



Miyazaki International Foundation

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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

●4th International Understanding Seminar: “Experience the World around You!” –Brazil- ※Registration Required ※First-Come First-Serve

We invite all interested individuals to join us for a Brazilian cooking class led by our Brazilian native volunteer instructor. Learn about Brazil through the international language of food.

※This course will be led in Japanese.

◇Date & Time: Mar 13 (Sat) from 10:30~14:00

(Registration begins at 10:00)

◇Venue: Miyazaki General Welfare Center, Kitchen
(Haramachi 2-22, Miyazaki City)

※Free Parking Available

◇Instructor: Mr. Kokubu Jonas Shuichi



◇Participants: Max of 20

◇Participation Fee:

(General) ¥500; (Foundation Members) ¥300

◇Please bring along an apron

◇To Apply: Contact the International Foundation (by phone, fax, or e-mail) with your name and phone number

◇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 for free from the Miyazaki International Plaza's Library Corner. Numbers are limited, so come on by and get your hands on some free reading material.

◇Distribution Period: Beginning March 2 (Tue)

◇Place: Miyazaki International Plaza,

Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor

●Miyazaki International Plaza Library Corner

We have amassed the following diverse collection of books, magazines, videos, etc. All prefectural residents can borrow items from our library, so come on by and check out what the Plaza has to offer.

●Newspapers: THE DAILY YOMIURI,
PINOY GAZETTE, BANGKOK TIMES

●Magazines: *Nihongo Journal*, *Ryugaku Journal*, *Hiragana Times*, *Newsweek*, etc.

●Travel guides and maps for numerous countries

●Foreign languages books

(English, Chinese, Korean, French, German, etc.)

●Textbooks, videos, CDs, and tapes for studying Japanese

●Books and resources related to international understanding and cooperation

●Books regarding studying and working abroad

●Workbooks for studying foreign languages

(English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, etc.)



●Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out our staff by working at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza. Volunteers should reside within the prefecture and be 18 years of age or older. If you are interested, please fill out the necessary application form and return it to us by Saturday, March 13.

《In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process》

※Applicants must be proficient in Japanese.

◇Volunteer Period: April 1 (Thu) ~ Sep 30 (Thu)

※Excluding holidays

◇Volunteer Time: One day a week from Tue - Sat

※Must work same day and time each week

①10:15~12:45 ②1:00~3:30

◇Tasks: Assisting Plaza visitors, organizing and lending out library materials, assisting with correspondence, arranging and forwarding used stamps, etc.

◇Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (however, parking and volunteers insurance will be covered by the International Foundation).

◇Application & Inquiries:

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

●2010 “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival Exhibition Road Show

The “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival Exhibition, which was held in January at Carino Miyazaki, will further be held in both Ebino and Nichinan City. Be sure to drop by!

①Ebino City:

Feb 27 (Sat) ~ Mar 8 (Mon) from 8:30~6:00

◇Venue: Ebino City International Exchange Center

◇Inquiries: Ebino City International Exchange Center,

Tel: 0984-35-3211

②Nichinan City:

Mar 13 (Sat) ~ Mar 22 (Mon) from 9:00~5:00

◇Venue: Nichinan City International Exchange Center
(Komura Memorial Hall Lobby)

◇Inquiries: Nichinan City General Affairs Division,

Tel: 0987-31-1113

●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!

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

◇Place: Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor,

Miyazaki International Plaza

◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

●International Cooperation for One and for All

Striving to support the activities of NGOs involved in projects aimed at eliminating poverty and stopping the spread of infectious diseases in countries across the world, along with protecting our planet's environment from destruction, we here at the Miyazaki International Foundation are collecting the following items, which we ask for your cooperation in bringing in or sending to the International Plaza:

- 1) Postcards with errors, etc. which you no longer need
 - 2) Used Stamps
 - 3) Used Prepaid Cards
- ◇Note on Sending Stamps: Please leave about 5 mm of space around stamps when cutting them off of envelopes. Also, we cannot accept torn or damaged stamps.
- ◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

●Miyazaki International Foundation Message Board

All are welcome to post on the Foundation message boards, located both in the Miyazaki International Plaza and on the Foundation's homepage (<http://www.mif.or.jp/>). Please use these boards as a means of information exchange for promoting events, finding club members, etc.

