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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

●Notice that the Miyazaki International Foundation Will be Closed



We will be closed from 12/29/2010 (Wed) to 1/3/2011(Mon) for the end and beginning of year holidays.
We will be reopening from 1/4/2011 (Tue).



●The Miyazaki International Foundation is Looking for Counter Volunteers

The Miyazaki International Foundation is looking for prefectural residents that are over the age of 18 to help assist with the activities of the International Foundation. Interested parties should fill out the required information on the application form and send it in by 3/5 (Sat) (We will be screening applicants in the event of multiple applications) ※Only those capable of providing service in Japanese should apply

◇Work Period: From 4/1/2011(Fri) to 9/30/2011(Fri)

※Excluding Holidays

◇Dates & Times: One day per week in a Tuesday through Saturday work week. ※Volunteers will work on the same day during the same time period every week.

①10:15 to 12:45 ②1:00 to 3:30

◇ Content: Assist with visitors, assist with the rental and return of books and videos, assist with the shipping of documents, organize library books and materials,
◇ Other: Neither Travel fees nor "Thank You Money" will be provided.

※The Foundation will bear the cost of your Volunteer Insurance and provide parking vouchers for the use of the parking lot at Carino.

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



●Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents *No appointment is 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 please feel free to attend.

◇Dates & Times: 1/11 (Tue), 1/18(Tue), 1/25(Tue)

10:30 to 11:30

1/7 (Fri), 1/14(Fri), 1/21(Fri), 1/28(Fri)

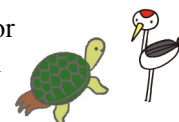
10:10 to 11:00

※There will be no practice on 1/4 (Tue)

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

(Fridays) Carino Miyazaki 9th Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



●Looking for Supporting Members at the International Foundation

Become a supporting member at the International Foundation and help assist Foundation activities.

Membership Fees (Yearly): Individual ¥ 2,000/ Group ¥ 10,000

- Receive "International Plaza News" (Monthly in 4 languages) and "South Wind" (3 times yearly)
- Receive preferential treatment for courses or events hosted by the Foundation (Free or discounted attendance, members may also be chosen first for some events)
- Receive all printed materials produced by the foundation

●5th Annual "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" Art Festival - Traveling Exhibit

The "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" gallery which was held at the Miyazaki Art Center, in December of 2010, will be going on tour. The traveling exhibit will be held in Ebino City, Miyakonojo City, Miyazaki University, and Shintomi Town. Please come and check it out.

Location	Date & Time	Inquiries
Ebino City International Coordination Center	1/11 (Tue) to 1/26(Wed) 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.	Ebino City International Coordination Center Tel: 0984-35-3211
Nichinan City International Coordination Center Lobby of the Komura-Memorial Hall	1/28 (Fri) to 2/7(Mon) 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Nichinan City Administration Division Tel: 0987-31-1113
Miyakonojo City Hall First Floor "Citizen Salon"	2/9 (Wed) to 2/21 (Mon) 8:30 A.M. to 5:15 P.M.	Miyakonojo Department of Citizens and Cultural Affairs Tel: 0986-23-2295
1 st Floor Lobby of the Miyazaki University Library	2/23 (Wed) to 3/3 (Thu) 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Library (Main Building) Tel: 0985-58-7147
Gallery Shintomi	3/8(Tue) to 3/13(Sun) 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	Shintomi Town General Policy Planning Division Tel: 0983-33-6012



【Announcement from JICA】

◎GLOBALINK ~Connected to the World~

There will be a photo gallery, various experience corners, and quizzes themed around “The connection between individuals and the world”. There will also be research presentations given by high school students as well as fun activity corners that anyone can enjoy. By all means, please come and attend.

