



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

●Daily Life and Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents *Appointment Necessary *Free of Charge

Are you having any troubles with your life in Japan? (Troubles concerning visas, marriage, divorce, etc.)
If so why not let a lawyer or certified administrative procedures specialist help answer your problems. Volunteer Interpretation is available upon request.

◇Date & Time: 12/4 (Sat) 10:00am – 12:00am *Consultation time is 30 minutes per person

◇Place: Miyazaki Citizens Plaza 4th Floor “sho” Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

◇Application Deadline: 11/27 (Sat)

◇Method of Application: Please make your reservations by phone. *Please let us know if interpretation is necessary at the time you make your phone call.

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



●Notice that the Miyazaki International Plaza will closed

The International Plaza will be closed for the public holidays on 11/3 (Wed) and 11/23(Tue).

●Beginner Japanese course for Foreign Residents (Beginner Level) in Nobeoka City *Application Necessary

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

Every Monday and Friday 10:45am – 12:15am

◇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 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: 11/2(Tue), 11/9(Tue), 11/16(Tue), 11/30(Tue)
10:30am – 11:30am

11/5(Fri), 11/12(Fri), 11/19(Fri), 11/26(Fri)

10:10am – 11:00am

Note: There will be no class on 11/23 (Tue)

◇Location: (Tuesdays) Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor Miyazaki International Foundation, Multipurpose Room A
(Fridays) Carino Miyazaki 9th Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



●Japanese Lessons for Foreign Residents (Beginner - Intermediate Levels) in Miyakonojo *Application Required

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

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

◇Location: Miyakonojo City Community 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 Miyakonojo International Association (MIA)

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

Email: mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp

●5th Annual “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival Now Accepting Applications

◇Theme: Your impressions or thoughts of Miyazaki. Some possible examples are “What I have learned while living in Miyazaki” or “Strange things about Miyazaki.”

◇Eligible Applicants: All applicants must be foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇Possible Entries: Photos, Paintings, Sketches, Calligraphy, Poems, Hand Made Crafts and more

Note: Photographs can be sent in as data. One person may submit up to 3 data photos. If you submit your photos to us as data we will print them out in color at the size we specify.

Note: We will not accept videos, recording, or entries that utilize water or plants.

◇Size: Up to 50cm×50cm

◇Submission of Entries: With all applications please include your name (in furigana), home country, occupation, contact information (Address, Tel, e-mail), the title of your art piece, a description of the materials used, an explanation of your art piece, information on how you would like your art exhibited (if you have a specific preference), and the division of your entry.

◇Awards: Winners will be chosen in the divisions of photography, paintings, calligraphy, and craft/other by visitors to the gallery. Prizes and Certificates will be given to the top entries courtesy of the Miyazaki International Foundation. An announcement of winners as well as an awards ceremony will take place while the exhibit is on display.

◇Application Deadline: 11/6 (Sat)

Note: Please contact us if you have an entry that you would like to submit after the deadline has passed.

◇Submissions & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

●5th Annual “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival Opening *Entrance Free of Charge

The pieces in this art Exhibition show the thoughts and feelings held by Miyazaki’s Foreign Community toward Miyazaki Prefecture. We have already collected some amazing photographs and works of calligraphy. On the same day JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) will jointly be holding its own interactive exhibit “Connected to the World”. Please come and check them out.

Art Exhibition

◇Display Time: 12/8 (Wed) – 12/13 (Mon) 10:00am – 8:00pm

*Note: The opening day of the exhibition will start from 3:00pm and the final Day will finish at 4:00pm

◇Location: Miyazaki Art Center 5th floor Art Space 2

Related Event

December 12th (Sun)

◎Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents
Speech Contest: 11:00am – 12:45am

Awards Ceremony: 1:50pm – 2:00pm

◎Meet with Exhibitors/ Announcement of Top Entries

Meet with Exhibitors 2:30pm – 2:50pm

Announcement of Top Entries 2:50pm – 3:00pm

◎Country Introduction Corner and JICA Introduction booths

*Please note that the events above may be subject to change without prior notice.

Host: Miyazaki International Foundation

Joint hosting: JICA Kyushu

Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



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) 11:00am – 12:45am

Awards Ceremony 1:50pm – 2:00pm

◇Location: Miyazaki Art Center 4th 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 (Tue) *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



International Booths for the 5th 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) 10:00am – 4:00pm

◇Location: Miyazaki Art Center 5th floor Art Space 2

*The foundation will bear the cost of parking expenses

◇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

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

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◎Cooking Class for Foreign Residents * Free of Charge, Applications will be made on a first come first serve basis.

Have fun making homemade Japanese food while making new friends.

◇Date & Time: 11/7 (Sun) 10:00am – 12:30am

◇Location: Miyazaki Central Community Center

◇Target: 20 Foreign Residents and International Students

◇Applications and Inquiries: Please Call, Fax, or E-mail the Miyazaki City International Foundation.

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

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



<November Events>

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
14 th Annual Shiroyama Kagura Festival	11/7(Sun) 10:00am – 8:00pm	Nobeoka City Nobeoka Castle Remains Outer Wall Meeting Space	Inquiries: Shiroyama Kagura Planning Committee Tel: 0982-34-6437
Shiiba Heike Festival 2010	11/12(Fri) to 11/14(Sun) 11/12(Fri) From 4:00pm 11/14(Sun) Until 3:00pm	Shiiba Village Near the Shiiba Village Office	Inquiries: Shiiba Village Regional Promotion Division Tel: 0982-67-3203
24 th Annual Miyazaki Folk Performing-Arts Festival	11/13(Sat) Opening from 1:30pm 2:00pm – 4:30pm	Miyazaki Citizens Plaza Albright Hall	Free of Charge, Application not necessary Inquiries: Miyazaki City Board of Education Cultural Heritage Division Tel: 0985-21-1836
Leaf Viewing in Osuzu	11/28(Sun) Reception: From 8:00am	Tsuno Town Osuzu Prefectural Nature Park Reception Area: Osuzu Camp Grounds Parking Lot number 1	Participation Fee: 500 yen (Insurance Fee Included) Inquiries: Tsuno Town Tourist Foundation Tel: 0983-25-5712



Waltzing Around the World

Imagine What???

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Speaking in public can be tough especially when you are using a foreign language. In fact Google just recently informed me that speaking in public is the second most common fear after flying, and is four places higher than the fear of dying. Being the extraordinarily kind individual that I am, I'd like to use this month's space of Plaza News to offer a helping hand to anyone wishing to sign up for the Japanese speech contest. **Method 1: (Desolation)** Imagine that you are by yourself. If you are alone then you are just speaking, not speaking in public. **Method 2: (Pain)** Use your fingernails to scratch deeply into the skin of your palms. The pain will take your focus away from the fact that you're speaking in public

Method 3: (Perversion) In the United States we often say to "Imagine the audience naked" in order to overcome the fear of speaking in public. If you don't feel the audience is important you will be able to speak free and easily. Suddenly I have much more respect for former students of mine that took part in English speech contests. Good luck!