※You must register before posting on the online message board.※Content deemed inappropriate by the Foundation will be removed from the message boards.

●Currently Looking for Patron Members

Yearly Membership Fee:

¥2,000 per person: ¥10,000 per group

<March Events>

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
 Miyazaki Flower Festa 2010	3/20 (Sat) ~ 5/9 (Sun) From 9:00~5:00	Main Venue: "Kodomo no Kuni"	Miyazaki Tourism and Convention Association Tel: 0985-26-6100
		※Entrance Fee: Adult (high school & up) ¥800 (presale = ¥600); Kids (4 yrs. - middle school) ¥400 (presale = ¥300) ※Presale tickets can be purchased at all Miyazaki Kotsu Branch Offices and convenience stores	
Mochio Park Cherry Blossom Viewing	End of March ~ Beginning of April	Miyakonojo City, Mochio Park	Miyakonojo City Tourism Association Tel: 0986-23-2460 ※"Cherry Blossom Festival" to be held during full bloom
Saito Flower Festival	3/27 (Sat) ~4/4 (Sun) Illumination beginning at 10:00	Saito City, Saito Burial Mounds	Saito City Tourism Association Tel: 0983-41-1557

【Local Announcements】

●Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

※Free to All; Registration Required

- ◇Date & Time: 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19
from 6:30~7:30 pm ※Every Friday
- ◇Venue: Miyazaki Citizens' Plaza (Chu Meeting Room)
- ◇To Apply: Fill out our application form and return to the Miyazaki City International Association by post, e-mail, or fax.
- ◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki City International Association 〒880-8505 Miyazaki City International Association Administrative Office, Tachibana-dori Nishi 1-1-1, Miyazaki City
Tel: 0985-21-1719, Fax: 0985-21-1733,
E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

●International Exchange Festival in Miyazaki Citizens' Activity Festival ※Free Admission

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Come by for entertaining events galore, including a fashion show of countries' traditional attire, introductions to Japanese culture, and a chance to make Easter eggs.

- ◇Date & Time: 3/7 (Sun) from 10:00~3:30
- ◇Venue: Miyazaki Citizens' Plaza, 4th Floor Gallery and Gallery South Walkway
- ◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki City International Association 〒880-8505 Miyazaki City International Association Administrative Office, Tachibana-dori Nishi 1-1-1, Miyazaki City Tel: 0985-21-1719, Fax: 0985-21-1733, E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Pat's Little Rant

Sandwiches

Patrick Maher, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Albert Einstein (if I hadn't written Albert you might have assumed his often-quoted cousin Roberto Einstein) famously said, or perhaps unabashedly penned with fury, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." By this definition, I am, as many of you as well may be, insane. Why? Because we keep buying convenience store packaged sandwiches with the ridiculous yet nagging notion of hope that, by some divine miracle, the sandwich filling might extend farther than the eye can see. Who are the prankster sadists that fill these sandwiches, and why are they so makes-me-want-to-spit evil? Are they morally opposed to covering the entire area of bread with scrumptious stuffing? Are they satisfied with everything at 35%: bathing in puddles, graduating after 4th grade, running 9 mile marathons? People, my mother raised me with 3 nonnegotiable, unforgettable tenants for a happy life: no crying in baseball, something else about smoking or not smoking in bed, and a necessary 1:1 ratio of bread to filling when making sandwiches. If we are indeed not insane, we must wake from our passive stupor and demand properly filled sandwiches from our convenience stores! On the other hand, if we are insane, purple rabbits freeze towards Jupiter boiled in F minor is.