



Miyazaki International Foundation

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●2010 Miyazaki Art Festival: "Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In" Now Accepting Artworks! Theme: "Impressions of Miyazaki and Thoughts on Miyazaki"

◇Eligible Artists:

In principle, foreign residents living in Miyazaki

◇Eligible Art: Photos, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, poetry, handcrafts, etc. ※You can submit photos via data file as well

◇Artwork Size: Max size of 50cm x 50cm

◇Submissions of Artworks: ·Submission by Post: Send to the Miyazaki International Foundation

·Submission in Person: Hand in at one of the following institutions:①Miyazaki International Foundation,

②Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office,

③Nichinan City General Affairs Division,

④Miyakonojo International Association

※Please include the following information with your submission: Your name (furigana), nationality, contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail), artwork information (title, medium, short description), and instructions of how to exhibit your art (if necessary)

◇Exhibition Period & Venue:

January 20, 2010 (Wed) ~ January 30, 2010 (Sat)

Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Gaga-8 Free Space

from 10:00 am ~ 8:00 pm ※Final day concludes at 4:00

※Subsequent exhibitions will be held throughout the prefecture upon the conclusion of the exhibition in Miyazaki City

◇Awards: Exhibition visitors will vote for winners in the categories of "Photography," "Painting/Drawing," "Calligraphy," and "Handcrafts/Other." Top artists will awards prizes and certificates. The announcement of top artists and the award's ceremony will take place during the exhibition.

◇Submission Deadline: January 13, 2010 (Wed)

※Please contact us if submitting artwork after the deadline

◇Application & Inquiries:

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

●Disaster Prevention Bus Tour for Foreign Residents ※Registration Required

Learn about necessary measures you can take in your everyday life in Japan to prepare yourself for disaster by joining us in visiting a fire station, experiencing an earthquake simulation, practicing extinguishing fires, and more. Afterwards, we will be visiting the Saitobaru Ancient Burial Mounds as well as the Saitobaru Archaeological Museum. We await your participation!

◇Date & Time: October 24 (Sat) from 8:30 – 5:00

※Date & time subject to change

◇Participants: Foreign residents, study abroad students, and accompanying family members

◇Schedule:

★Morning – Earthquake simulation, extinguishing fires, riding in a fire-ladder truck, etc. (Miyazaki City)

★Afternoon – Visit to the Saitobaru Ancient Burial Mounds and Saitobaru Archaeological Museum (Saito City)

◇Participation Fee: ¥500

(Elementary school students & younger = Free)

◇Meeting Place: Depart by bus from your choice of the following meeting places (Miyazaki Prefectural Office front gate, Miyazaki Sangyo Keiei University, or Miyazaki University)

◇To Apply: Fill out our application form and return it to us by fax or mail ※Those selected to participate will receive notification from us

◇Application Deadline: October 9 (Fri)

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



●Library Back-Issues Free for the Taking

We are currently giving away back-issues of *Newsweek*, the Philippine newspaper *PINOY*, and other publications from the Miyazaki International Plaza's Library Corner for free. Numbers are limited, so come on by and get your hands on some free reading material.

◇Distribution Period: Beginning October 6 (Tue)

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

◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



●Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents in Miyakonojo ※Registration Required

◇Date & Time: September 8 (Tue) ~ December 11 (Fri)

1:30~3:30 for 23 Sessions in Total

※Every Tuesday & Friday ※NO CLASS on 9/18 (Fri), 9/22 (Tue), 9/25 (Fri), 10/30 (Fri), and 11/3 (Tue)

◇Place: Miyakonojo City Central Community Hall

◇Participants : Those with no Japanese study experience and/or a desire to learn basics of reading and writing

◇Cost : ¥1,000 (Text & Materials) ◇To Apply: Fill out our application form and return it by mail or fax

◇Application & Inquiries : Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation / Miyakonojo International Association, 〒885-8555 Himegi-cho 6-21, Miyakonojo City Tel: 0986-23-2295, Fax: 0986-23-3223, E-mail: mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp

●Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents ※Registration Required

◇Date & Time: September 4 (Fri) ~ December 4 (Fri), Every Tuesday & Friday 10:10~12:00,

Total of 25 Sessions

※NO CLASS on 9/22 (Tue) & 11/3 (Tue)

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

◇Participants : Those with no Japanese study experience and/or a desire to learn basics of reading and writing

◇Cost : ¥1,000 (Text & Materials)

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

◇Application & Inquiries :

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

<Local Announcements>



● **Commemorating 10 Years of Sister-City Exchange**
 ※Free of Charge

This year marks the 10th anniversary of sister-city exchange between Miyakonojo City and Chongqing, China, as well as Miyakonojo City and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. In commemoration of this decade of friendship, we will be holding the following events.

