

Plaza News



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Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

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● 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 25th (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 10th (Fri) ◇Application & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



● 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 ※No limit of number of entries
- ◇Submission Deadline: December 27 (Sat) ※If you can not meet the deadline, please ask us about an extension
- ◇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.
- ◇Exhibition Dates & Times: 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 31st (Sat)
- ◇Application & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



● International Chat Sessions – English ※Free of Charge

How about coming by for an entertaining chat with some native English speakers? For those interested in attending, please be sure to contact us beforehand. ※ This chat is intended for members of the Miyazaki International Foundation



- ◇Date & Time: Every Friday from November 7th ~ December 5th; 1:00 - 2:00
- ◇Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Miyazaki International Plaza ◇Participants: Max of 20
- ◇To Apply: Call, fax, or e-mail us with your name and contact information
- ◇Application & Questions: 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!

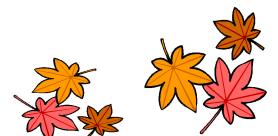
- ◇Date & Time: Every Tuesday and Friday 10:30 – 11:30
- ◇Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza



● Asia Arsenic Pollution Comprehensive Countermeasure Country Report Presentation

Administrators from Nepal, Bangladesh, India, China, Myanmar, and Vietnam involved with policies aimed at combating arsenic pollution will be gathering to present on the conditions of arsenic pollution in each of their respective countries. The presentation is open to the public, so by all means join us for this presentation.

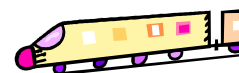
- ◇Date & Time: October 27th (Mon) starting at 3:00 p.m.
- ◇Place: Miyazaki University Library Annex, 3rd Floor, Audio-Visual Room
- ◇Entrance Fee: Free ◇Hosted By: JICA Kyushu
- ◇Questions: Director Yoshida; JICA Kyushu Training and Youth Invitation Division Tel : 093-671-8347



September 2008

● The 2009 Miyazaki City Lecture on Internationalization with Tomohiro Sekiguchi

- ◇Date & Time: October 12th (Sun) 1:00 – 3:00 (Doors open at 12:00)
- ◇Entrance Fee: General Admission = ¥1,000
- ◇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”
- ◇Tickets: Miyazaki City International Association Administrative Bureau (Miyazaki City Hall, Main Building, 1st Floor)
Service counters at Miyazaki Yamagataya, Miyako City, Aeon Mall Miyazaki, and the 6 Coop Stores within Miyazaki City.
- ◇Inquiries: Miyazaki City International Association Administrative Bureau Tel:0985-21-1719 Fax:0985-21-1733
Email:miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki.catv.ne.jp
URL:hthp://www.miyazaki-mcia.jp



● Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents – Hosted by Miyazaki City

- ◇Date & Time: October 10th, 17th, and 24th (Fri) 6:30 ~ 7:30 p.m.
- ◇Place: Miyazaki Citizens’ Plaza, main conference room (10/17: other conference room)
- ◇To Apply: Send completed application form by mail, e-mail, or fax to the Miyazaki City International Association
- ◇Application & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki City International Association
Address: Planning & Publicity Section, Tachibana-dori Nishi 1-1-1, Miyazaki City
TEL: 0985-21-1714 FAX: 0985-21-0200 E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp Directors: Miyon Jison & Morita

● Learning Germany: “Beer!”

Interested in deepening your understanding of the world of beer? A series of seminars about beer will be held at the 4 venues listed below (same lecture each time).

- ◇Dates & Venues:
 - 10/9 (Thu) 7:00~8:30 【Sadowara Culture Center, West Training Room】
 - 10/16 (Thu) 7:00~8:30 【Tano Culture Hall, Noson kankyo *Kaizen* Center, 2nd Floor Audio-Visual Room】
 - 10/23 (Thu) 7:00~8:30 【Takaoka Noson Kankyo Center, 2nd Floor Seikatsu *Kaizen* Research Room】
 - 10/30 (Thu) 7:00~8:30 【Miyazaki Citizens’ Plaza, 4th Floor Conference Room】



- ◇Participants: Max of 30 ◇Participation Fee: Free
- ◇To Apply: Send completed application form or contact us with your name and phone number by mail, e-mail, or fax
- ◇Application & Questions: Contact the Miyazaki City International Association, “Learning Germany”

● UK-JAPAN 2008 Special Anniversary Event: Ronan Magill Piano Recital

- ◇Date & Time: October 21st (Tue) starting at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30) ◇Place: Miyazaki Citizens’ Plaza, Albright Hall
- ◇Entrance Fee: General Admission = ¥2,000; Students = ¥1,000; Pair Tickets = ¥3,000; Elementary School Students = ¥300
- ◇Tickets: Nishimura Music Store, Miyazaki Yamagataya, Miyazaki Japan-British Society
- ◇Questions: Contact the Miyazaki Japan-British Society Administrative Bureau
TEL: 0985-28-2505



September Events

Events	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Takanabe Castle Lantern Festival	10/11 (Sat) 3:00 ~ 9:00 p.m. ----- 10/12 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 8:00 p.m.	Maizuru Park in Takanabe Town	Takanabe Commerce and Industry Planning Division Tel:0983-26-2015
31 st Obi Castle Festival 	10/18 (Sat) Night before the Festival 3:00 ~ 8:30 p.m. (Market opens at 12:00) ----- 10/19 (Sat) Day of the Festival 12:00 ~ 7:00 p.m. (Market opens at 10:00)	Obi Castle in Nichinan City	Nichinan City Tourism Association Tel:0987-31-1134 
2008 Kakashi Village Fireworks Festival	10/26 (Sun) Starts at 7:00 p.m.	Miyakonojo City, Ichidogaoka Park	Miyakonojo City Commerce, Industry, & Tourism Director, Industrial Revival Division, Yamada Branch Office Tel:0986-64-1111

● Pat’s Little Rant

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

We all have a little crazy in us; some more than others. Some of my crazy – I’ve been told – lies in my long-held dream of riding with storm chasers. Do I have the proper qualifications? Could I analyze incoming meteorological data and make split-second decisions as to the course a developing funnel cloud may take? Well, no, but I would eagerly offer my services as the renegade fellow who drives the car into the path of an oncoming tornado while gleefully shouting something ridiculous like, “Come and get me my twister sister!” That said, perhaps you can understand my disappointment with typhoon #13’s performance. Not that I’m a fan of seeing nature obliterate my surroundings, but that sissy rainstorm calling itself a typhoon was a joke. Where was the horizontal rain? Where were the winds that can carry away large animals? Where was the ominous feeling of nature mightily passing through? I stood on my balcony, eating ice cream to ease to pain, taunting the passing “storm.” Come on nature! Give us something to awe at next time! I give your performance 4 out of 10.