

Plaza News

June 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.



◎ The Sichuan China Earthquake Relief Fund

The Sichuan province of China has sustained extensive damage from the earthquake that rocked the region on May 12th of this year. In response, the Miyazaki International Foundation has set up a donation box, and with the assistance of the Miyazaki branch of the Japanese Red Cross, we plan to send all donations to victims in the effected areas. We appreciate and ask for your cooperation. *As we can not provide a parking voucher for your visiting to donate, please use nearby paid parking.
Donation Box: Located in the Miyazaki International Plaza (8th floor of Carino)

Business Days: Tuesday ~ Saturday

Business Hours: 10:00 am ~ 7:00 pm

*We will be collecting donations until Tuesday, June 10th.

◎ 100 Year Anniversary of Japanese Immigrants in Brazil – Photo Exhibition

We will be holding a photo exhibition to commemorate 100 years of Japanese immigration to Brazil. Having collected precious photos from Japanese-related organizations throughout Brazil – most notably the Japanese Overseas Migration Museum in Sao Paulo – as well as photos and materials demonstrating the links between Brazil and Miyazaki, we will introduce the 100 year history of Japanese immigration to Brazil through this exhibition. We will also be holding corresponding events on Saturday, June 21st, so by all means drop by for a look.

【Photo Exhibition】

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 18th ~ Tuesday, June 24th from 10:00 am ~ 7:00 pm

Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor, Gaga-8

【Events】

Date and Time: Saturday, June 21st from 11:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Venue: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor



◎ International Understanding Lecture: “Experience the World at Your Side – Brazil”

Welcoming two newly-arrived study abroad students of Japanese descent from Brazil as lecturers, we will be holding this lecture to introduce their home country of Brazil. How about joining in to hear the latest news from Brazil?

※ This lecture will be given in Japanese.

Time: 1:30 pm ~ 3:00 pm

Place: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor, All-Purpose Room A

Max Participants: 30 *Must apply in advance

Lecturers: Patricia Sachi Katto; Ricardo Yoshiaki Kirino



Questions: Contact the Miyazaki-Brazil Friendship Foundation at the Miyazaki International Foundation
TEL: 0985-32-8457; FAX: 0985-32-8512;
E-mail: miyainfo@mif.or.jp

◎ Tasting and Sampling Corner (11:00 am ~ 3:00 pm)

Stop by and enjoy some Brazilian treats (Brigadeirão) and mate tea (Chimarrão) with the new study abroad students from Brazil.

*Quantities are limited

◎ Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents ※Free of Charge, No Registration Required

Japanese practice sessions led by local volunteers are currently underway. If you are looking to pick up useful everyday phrases or just want to practice your Japanese, by all means join us!

Date & Time: Every Tuesday and Friday from 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Place: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor, Miyazaki International Plaza

Questions: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



Other Announcements

◎ “Listening and Learning: Dynamic Africa!” Hosted by JICA

Interested in learning together about Africa? An opinion exchange complete with speeches on Africa will be held, and African drink and food will be prepared for your enjoyment. Japanese people who have visited Africa, Africans residing in Miyazaki, and students studying abroad in the prefecture will be present, so by all means come along and join us.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 28th from 1:30 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Place: “Chawachawa” at Miyazaki University (next to the student cafeteria)

Questions: Contact the Miyazaki JICA Desk at the Miyazaki International Foundation (ask for Ms Satou)

TEL: 0985-32-8457; E-mail: jicadpd-desk-miyazakiken@jica.go.jp



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○Miyazaki City International Exchange Party

There will be an international exchange party with foreign residents and members of the Miyazaki International Association. If you are interested, please join us!

Date & Time: Friday, June 27th from 6:00 pm ~ 7:30 pm

Place: Hotel Plaza Miyazaki Annex 2nd Floor, Royal Hall

Cost: Adults (& foreign residents) – ¥1,000; Middle and High School Students – ¥500

Application Deadline: Tuesday, June 10th

Apply/Questions: Miyazaki International Association; TEL: 0985-21-1719; FAX: 0985-21-1733

Party



○ “I Want to Know More About the World! New Zealand Panel Exhibition”

A panel exhibition featuring pictures, books, and maps from New Zealand will be on display in two locations within Hyuga City. Why not take this opportunity to learn more about New Zealand?

[Hyuga City]

Date & Time: Monday, June 9th from 12:00 pm ~ Friday, June 13th until 3:00 pm

Place: Hyuga City Hall, 1st Floor Lobby



[Togo Town]

Date & Time: Monday, June 16th from 12:00 pm ~ Friday, June 20th until 12:00 pm

Place: West Togo Community Center (Sakura Building)

Questions: Hyuga City Civil Cooperation (shimin kyoudou) Division; TEL: 0982-56-0017

○Japanese Salon

Come by and have a good time chatting with Japanese volunteers while practicing your Japanese.



Date & Time: Every Friday starting July 4th; 10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

Place: Miyakonojo City Community Center

Participants: Foreigners residing in Miyakonojo City and Mimata Town & Foreign members of the Miyakonojo International Association

○Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka

We will be holding a Japanese language course for foreign residents living in or around Nobeoka City.

Date & Time: Every Thursday from 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm beginning on July 3rd (30 sessions in total)

Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

Participants: Foreign residents living in or around Nobeoka City

Cost: Participation is free (however, there is a materials fee)

Application Deadline: Friday, June 20th

Questions: Nobeoka City Internationalization Promotion Office, TEL: 0982-22-7006

○Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka ※Free of Charge

Dates: 6/2 (Mon), 6/9 (Mon), 6/19 (Thurs), 6/23 (Mon), 6/30 (Mon)

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

Questions: Nobeoka City Internationalization Promotion Office, TEL: 0982-22-7006

Events in June

Event	Date&Time	Venue	Additional Info
The 2nd Hyuga City “Nori Nori Cup” Surfing Contest in Okuragahama	Throughout the morning of Sunday, June 8 th *Make-up date: June 22 nd	Hyuga City, Okuragahama	In addition to the surfing contest, you can sign up to participate in a number of events that will take place on the beach that day. Events: Beach sandal toss, dodge-frisbee, and other beach games Event Cost: ¥100 (for insurance) Questions: Hyuga City Tourist Association; TEL: 0982-55-0235
Yamanokuchi Fumoto Bunyabushi Ningyoujoruri (Traditional Japanese Puppet Theatre Performance)	Monday, June 15 th beginning at 2:00 pm 	Joruri Puppet Museum (ningyo no yataka) in Miyakonojo City, Yamanokuchi Town	Come see a Japanese puppet theatre performance which has been officially designated as a significant intangible folk cultural asset. Entrance Fee: Adults - ¥710; High School Students - ¥510; Elementary and Middle School Students - ¥310 Questions: Joruri Puppet Theatre Resource Center; TEL: 0986-57-5295

Pat’s Little Rant Enemy of the State

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

My friends, an enemy lurks in the night. They aim to keep people from slumber and outperform the cicadas in spewing noise. They travel like tuna; in groups, in continuous circles, and probably without much going on upstairs. They, apparently, have nothing better to do five nights out of the week. They hang out in front of supermarkets for long periods of time, so I imagine they must be in dire need of attention or just very hungry. They are the *bousouzoku*. Dear readers, I have two questions. 1) What can I do to rid society of this scourge? 2) If you happen to know any *bousouzoku*, can you introduce me to them? Perhaps if I chat with them and try to see into their world, it will help me deal with the untamed agony they cause me.