◎ **“Three-Stringed Collaboration” Musical Event:** A performance combining the Chinese *erhu*, the Mongolian *morin khuur*, and the Japanese *koto*.

◇Date & Time: October 31 (Sat) from 2:30~3:30

◇Venue: Daimaru Center Mall

◎ **Sister-City Exchange Agreement 10th Anniversary Ceremony:** The mayors of Chongqing, Ulaanbaatar, and Miyakonojo City will gather to commemorate the signing of their sister-city agreements, as well as promote their respective locales. ※The first 400 guests will receive a commemorate gift from China/Mongolia.

◇Date & Time: November 1 (Sun) from 10:00~12:00

◇Venue: Miyakonojo City General Culture Hall

◎ **The Traditions of 3 Countries - Folk Entertainment Festival:** The folk entertainment of Mongolia, China, and Miyakonojo City all on one stage!

◇Date & Time: November 1 (Sun) beginning at 1:00~(doors open at 12:30)

◇Venue: Miyakonojo City General Culture Hall

※Must have a ticket to attend: tickets are being distributed at the Miyakonojo City *Seikatsu Bunka* Division and various branch offices, as well as the Miyakonojo City General Culture Hall.

◎ **China & Mongolia Art Exhibition:** An exhibition of China/Mongolia-themed posters drawn by elementary and middle school students from Miyakonojo City

◇Date: November 1 (Sun) ◇Venue: Miyakonojo City General Culture Hall

◇Inquiries: Contact the *Seikatsu Bunka* Division Internationalization Section

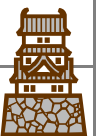
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<October Events>

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
<i>Hyuga Jugoya Festival</i> (Moon Festival)	10/3 (Sat) & 10/4 (Sun) 1:00~9:00 pm	Hyuga City, downtown area in front of station (main stage)	Hyuga Jugoya Festival Committee (within the Hyuga Chamber of Commerce & Industry) Tel: 0982-52-5131
<i>Takanabe Tourou Festival</i> (Lantern Festival)	10/10 (Sat) 2:30~9:00 10/11 (Sun) 10:00~9:00	Takanabe Town, Maizuru Park	Takanabe Town Industrial Development Division Tel: 0983-26-2015
32 nd Annual Obi Castle Festival	10/24 (Sat) 2:30~8:30 10/25 (Sun) 12:00~7:30	Nichinan City, Obi, Commercial District	Obi Castle Festival Committee Tel: 0987-31-0606
Miyazaki Shrine Festival	10/31 (Sat) from 1:00 11/1 (Sun) from 1:00	Miyazaki City, Tachibana-dori	Miyazaki City Chamber of Commerce & Industry Tel:0985-22-2161



● **Currently Looking for Patron Members**
 Yearly Membership Fee:
 ¥2,000 per person;
 ¥10,000 per group



● **Machinaka Ikebana (Flower Arranging) Class**

Interested in experiencing traditional Japanese culture through *ikebana*, the art of flower arranging? Enjoy yourself while learning the names of flowers, how to handle flowers, floral phrases significant to the seasons and more. ※Class will be interpreted into English

◇Date & Time:
 October 24 (Sat), November 14 (Sat), and December 12 (Sat) from 1:30~3:00
 ◇Material's Fee: ¥700 per class
 ◇No. of Participants: 4 per class
 ◇Inquiries: Machinaka Ikebana Executive Committee
 Tel: 090-7167-2756 (English)/
 Tel & Fax: 0985-23-7995
 (Ms. Kawagoe)

Pat's Little Rant

Unfaithful to the Formation

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Psychological science has isolated two common causes for insanity and related afflictions to the mental well-being of individuals: a hereditary predisposition to such deterioration and too much time spent waiting in line with *those unfaithful to the formation*. I speak of the waiting-formation when 2 registers, 2 ATMs, 2 tellers, 2 what-have-you are providing service, yet are nonetheless occupied at the moment of your arrival. If you find yourself lining up in the aforementioned environment, you have a choice: either ① Hedge your bets and take the middle, thus beginning a queue where the next in line will see service quickest, or ② Take a chance lining up directly behind the register/ATM/teller/etc. of your choice, giving birth to 2 respective lines. This moral code of lining up is similar to the silhouette outline of Michael Jordan's head: both are universally recognized and both deserve obedience from the public. Thus, when pushy patrons pretending to peruse pastries to complement their cappuccino prematurely promenade ahead of me to undeserved early service, I begin hearing the chatter of those crazy voices that live in my head – and they speak of unpleasant vengeance. Thankfully many places including banks and post-offices have decreed a queuing formation to keep the peace; however, I issue a well-intentioned warning to my fellow Tully's Coffee customers: be faithful to the formation, or face the consequences (which will probably be my moping and giving you the evil eye from across the room).