



## 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

### Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents

#### ※Accepting Applicants

We are currently looking for applicants for our Japanese Speech Contest. Come and speak about your thoughts and feelings about Miyazaki.

- ◇Speech Topic: Your thoughts and feelings about Miyazaki (things relating to daily life, interactions with people, or your own experiences)
- ◇Day & Time: 12/12(Sun)

11:00 – 12:45 Awards Ceremony 13:50 – 14:00

- ◇Location: Miyazaki Art Center 4<sup>th</sup> floor Art Space 1

◇Eligible Participants: Participants that meet the following criteria

- 1) Foreign Residents in Miyazaki (including international students) that are at least 18 years of age or older
- 2) Participants whose native language is a language other than Japanese.

◇Note: Winners of past contests cannot participate in the same proficiency division or any lower division.

◇Divisions and Speech Time Limits:

- 1) Beginner: Speech Time – 3 minutes or less (Language ability equal to or below JLPT level 3)
- 2) Intermediate: Speech Time – 5 minutes or less (Language ability equal to or below JLPT level 2)
- 3) Advanced: Speech Time – 5 minutes or less (No restrictions on Japanese ability)

※Presenters are not allowed to use props such as dry erase boards or presentation software such as PowerPoint.

※The top presenters in each division will receive a certificate and prize courtesy of the Miyazaki International Foundation. All participants will receive a participation prize as well.

◇Application Deadline: Applications must arrive no later than 11/30 (Tues) -Note: We will also stop taking applications if we meet our allotted number of positions before this date

◇How to Apply: mail, fax or e-mail (manager@mif.or.jp) us your completed application forms.

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



### Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

#### ※Application is not necessary ※Attendance is free

For those of you that would like to practice conversation in Japanese or using phrases that come up in daily life with our Japanese volunteers.

- ◇Date & Time: 10/5(Tues), 10/12(Tues), 10/19(Tues), 10/26(Tues)  
10:30 – 11:30
- 10/1(Fri), 10/8(Fri), 10/15(Fri), 10/22(Fri), 10/29(Fri)  
10:10- 11:00

◇Location: (Tuesdays) Carino Miyazaki 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Miyazaki International Foundation Multipurpose Room A  
(Fridays) Carino Miyazaki 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



### International Booths for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Festival Looking for volunteers!

Come and introduce your home country! International booths will be on display on 12/12 (Sun) in connection with the Art Festival. We are currently looking for foreign residents that will help us by setting up a booth for their home country.

◇Date & Time: 12/12 (Sun) 10:00 – 16:00

◇Location: Miyazaki Art Center 5<sup>th</sup> floor Art Space 2

◇Exhibition Space: One 180cm×60cm table as well as the 180cm wide wall space behind you.

※Some financial assistance will be provided for the price of materials.

◇Purpose: For volunteers to introduce their home countries through the items that they have brought and put on display.

◇Eligible Participants: Foreign Residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇Application Deadline: 10/16 (Sat.)

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

### Natural Disaster Seminar for Foreign Residents

#### ※Free ※Registration Required

#### ※Lunch will be provided for free

Learn about natural disaster response critical for living in Japan through earthquake and smoke simulations. After the seminar a Japanese culture event is also being planned by the Miyazaki International Foundation. Please attend.

◇Date & Time: 10/23(Sat) 10:00–12:00

※Time subject to change

◇Participants: Foreign residents in Miyazaki, International students and their families

◇Content: earthquake simulation, smoke simulation, and emergency procedures

◇Meeting Location: The parking lot in front of the main building of Miyazaki City Hall

◇Signup Limit: 60 people

◇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

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



### Beginner Japanese course for Foreign Residents (Beginner Level) in Nobeoka City

#### ※Application Necessary

We will be holding a beginner level Japanese course for foreign residents. Those of you that are weak at speaking or have few opportunities to study Japanese please attend.

◇Course Times: 10/22 (Fri) – 3/11(Fri) 2011

Every Monday and Friday 10:45 – 12:15

◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

◇Course Fee: 1,000 yen

◇How to Apply: Fax or mail in your completed application form.

◇Applications & Inquiries:

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation or the Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Department Tel: 0982-22-7006

### Japanese Lessons for Foreign Residents (Beginner - Intermediate Levels) in Miyakonojo

#### ※Application Required

We will be holding Japanese courses for foreign residents. The content of the course will be adjusted to match the level of the participants.

◇Date & Time: 10/19(Tues) – 1/18(Tues) 2011 Every Tuesday and Friday for a total of 20 lessons 10:00 – 12:00

※Note: 10/22(Fri), 11/23(Tues), and 12/17(Fri) – 1/7(Fri) there will not be any class

◇Location: Miyakonojo City Central Community Center Building, Miyakonojo City Community Center

◇Course Fee: 1,000 yen~

◇Maximum Number of Participants: 15 people

◇How to Apply: Fax or mail in your completed application form.

