

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: Our Gratitude for your Donations

In an attempt to help out the many people affected by the massive earthquake that rocked the Sichuan region of China on May 12, 2008, we here at the Miyazaki International Foundation called for your cooperation, setting up a donation box in the Miyazaki International Plaza from May 13th through June 10th. Thanks to your kind assistance, we managed to raise a total of ¥29,600 in donations. This "China Earthquake Relief Fund" will be delivered to the devastated areas of the Sichuan region through the Miyazaki branch of the Japanese Red Cross. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your cooperation in our efforts.

●Japanese Course for Foreign Residents (Beginner Level) ※Registration Required

We are offering a beginner's level Japanese course for foreign residents in Miyazaki. For those of you who speak only minimal Japanese or have few opportunities to study the language, here is your chance!

Dates: September 2nd (Tue.) – November 28th (Fri.); 25 lessons total (No class Sept. 23rd)

Time: 10:10 – 12:00

Participants: No Japanese study experience *or* Desire to learn basics of reading/writing

Costs: ¥1,000 for texts and materials

Registration Deadline: August 23rd (Sat.)

To Apply: Fill out our application form and return it by mail or fax

Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



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

If you are looking to pick up useful everyday phrases or just want to work on your Japanese, by all means join our Japanese volunteers for a practice session !



Dates : Every Tuesday and Friday

Time : 10 :30 – 11 :30

Place : Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Miyazaki International Plaza

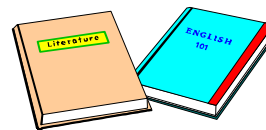
Inquiries : Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

●Giveaway of Back Issue Reading Materials from the Plaza Library

We are offering up expired back issues of magazines and foreign books from the International Plaza's Library Corner for free, including monthly magazines such as "Su *y*kara," "Gekkan Nihongo" (Japanese Monthly), and more. Numbers of limited so stop by the Plaza soon.

Giveaway Begins: July 8th (Tue.)

Place: Miyazaki International Plaza (Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor)



●Looking for Foreign Volunteers

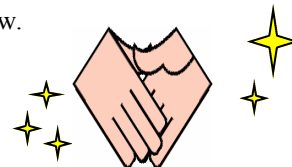
① Volunteers for International Chat Sessions

We are currently looking for English, Chinese, and Korean speaking volunteers to participate in our "International Chat Sessions." If you would be interesting in helping out by chatting and having a good time, please let us know.

② Lecturers for International Understanding Courses

Anyone interested in introducing their home country and culture to the people of Miyazaki?

※For further details, please contact the Miyazaki International Foundation.



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



Dates: July 7th (Mon.), 14th (Mon.), and 28th (Mon.)

Time: 10:30 – 12:00

Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

Application & Inquiries: Nobeoka City International Relations Office, TEL: 0982-22-7006

●Charity Screening of the Movie “Masu Endan”


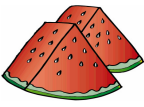

There will be a screening of the documentary “Masu Endan,” which follows the story of an Indonesian trainee who tried to save the life of a middle school student in Hyuga City, Miyazaki.



Date & Time: August 12th (Tue.) beginning at 6:30 p.m. (※subject to change)
Place: Miyazaki Citizen’s Plaza, Albright Hall
Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki-Indonesia Friendship Association,
 TEL: 080-1725-5133 (Mr. Doukyu)
 E-mail: doko2@galaxy.ocn.ne.jp



July Events

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
The 14 th Miyazaki Film Festival 	July 5 th (Sat.) – July 11 th (Fri.)	Miyazaki Cinema (Miyazaki Kinemakan)	Miyazaki Executive Film Committee TEL:0985-60-3911 
	July 12 th (Sat.)	Albright Hall (Miyazaki Citizen’s Plaza)	
Kirishima International Music Festival in Miyazaki Seek the soul of the old country - bohemian style	July 29 th (Tue.) Opens 6:30 p.m. Starts 7:00 p.m.	Medikit Arts Center Miyazaki Prefectural Art Center Theatre (Engeki Hall)	Miyazaki Prefectural Art Center TEL:0985-28-3210 

Fireworks Festivals in July

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Onda Festival 	July 5 th (Sat.) 8:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Misato-cho, Saigo-ku, Tashiro, <i>Hazakura Fureai</i> Park	Misato-cho Tourist Association TEL:0982-66-3609
Aoshima Summer Festival	July 19 th (Sat.) – July 20 th (Sun.) 10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Aoshima Beach <i>Kokumin Shukusha Atochi</i>	Miyazaki City Aoshima Area Center TEL:0985-65-1231
Kyomachi Hot Springs Summer Festival	July 19 th (Sat.) 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Kyomachi Hot Springs in Ebino City	Ebino city Tourist Association TEL:0984-35-3838
32 nd Nobeoka Festival	July 20 th (Sun.) 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Nobeoka City, East Side of <i>Ohashi</i>	Nobeoka Festival Promotion Council TEL:0982-32-6141
2008 Aburatsuko Fireworks Festival	July 26 th (Sat.) 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Aburatsuko 	Nichinan City Commerce, Industry, and Tourism Division TEL:0987-31-1134

Pat’s Little Rant

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

They say that the only things guaranteed to survive a nuclear holocaust are Twinkies and cockroaches. Twinkies aside, I would not be surprised to see cockroaches take over the world once our species exits the world stage. Now while I can not be sure of the chances cockroaches would have under such circumstances, I can say for certain that the cockroach is a smarter being than me in combat. I have followed the wealth of advice given to me in trying to keep these monsters out of my apartment, but they seem set on conquering my apartment for themselves. Recently, I had a fifteen minute melee with a plump little bugger that ranged to all corners of my abode: I sprayed, I stomped, I screamed, I scrambled, I threw my shoe...and I lost. Broken from defeat, I am now building an army to defeat them; please, by all means, join me in battle.