that I spent about 15 minutes just looking at the bread bounty in the supermarket yesterday...this is definitely one of life's harder decisions.

For my money, genmai bread and blueberry jam equals paradise for the taste buds.

Bread

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