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Miyazaki International Foundation

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● Notice that the Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed

The international Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on April 29th, 2011 (Fri)

● Library Books and Back Number Newspapers for Free

The Miyazaki International Plaza will be giving away back issue English newspapers (Daily Yomiuri etc.) and library books. Supply is limited so those that want books or back issues should come early.

◇Distribution Date: 4/1 (Fri)

◇Location: Carino 8th Floor Miyazaki International Foundation

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



● Internet Corner * Free of Charge

The Miyazaki International Foundation has set up an internet corner next to the International Plaza reception desk. There is no charge for using the internet here. We hope that this corner can help you find information pertaining to international exchange.

◇Use time: 30 minutes

※ You will not be able to print from here.

※ The computer here can input characters in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.



● Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents * Application 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: From 4/12 (Tue) to 7/15 (Fri) Every Tuesday and Friday
10:10 ~ 12:00 For a total 25 Lessons

◇Location: Carino 8th Floor Multi-purpose Room B

◇Target: Individuals studying Japanese for the first time, individuals wanting to learn the fundamentals of Japanese reading and writing.

◇Cost: ¥1,000

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

◇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.

◇Date & Time: 4/5 (Tue), 4/12 (Tue), 4/19 (Tue), 4/26 (Tue) 10:30 to 11:30
4/1 (Fri), 4/8 (Fri), 4/15 (Fri), 4/22 (Fri) 10:10 to 11:00

※ There will be no class on 4/29 (Fri)

◇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"
- 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

● Looking for Foreign Volunteers

① International Chat Session Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our "International Chat Sessions." If you speak English, Chinese, or Korean, we would appreciate your helping us host an enjoyable chat session.

② Volunteer Lecturers for International Understanding Seminars

Anyone interested in introducing their home country and culture to the people of Miyazaki?

◇Inquiries: Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation



[Local Announcements]



《Miyazaki City》



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

◇Date & Time: 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22 Classes are from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Every Friday

※There will be no lesson on 4/29 (Fri)

◇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

《Miyakonojo City》

◎Elementary Japanese Course

* Free of Charge, Application Required

For anyone that wants to start studying Japanese. Interested parties here is your chance.

◇Date & Time: 4/19 (Tue) to 7/22(Fri)

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Every Tue and Fri

※ 4/19 (Tue) to 5/13 (Fri) 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

※ There will be no class from 6/3(Fri) to 6/14 (Tue)

◇Location: Miyakonojo Central Community Center

◇Course Fees: Free

◇How to Apply: Mail, e-mail, or fax your application forms to the Miyakonojo Department of Citizens and Cultural Affairs Division's Internationalization Director

◇Applications & Inquiries: Miyakonojo Department of Citizens and Cultural Affairs Division's Internationalization Director

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

Email:intl@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp



《Nobeoka City》

◎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: 4/7 (Thu) 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education Center



◎ Fun Cooking Course Greek Food (Instruction will be in Japanese only) * Application will be first come first serve

◇Date & Time: 4/21 (Thu) 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

◇Location: Nobeoka City Social Education 1st Floor Cooking Room

◇Participation Limit: 15 participants

◇Course Fee: ¥ 800(cost of ingredients)

※Please bring an apron, hair bandana, rag, and a container to take home leftovers.



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

[April Events]

Event	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Saito Flower Festival	3/26(Sat) to 4/3(Sun) 10:00 A.M. to 22:00 P.M.	Saito City, Saitobaru Ancient Burial Mounds	Inquiries: Saito Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tel: 0983-43-2111
Miyazaki Shrine Yabusame	4/3(Sun) From 10:00 A.M.	Miyazaki City, Miyazaki Shrine	Inquiries: Miyazaki Shrine Tel: 0985-27-4004
Nobeoka Daishi Festival	From 4/15 (Fri) to 4/17 (Sun)	Nobeoka City, "Imayama" Daishi By the Shopping Street	Inquires: Nobeoka Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tel: 0982-33-6666
Sangasho Shrine Shaku-nage	Beginning of April to the beginning of May	Gokase, Sangasho Shrine	Inquiries: Sangasho Shrine Tel: 0982-82-1513

Waltzing Around the World

Ame ni mo makezu (English)

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

This poem is currently being broadcast as a message of hope for those suffering from the recent tsunami and earthquakes up north. It was written Kenji Miyazawa. He was a native of Iwate Prefecture, one of the prefectures that received the most damage. I think all of our thoughts are with them now.

not losing to the rain-not losing to the wind-not losing to the snow nor to summer's heat-with a strong body-unfettered by desire-never losing temper-cultivating a quiet joy-every day four bowls of brown rice-miso and some vegetables to eat-in everything-count yourself last and put others before you-watching and listening, and understanding-and never forgetting-in the shade of the woods of the pines of the fields-being in a little thatched hut-if there is a sick child to the east-going and nursing over them-if there is a tired mother to the west-going and shouldering her sheaf of rice-if there is someone near death to the south-going and saying there's no need to be afraid-if there is a quarrel or a suit to the north-telling them to leave off with such waste-when there's drought, shedding tears of sympathy-when the summer's cold, wandering upset-called a blockhead by everyone-without being praised-without being blamed-such a person-I want to become