

# Plaza News



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## Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

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Open: Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00AM to 7:00 PM Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays and December 29 to January 3

### ●Holiday Notice:

The Plaza will be closed on September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) for the holiday.

### ●2009 Miyazaki Art Festival: “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In.” Now Accepting Artworks!

~Theme: “Impressions of Miyazaki, thoughts on Miyazaki, etc.”~

(※Works that fail to reflect the International Foundation’s core value of respect may not be displayed at the discretion of the organizers.)  
We are now accepting artworks for our exhibition, “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In,” aimed at highlighting your impressions of and thoughts on Miyazaki, expressed through a variety of artistic mediums. By all means, make your art a part of the festivities!

◇Eligible Artists: In principle, foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture ◇Format: Photos, paintings, drawings, poetry, etc.

◇Size: Max. 50cm x 50cm

◇Submission: Please submit by mail, e-mail, or directly to us (submitter incurs costs of shipment)

※Include your name (in katakana), nationality, occupation, and contact info (address, phone number, e-mail), as well as the title, medium, and a brief explanation of your artwork. If necessary, include specifics on how to display your work.

◇Submission Deadline: December 27 (Sat)

※If you can not meet the deadline, please ask us about an extension

◇Exhibition Venue and Date: January 28, 2009 (Wed) through February 7, 2009 (Sat)

[Open: 10:00~8:00 ※Final day concludes at 4:00]

※Upon the conclusion of the Art Festival, we further plan to circulate the exhibition across the cities, towns, and villages within the prefecture!!

◇Retrieving Your Art: Pick up your art at the Miyazaki International Plaza by the end of April 2009, or we can send your art to you COD

◇Awards: Selected winners will be awarded with some awesome presents and a certificate of commendation. Awards include 1 “Best of Show Award,” 2 “Outstanding Performance Awards,” and 1 “Special Award.”

◇Awards Ceremony: Awards will be handed out on January 31<sup>st</sup> (Sat)

◇Application & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



### ●Disaster Prevention Bus Tour for Foreign Residents – Looking for Participants

Do you feel yourself well prepared to respond in the wake of an earthquake or a fire? Take the chance to assure yourself by taking part in our disaster prevention bus tour, which will allow you the chance to experience a simulated earthquake, extinguishing fires, and more. We are further planning a trip to Aya Castle and other sites for that afternoon. By all means, inform any and all foreign residents in your area.

◇Date & Time: October 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) from 8:30 – 5:30 ※Time is subject to change

◇Participants: Foreigners, study abroad students, and accompanying family members residing in Miyazaki

◇Schedule: Morning – Earthquake simulation, fire evacuation experience and fire extinguishing practice (in Takanabe Town)  
Afternoon – Travel to Aya Castle, Aya International Craft Castle, Shusen-no-Mori

◇Cost: Adults = ¥500; Elementary school students and younger = Free

◇Meeting Place: Any of the following locations (Miyazaki Prefectural Government Head Office, Miyazaki Sangyo-Keiei University, or Miyazaki University)

◇To Apply: Fill out our application form and return it by fax, mail, etc.

※You will be contacted by mail or e-mail if you are selected to participate

◇Deadline: October 10<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

◇Application & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



### ●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 2 (Tue.) – November 28 (Fri.); 25 lessons in total (No class Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

◇Time: 10:10 – 12:00

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

◇Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Gaga-8 ◇Costs: ¥1,000 for texts and materials

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

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza

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

◇Dates: September 3 (Wed) ~ December 24 (Wed); Every Wednesday for 17 lessons in total

◇Time: 10:30 – 12:30

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

◇Place: Miyakonojo City Community Center

◇Costs: ¥1,000 for texts and materials

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

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza



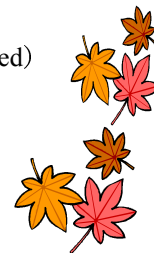
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**● International Understanding Seminar: Feel the World by your Side ~Singapore~ ※Free of Charge**

We will welcome Su Yu Neo – Miyazaki Prefecture Coordinator for International Relations – and Xinjuan Chua – Kagoshima Prefecture Coordinator for International Relations – as they will head this seminar introducing their home country of Singapore. Why not come on by to hear about the latest happenings in Singapore. (※Lecture will be given in Japanese.)

