



Miyazaki International Foundation

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● Announcement: Plaza Holiday Closing

The Plaza will be closed November 3 (Tue) for the holiday.

2nd International Understanding Seminar: “Experience the World around You!” –Ireland-

※Registration Required; first-come first-served

Join us for an Irish cooking class led by Ireland native Richard Kirwin. Learn about Ireland through the international language of food. Please bring along an apron and a container to take home any leftovers.

※This course will be led in Japanese

◇Date & Time: December 12 (Sat) from 10:30~14:00
(Registration begins at 10:00)

◇Place: Miyazaki-Nishi Regional Exchange Center
(Miyazaki-shi, Gion1-49)

◇Participation Fee:(General) 500yen,
(International Foundation Members) 300yen

◇Instructor: Richard Kirwin

◇Participants: Max of 20

◇To Apply: Contact us by phone, fax, or e-mail with your name and phone number

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



● International Chat Sessions 《Chinese》

※Free to All ※Registration Required

Drop by the Plaza for chat sessions in Chinese with the Singaporean CIR (coordinator for international relations) and other native Chinese speakers. All are welcome to join!

◇Date & Time: 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 1/12, and 1/19
1:30~2:30 ※All sessions on Tuesday

※5 sessions in total

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

◇Participants: Individuals studying Chinese with limited opportunities to practice speaking

◇To Apply: Contact us (via phone, fax, or e-mail) with your name and contact information

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



● Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

※No Registration Required; Free of Charge

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! ※No meeting November 3 (Tue) because of the holiday.

◇Dates: Every Tuesday and Friday from 10:30 – 11:30

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

◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

● 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

● Currently Looking for Patron Members

The Miyazaki International Foundation is looking for patron members generously willing to lend their support and assist with the Foundation’s international activities.

Yearly Membership

Fee: ¥2,000 per person; ¥10,000 per group

· Delivery of the “International Plaza News” (issued monthly in 4 languages) & “South Wind” (3 issues per year)

· Priority access to information regarding Foundation-hosted courses and events (free or discounted participation, preferential member treatment, etc.)

· Use of standard video players from various countries (free for members, ¥500 for non-members)

· Access to Foundation-issued publications

<Local Announcements>

●Miyazaki-Virginia Beach Sister City Exchange Performance: "GET ON YOUR FEET!"

We will be hosting a spectacular dance-musical performance by the high school students who will be studying theatrical performance in Miyazaki City's sister city of Virginia Beach, U.S.A. – we hope to see you there.

◇Date & Time: November 11 (Wed) beginning at 7:00 pm
(doors open at 6:00)

◇Place: Miyazaki Municipal Culture Hall

◇Entrance Fee: General admission = ¥1,500 (¥2,000 at the door);
High school students & younger = ¥500 (¥1,000 at the door)

◇Inquiries: Tel: 0985-60-3911, E-mail: office@bunkahonpo.or.jp

Events Hosted by Nobeoka City:



●Carefree Cooking Class

Looking to try your hand at cooking up some English cuisine? Be sure to bring along an apron, sling, dishcloth, and container to take home leftovers.

◇Date & Time: November 20 (Fri) from 10:00~1:00 ◇Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

◇Participants: Max of 15 (first come, first served) ◇Fees: ¥800 (for ingredients)

●Afternoon Tea and English Conversation ※Free to All ※No Registration Required

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of eating lunch and speaking in English with Tiffany, the Nobeoka City CIR (coordinator for international relations). Please bring your own lunch to the meeting.

◇Date & Time: November 24 (Tue) from 11:30~1:00 ◇Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

●Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents ※Free to All

◇Date & Time: Every Monday and Thursday (excluding holidays, the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Monday of the month) from 10:30~12:00 ◇Place: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office Tel: 0982-22-7006

●International Exchange Festival in Ebino

The Ebino International Exchange Festival hosts numerous events, songs and dances from around the world, food from several foreign countries, a raffle, and more.

◇Date & Time: November 15 (Sun)
starting at 10:00

◇Place: Ebino City International Exchange Center outdoor plaza (Venue in case of bad weather: Nissho Gakuen Kyushu International High School Gymnasium)

◇Inquiries: Contact the Ebino City International Exchange Center

Tel: 0984-35-3211, Fax: 0984-35-3215

<November Events >

Event/Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Shiiba Heike Festival 11/6 (Fri) - 11/8 (Sun)	Shiiba Village, Upper Shiba Road	Shiba Village Planning and Tourism Group Tel: 0982-67-3203
Saito Kofun (Burial Mounds) Festival 11/7 (Sat) 10:00-8:00 11/8 (Sun) 9:00-5:00	Saito City Miyake, Area in front of Burial Mounds	Saito City Tourist Association Tel: 0983-41-1557
Koyu Minna no Shokuno Festival 2009 11/15 (Sun) 10:00-4:30	Takanabe Town, <i>Nogyo Kagaku Koen</i> (Agricultural Science Park): Lupinus Park	Higashi Koyu Tourism Network Administration Bureau Tel: 0983-22-1333 General Agricultural Research Center Tel: 0983-23-7447
28th Aya Craft Festival 11/21 (Sat)-11/23 (Mon)	Aya Town, Aya Teruha Dome	Aya Town Industry and Tourism Division Tel:0985-77-3464

Pat's Little Rant

Single File Phobia?

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Hey there teenage gentlemen of Miyazaki – how's it going? I imagine that the abiding awkwardness of adolescence, humungous heaps of homework, and authoritarian appeals of adults can make life a struggle from time to time. I should know...I was once just like you (not that I was a Japanese boy, but I mean I was once a teenager...at least I don't remember being a Japanese boy...). Anyway, trust me when I decree that I have no desire to add turbulence to your youthful journeys; however, some of your more spacey brethren (you know who you are!) have forced my hand.

Sidewalks in Japan prove a narrow species wherever you go. Thus, common courtesy would dictate a subtle shift left or right when two parties come to passing each other. Riding bikes side-by-side for the sake of conversation is not a problem; three or four of you riding side-by-side is also not a problem; but, guys, lazily crunching your bikes together and staying side-by-side when fellow pedestrians want to get by earns you three supersized scoops of my scorn. How hard is the concept of riding single file for a few seconds – trust me, you will not go delirious from loneliness and despair. Your female counterparts have no problem grasping this concept of making space, so what's the deal? Earn your chivalry badge and make some room!