



Miyazaki International Foundation

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Tohoku Earthquake/Tsunami Donation Box

The Miyazaki International Foundation has put out a donation box to help aid in the recovery from the devastating earthquakes and subsequent tsunami that occurred on March 11th of this year.

Details regarding donations are listed below. Any donation you can make would be appreciated.

- ◇ **Location:** Miyazaki International Foundation
- ◇ **Donation of Funds:** Funds will be sent to affected areas via the Central Community Chest of Japan and the Miyazaki branch of the Japanese Red Cross.
- ◇ **Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

*The International Foundation will not be able to give out parking vouchers. If you come by car please make use of a nearby pay parking lot.

Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

No appointment is necessary – Attendance is Free

Want to brush up on your Japanese conversation skills or learn necessary phrases for life in Japan? Our Japanese volunteers are here to help.

- ◇ **Dates & Times:**
6/7 (Tue), 6/14 (Tue), 6/21 (Tue), 6/28 (Tue)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
6/3 (Fri), 6/10 (Fri), 6/17 (Fri), 6/24 (Fri)
10:10 - 11:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Location:**
[Tuesdays] - Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor
Miyazaki International Foundation Plaza & Multipurpose Room A
[Fridays] - Plaza & Carino Miyazaki 9th Floor
- ◇ **Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Looking for Native Speakers to Help with Foreign Language Chats

We are currently looking for foreign residents willing to help with Chinese and Korean "International Conversation Exchange" groups that we will be holding. Please come out and interact with citizens of Miyazaki interested in learning your language.

Miyazaki International Plaza Library Corner

We have amassed a diverse collection of books, magazines, videos, etc. You can borrow up to 2 library items at a time for two weeks period, free of charge. Come on by and check out what the Plaza has to offer.

- * News papers: The Daily Yomiuri, Pinoy Gazette, Bangkok Times
- * Magazines: Nihongo Journal, Ryugaku Journal, Hiragana Times, Newsweek, etc.
- * Travel guides and maps for numerous countries, as well as books written in foreign languages. (English, Chinese, Korean, French, German, etc.)
- * Text books, videos, CD's, tapes, and other materials for studying Japanese.
- * Books and resources related to international understanding and cooperation.
- * Books and tapes designed for individuals interested in teaching Japanese.
- * Books regarding studying and working abroad.
- * Workbooks for studying foreign languages. (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, etc.)

World Boxes

The Miyazaki International Foundation has "World Boxes" that can be rented out. Currently there are boxes for 14 different countries and three territories. World Boxes contain items such as maps, musical instruments, CDs, traditional clothing, etc. Have a class you are teaching or event where you would like to make use of a World Box? By all means be our guest! *Please note that the contents of these boxes will vary.

◇ Countries/Regions

Australia, Botswana, Canada, The Czech Republic, England, Hungary, Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Singapore, The Slovakian Republic, Sweden, USA, Vietnam, Africa, Central America, South America

◇ **Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation.





LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Miyazaki City

Seminar on China Part 1

- **Dates & Times:** 6/22 - 8/24 (Wed) 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (The lesson on 8/24 will be from 9:30 a.m.)
- **Location:** Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 4th Floor, "sho" Meeting Room 2
- **Attendance Fee:** Standard Fee ¥2,000 Individual Member Fee ¥1,000 (Text Fee ¥380)
- **Deadline:** June 15th (Wed)

Gathering for Foreign Residents in Miyazaki City "How to respond if a natural disaster were to occur"

- **Date & Time:** June 17th (Fri) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 4th Floor "dai" Meeting Room
- **Attendance Fee:** ¥500 (includes snacks & drinks)
- **Applications & Inquiries:** Miyazaki City International Foundation
Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax: 0985-21-1733
E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Miyakonojo City

Child Support Center (English/Chinese Interpretation)

English and Chinese interpretation will be offered at the Support Center on the following dates from June.

- **Dates & Times:** [English] 1st and 3rd Tues 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. [Chinese] 2nd and 4th Tues 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Miyakonojo City Tenjin-cho Child-rearing Support Center
- **Inquiries:** Miyakonojo Department of Citizen and Cultural Affairs
Tel: 0986-23-2295 Fax: 0986-23-3223
E-mail: intl@city.miyakonojo.miyazaki.jp



JUNE EVENTS



Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Iris Festival Tea ceremonies & Japanese harp Performances	6/4 (Sat), 6/5 (Sun) *Japanese harp will be on 6/5 only	Miyazaki Shimin-no-mori	Shimin-no-mori Management Office Tel: 0985-39-7308
Lunch Time Mini Concert Performances by a Social Welfare Worker	6/11 (Sat) 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Miyakonojo Mori-no-eki, M's Hall	M's Hall Main Office Tel: 0986-37-3392 *Attendance and Parking are FREE
17th Annual Miyazaki Film Festival (SR Saitama-no-Rapper 2 and others)	7/2 (Sat) - 7/9 (Sat)	Miyazaki Kinema Hall, Miyazaki City Plaza Hall	URL: http://www.bunkahonpo.or.jp Free Ticket: ¥3,000 Standard Advanced Ticket: ¥1,000 Door Price: ¥1,500 Children's Ticket: ¥500

Ebino City

Philippine Food Cooking Class

- **Date & Time:** June 16th (Thu) 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Ebino International Exchange Center, 2F Cooking Room
- **Instructor:** Marivic Takenouchi, Shirley Shinbara
- **Participant Number:** 20 (First come first serve basis)
*Applicants must be residents of Ebino City
- **Course Fee:** ¥1,000 (Includes the costs of ingredients)
- **Applications & Inquiries:** Ebino International Exchange Center Tel: 0984-35-3211
- **Deadline:** June 6th (Mon)

Kiyotake

Volunteer Interpretation Course

*For Kiyotake International Foundation Members

- **Dates & Times:** 5/28, 6/4, 6/18, 7/9, 7/23 (Sat) 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Kiyotake Cultural Hall 2F Training Room
- **Course Fee:** ¥1,000
- **Instructor:** Kiyotake CIR Rika Kubota
- **Applications & Inquiries:** Kiyotake International Foundation
E-mail: rikakubota@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Miyazaki University

"Getting Beyond Trauma: Haruki Murakami's *After the Quake*"

- **Date & Time:** July 1st (Fri) 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Miyazaki University Kibana Campus
- **Course Fee:** FREE
- **Instructor:** Fukuoka Women's College Dr. Scott Pugh
* Japanese interpretation will be available
- **Applications & Inquiries:** Keiko Shimojou
Department of English Education
Tel: 0985-58-7442
E-mail: shimojo@cc.miyazaki-u.ac.jp

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

All you can drink! Whoever came up with the idea of the nomi-houdai was a genius an evil genius maybe but a genius nonetheless. I, like many Americans (I assume), attend a nomi-houdai the same way I attend an all you can eat buffet; I make sure I get my money's worth. Japanese drinking customs don't help my sobriety either. After downing my alcoholic beverage, in a manner that I assume would convey I am either taking a break or ready to leave, I find my glass being instantly refilled. Because of the strong drinking culture in Japan there is a nice plethora of hangover fighting beverages that can be taken advantage of, probably none of which are as effective as that 3 a.m. bowl of ramen before heading home. Learn from the best, follow the *oyaji*.