- ◇Date: September 6 (Sat) ◇Time: 1:30~3:00
- ◇Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Multi-Purpose Room A ◇Participants: Maximum of 30 (※Registration Required)
- ◇Lecturers: Su Yu Neo (Miyazaki Prefecture CIR) & Xinjuan Chua (Kagoshima Prefecture CIR)
- ◇To Apply: Contact us by phone, fax, or e-mail with your name, address, and phone number
- ◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

NOTE: For those who come by car, please use the Carino paid parking lot or other paid parking lots in the area.



**● 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 Plaza

**● Japanese Course for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka**

- ◇ Dates: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursdays)
- ◇ Time: 10:00 – 11:00 (Introductory Course)  
11:00 – 12:00 (Beginner's Course)
- ◇ Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center
- ◇ Cost: Free of charge

◇ Application & Questions: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Department (Tel : 0982-22-7006)

**● Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka**

- ◇ Dates: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> (Mondays)
- ◇ Time: 10:30 ~ 12:00
- ◇ Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center
- ◇ Cost: Free of charge

**● The 2009 Miyazaki City Lecture on Internationalization with Tomohiro Sekiguchi**

- ◇Date: October 12<sup>th</sup> (Sun) ◇Time: 1:00 – 3:00 (Doors open at 12:00)
- ◇Venue: Miyazaki Municipal Culture Hall, Grand Hall (Hanayamate Higashi 3-25-3, Miyazaki City)
- ◇Theme: “Encounters Through Travel – Tomohiro Sekiguchi’s railway travels across Japan, China, and Europe”
- ◇Inquiries & Tickets: Miyazaki City International Association Administrative Bureau (Miyazaki City Hall, Main Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
Tel: 0985-21-1719; Fax: 0985-21-1733 E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



**September Events**

Events	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Aya Fireworks Festival 	9/13 (Sat) 8:00~9:00	Aya Town, Minami Kawa, Sanbon Matsuhashi(upstream)	Aya Town Division of Industry and Tourism Tel:0985-77-3464
The 22nd Japan's Best Hietsuki Tournament	9/13 (Sat) Preliminaries 9/14 (Sun) Finals 8:30~	Shiba Village Development Center	Shiba Village Office Division of General Affairs for Commerce, Industry, and Tourism Tel:0982-67-3203
The 6 <sup>th</sup> International Amateur Movie Festival - Fish Eye 2008 	9/14 (Sun)1:00~4:00 (Doors Open at 12:00)	Miyakonojo City Cultural Hall	BTV Cable TV Company Fish Eye 2008 Administrative Bureau Tel:0986-27-1700
Ama-no-Iwato Shrine Autumn Festival	9/22 (Mon) & 9/23 (Tue) 9:30~4:00	Takachiho Town, Iwato	Ama-no-Iwato Shrine Tel:0982-74-8239
Hyuga Jugoya Festival 	9/27 (Sat) & 9/28 (Sun) 1:00~9:00	Hyuga City Main Stage (Miyazaki bank, Hyuga branch, special stage)	Hyuga Chamber of Commerce Tel:0982-52-5131

**Pat's Little Rant** Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

I've been in a particularly good mood as of late, leaving me reasonably stress-free and with little to angrily tirade against. I thought to myself, "Will Pat's Little Rant enjoy a shift in direction, perhaps becoming 'Pat's Philosophical Musing' or 'Pat's Letter of Love' for a month?" Yet alas, no sooner than the thought was born, it perished, thanks to the workings of *sneaky karaoke guy*. You know who you are, *sneaky karaoke guy*. You're the guy that slinks away 10 minutes before everyone else, casually handing someone ¥1,000 for three hours of singing and multiple pitchers of beer, muttering something about needing to catch a train even though it's past two in the morning. You, *sneaky karaoke guy*, are the reason everyone ends up paying extra at the end of the night. You, *sneaky karaoke guy*, are the reason people are still complaining about the bill the next morning. You, *sneaky karaoke guy*, are why we sing sad songs at the end of karaoke.