◇Date & Time: 1/29 (Sat), 1/30 (Sun) 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

◇Location: Miyazaki Aeon Mall “Space Court” (Next to Nitōri)

◇Hosted by: Miyazaki International Support Network (Asian Arsenic Network, Miyazaki International Volunteer Center, LANDMINE Come to ZERO Miyazaki, and H & H), JICA Kyushu

◇Co-hosted with: Miyazaki University College of Medicine’s International Healthcare Study Group (expected)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation’s JICA Miyazaki Desk 【Ms. Nakanishi】 Tel: 0985-32-8457

【Local Announcements】

《Miyazaki City》

◎Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

*Free of Charge, Application Required

◇Date & Time: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.
Every Friday

◇Location: Miyazaki City Citizens Plaza 3rd Floor
Community Support Center “Meeting Corner”

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

◇Applications & Inquiries:

Miyazaki City International Association

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

E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



《Nobeoka City》

◎Afternoon Tea & English Conversation

* Free of Charge, Application not required

Come out and enjoy English conversation and lunch with Nobeoka’s Coordinator for International Relations Tiffany.

※Please bring your own lunch.

◇Date & Time: 1/13 (Thu) 11:30 to 1:00 P.M.

◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education Center

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

《Ebino City》

Looking for applicants for Ebino City’s Elementary/Middle School English Recitation Contest

Elementary and Middle School students living in Ebino City come out and express yourselves in English.

◇Date & Time: 2/19 (Sat) from 10:00 A.M.

◇Location: Ebino City International Exchange Center

◇Application Requirements: Applicants must be students of an elementary or middle school within Ebino City.

◇Deadline: Applications must be received by 1/28 (Fri)

◇Theme: Freedom, however, the content may not be previously published material.

◇Applications and Inquiries: Ebino City International Exchange Center Tel: 0984-35-3211



《Miyakonojo City》

◎World Festa in Miyakonojo *Admission Free of Charge

We will be introducing various countries and places from around the world, holding an interactive corner, having a panel display, and stage presentations. We look forward to seeing you there.

◇Date & Time: 1/22 (Sat) 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

◇Location: Wellness Interactive Plaza

◇Inquiries: Miyakonojo International Association Administrative Office

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

E-mail: mia@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp



<January Events>

Event	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Yokagura at Kuwanouchi Shrine	From 6:00 P.M. 1/8(Sat) to Sun rise 1/9(Sun)	Gokase-town Shimogumi Better Living Center	Inquiries: Gokase Tourism Foundation Tel:0982-82-1200
Aoshima Shrine “Naked Man” Festival	1/10(Mon/Public Holiday) Reception from 9:00 A.M. Cleaning Ritual from 11:35~	Miyazaki City Aoshima Shrine	Reservation Required Participation Fee: ¥700 Applications & Inquiries: Aoshima Shrine Tel:0985-65-1262
Shiwasu (December) Festival	1/21(Fri) to 1/23(Sun)	Misato Town Nango-ku Mikado Shrine	Inquiries: Misato Town Department of Planning and Information Tel:0982-66-3603

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Gambling holds to be one of man’s oldest – if not grandest – traditions; from a wee wager on a sporting match to betting your friend Rick he can’t back flip into your swimming pool from the high dive while riding a dirt bike – the prospect of pocketing some prodigious paper thrills all. My gambling addiction, however, does not revolve around lotteries, death sports, or any sort of “Hold’em”; it is far more devious. My name is Paul, and I am a UFO catcher addict. Walking in front of a game center with a pocket full of one hundred yen coins (Which I don’t really believe to be worth [more than] a dollar – because they are just coins) I scour the area for my next (attempted) rescue. Be it some generic sock-monkey like creature or a square shaped pig (what is that about) I can’t escape the urge. Positioning the claw just above my soon to be prize, I lower the lever. “Grab on! I’ll get you out little buddy!” I think, as I watch the claw arms feebly scratch the head of a million Stitch dolls wearing silly hats. I’ve learned my lesson though. New Year’s Resolution: Never again shall I put a 100 yen coin into a UFO catcher again... with a 500 yen coin I can get 6 tries!

Happy New Year!