

Plaza News



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Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

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

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

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!

(※ Works that fail to reflect the International Foundation’s core value of respect may not be displayed at the discretion of the organizers.)

◇ Eligible Artists: In principle, foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇ Format: Photos, paintings, drawings, poetry, etc. ◇ Size: Max. 50cm x 50cm

◇ 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 Understanding Seminar #3 : Feel the World by your Side ~India~

Gururaja Murthy and his wife Jyotti will be introducing their home country of India in this seminar. You can also try wearing a salee – traditional Indian clothing. Seminar will be held in Japanese.

◇ Date & Time : December 6th (Sat) from 1 :30~3 :15 ※ Time subject to change

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

◇ To Apply : Contact us by phone, fax, or e-mail with your name, address, phone number, and what you would like to learn about India

• 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. Numbers of limited so stop by the Plaza soon.

◇ Giveaway Begins: November 8th (Fri.)

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

• 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



• 4th JICA International Cooperation Seminar: “Building Villages via International Cooperation”

~ Friendship and Exchange between Nakatsue Village and Cameroon ~

Yasumu Sakamoto, the former mayor of Nakatsue Village (now Hita City) – which became famous for hosting the Japan-Korea World Cup national team from Cameroon – will be giving a lecture on “The Ties between International Cooperation and Regional Development.” By all means, come by and join us.

◇ Date & Time: November 29th (Sat) from 3:00~5:00

◇ Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor Gaga-8, Community Hall

◇ Entrance Fee: Free

◇ Sponsors: Miyazaki University Political Science Research Department & JICA Kyushu

◇ Questions: Contact the JICA desk at the Miyazaki International Foundation (Ms. Sato)