◇Applications & Inquiries: contact the Miyazaki International Foundation or the Miyakonojo International Association (MIA)

Tel: 0986-23-2295 Fax: 0986-23-3223

Email: [mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp](mailto:mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp)



## ◆5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival – Now Accepting Artworks!

Theme: “Things Learned from Living in Miyazaki,” “Strange Things about Miyazaki,” or other thoughts/impressions related to Miyazaki

◇Eligible Artists: In principle, foreign residents living in Miyazaki  
 ◇Eligible Art: Photos, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, poetry, handcrafts, etc. ※You can submit up to 3 photos via data file, which we will print out in color in a predetermined size  
 ※Note: We will not accept videos, recording, or entries that utilize water or plants.

◇Artwork Size: Max of 50cm×50cm

※Frames for photos and paintings larger than A4 size must be provided by the artist.

◇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 International Exchange Promotion Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Nobeoka City Hall), ③Nichinan City General Affairs Division (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Nichinan City Hall), ④Miyakonojo International Association (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Miyakonojo City hall), ⑤University of Miyazaki Global Support Office

※Please include the following information with your submission: Your name (furigana), nationality, occupation, 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: 12/8(Wed) – 12/13(Mon) Miyazaki Art Centre, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Art Space 2 10:00 – 20:00

※First Day opens at 15:00, Final Day closes at 16:00

※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: 11/6 (Sat)

※Please contact us if submitting artworks after the deadline

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



## <October Events>

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Nobeoka Tengaichi Takigi Noh Performances	10/9(Sat) Opening: 15:00 start time: 17:30	Nobeoka City, Nobeoka Castle Remains Outer Wall Meeting Space	Inquiries: NPO Nobeoka Tengaichi Citizen Exchange Institution Tel: 0982-33-0248
The 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Takanabe Castle Lantern Festival	10/9(Sat) 10/10(Sun)	Takanabe Town, in the area of Maizuru Park	Inquiries: Takanabe Town Advancing Policy Division Tel: 0983-26-2018
The 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tano Town Taiko Festival	10/23(Sat) Opening from 16:30 Event Time 17:00– 21:50	Miyazaki City, Tano Sports Park	Inquiries: Tano Town Taiko Festival Planning Committee Offices Tel: 0985-86-1111
Miyazaki Jingu Taisai(Jinmu Sama)	10/30(Sat) 10/31(Sun)	From Miyazaki Jingu to Oyodo River Side	Inquiries: Miyazaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tel:0985-22-2161

## [Local Announcements]

### 《Miyazaki City》

#### ◆Japanese Practice Sessions For Foreign Residents ※Free of Charge, Application Required

◇Date & Time: 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 18:30 – 19:30 Every Friday

◇Location: Miyazaki City Citizens Plaza meeting room “chu”

◇How to Apply: Mail, e-mail, or fax your application forms to the Miyazaki City International Association

◇Applications & Inquiries: Call, Fax, or e-mail the Miyazaki City International Association

Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax: 0985-21-1733

Email: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



### 《Miyakonojo City》

#### ◆World Beer and Trivia Night ※Only for those over 20 Reservations is Required, Applications will be treated as first come first serve.

Compete to answer trivia questions about different countries, while enjoying different beers from around the world. Aim for victory as you compete in teams of 6 to answer quiz questions.

◇Date & Time: 10/22 (Fri) Store opens form 18:30

Event is from 19:00 – 21:30

◇Location: Sports Café ROOKIE (Miyakonojo City Miyamaru Town 3021-1)

◇Maximum Number of Participants: 72 People

◇Participation Fee: MIA members 2,500 yen non-members 2,800 yen

※Participation by without prior reservation will not be allowed.

◇Ticket Purchases & Inquiries: Miyakonojo International Association (MIA)

Tel: 0986-23-2295 Fax: 0986-23-3223

Email: mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp



### 《Nobeoka City》

#### ◆Fun Cooking Course British Food (Explanations will be given in Japanese only) ※Applications are first come first serve

◇Date & Time: 10/28 (Thurs.) 10:00 – 13:00

◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

◇Maximum Number of Participants: 15 people

◇Course Fees: 800 yen (ingredient costs)

※Note: Please bring your own apron, triangular cloth, rag, and a container for taking home leftovers.

◇Applications & Inquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Department Tel: 0982-22-7006

## Waltzing Around the World

## Hello from Paul

## Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Since coming to Miyazaki I have noticed a lot of differences between my home country and Japan. From the cleanliness of almost everything to mayonnaise being on...well almost everything. Don't get me started about the mayonnaise. OK, I started on the mayonnaise... Once I was served a lobster in Japan – not with butter – but mayonnaise, loaded with mayonnaise. Ok, so something that has stood out to me to nearly the same extend as the pervasive use of mayonnaise has to be the number of times that people randomly call out “hello” to me. Walking along the street... hello! Riding a bus...hello! Going to the bathroom...hello! While working as an ALT, I was surprised by the effort that my school put into having children great people properly. It was pretty nice, but it took quite a while for it to sink in that the use of hello in Japan is just a direct translation of how Japanese greeting are used. Step 1) (say greeting) Step 2) Smile a bit Step 3) keep on walking. The many times that I did stop and try to talk to the unsuspecting greeter were reciprocated with confusion, shock, and terror. Exactly the same reaction I had to mayonnaise corn pizza.