



Miyazaki International Foundation

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◎4th International Understanding Seminar - Feel the World Around You! — Singapore

※Application Required, First come first serve

Don't miss your chance to make traditional Singaporean sweets with your friendly Singaporean CIR Yi Hua. There will also be an introduction to Singaporean culture while you eat your tasty treats. Enjoy "Tea Time" Asian style.

◇Date & Time: 3/12 (Sat) 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. (Reception starts 12:45)

◇Location: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall 2nd Floor Cooking Room (Miyazaki City Station East 1-2-7)

※Please note that that the International Foundation will Not reimburse parking expenses. Please use the parking lot at the multi-purpose gymnasium. (Parking is ¥100/ hour maximum ¥500)

◇Instructor: Yo Yi Hua (Miyazaki Prefectural CIR)

◇Costs: General Participants ¥500, International Foundation Members ¥300

◇Participant Limit: 15 participants (chosen on a first come first serve basis)

◇Materials to Prepare: Apron, A bandana for tying back your hair, and your favorite coffee mug.

◇How to Apply: Let us know your name and contact information either by phone, Fax, or E-mail.

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



●Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

※Registration Required

We are offering a beginner's level Japanese course for foreign residents in Miyazaki. For those of you who speak only minimal Japanese or have few opportunities to study the language, here is your chance!

◇Date & Time: April 12(Tue) to July 15 (Fri)

Every Tuesday & Friday

10:10 to 12:00 P.M. Total of 25 Sessions


※NO CLASS on 4/29(Fri), 5/3(Tue), 5/6(Fri)

◇Place : Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor

◇Participants : Those with no Japanese study experience and/or a desire to learn basics of reading and writing

◇Cost : ¥1,000 (Text & Materials)

◇To Apply : Fill out our application form and return it by mail or fax

◇Application & Inquiries : Contact the Miyazaki International Plaza 

●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: 3/1 (Tue), 3/8(Tue), 3/15(Tue),
3/22 (Tue), 3/29 (Tue)
10:30 to 11:30 A.M.



3/4 (Fri), 3/11(Fri), 3/18(Fri),
3/25(Fri) 10:10 to 11:00 A.M.

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

(Fridays) Carino Miyazaki 9th Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

●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 P.M. ②1:00 to 3:30 P.M.

◇Duties: 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

●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.



● The Miyazaki International Foundation Library Corner

The following books and magazines can be found in the Miyazaki International Foundation Library Corner. Any resident of the prefecture is allowed to borrow books. Stop by and check it out.

- Newspapers: (The Daily Yomiuri, Pinoy Gazette, Bangkok Times)
- Magazines: (Nihongo Journal, Ryugaku Journal, Hirigana Times, Newsweek etc.)
- Guide books and maps for various countries
- Foreign Literature (English, Chinese, Korean, French, German etc.)
- Study materials for learning Japanese such as textbooks, videos, CDs, tapes, etc.
- Books and Materials relating to International Understanding and International Cooperation
- Books relating to study abroad and working holidays
- Books/drill books on language study (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish etc.)



※Books may not be returned on Sundays, Mondays, or holidays. Please return books during working hours.

<Local Announcements>

《Miyazaki City》



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

- ◇Date & Time: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25
6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Every Friday
- ◇Location: Miyazaki City Citizen's 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 Foundation
Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax:0985-21-1733
Email: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

《Nobeoka City》

◎Fun Cooking Class Mexican Food (Instruction will be only in Japanese)



- ◇Date & Time: 3/24 (Thu) 10:00 to 1:00 P.M.
- ◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education Center
- ◇Participant Limit: 15 individuals
- ◇Course Fee: ¥800 (cost of ingredients)
- ※Please bring an apron, hair bandana, rag, and a container to take home leftovers.

◎Afternoon Tea & English Conversation ※Free of Charge, Application not required

Don't miss your chance to enjoy English conversation and lunch with Nobeoka's Coordinator for International Relations Tiffany.

※Please bring your own lunch.

- ◇Date & Time: 3/26 (Sat) 11:30 to 1:00 P.M.
- ◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education Center
- ◇Inquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange
Promotion Department Tel:0982-22-7006



<March Events>

Event	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
26th Annual Opening of Mount Morotsuka	3/6 (Sun) 9:00 to 2:00 P.M.	Morotsuka Iiboshi ryokuchi square Mount Morotsuka	Inquires: Morotsuka Tourism Foundation Tel: 0982-65-0178
Miyazaki Flower Festival	3/19 (Sat) to 5/8 (Sun)	Main Venue Miyazaki City Kodomo-no-kuni	Inquires: Council for the promotion of a flower-filled and green Miyazaki Tel: 0985-25-4676
Saito Flower Festival	3/26(Sat) to 4/3 (Sun)	Saito City Saito-baru	Inquires: Saito Board of Trade Tel: 0983-43-2111
Miyakonojo Bow Festival National <i>Kyudo</i> (Japanese Archery) Tournament	3/26(Sat), 3/27(Sun)	Miyakonojo City Hayamizu Park Athletics and Culture Center	Inquires: Miyakonojo Tourism Foundation Tel: 0986-23-2460

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Love is in the air. No, wait I'm sorry that is volcanic ash. Well, Valentine's day certainly carries with it a mixed bag of emotions that somewhat resemble volcanic activity. Living in Japan, the tables have been turned, and being a guy I am no longer expected to venture the first step into romantic forays. Just get to sit back (I am enjoying a particularly good sit right at this moment actually), relax, and wait for the farer sex to bring a little bit of Wonka's wondrous factory to my desk. Or, so I thought.... Apparently I am not only expected to return said treats, but also make sure that it carries the appropriate amount of love and or affection to said giver. Aforementioned particularly good sit is now ruined.

Confused about what to return? Well, Japan—being the country that says many things without really saying anything at all—has some pre-programmed responses to keep both parties on the same page in regard to relative attraction. While chocolates or cookies represent either love or friendship, the not-so-sexy (yet still delicious) marshmallow spells outright rejection. In the West similar meanings have also been assigned to rose colors (red = love, yellow = friendship etc.) Personally, I like to keep people guessing so I typically chose not to express myself in the same "If you like me check Yes or No" cut and dry fashion of elementary school.

Oh...by the way Happy White Day! I hope you like the chocolate covered marshmallows and bouquet of red and yellow roses I got you.