



Miyazaki International Foundation

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Beginner Japanese Course for Foreign Residents (Nobeoka City)

*Registration Required

We are offering a beginner's level Japanese course for foreign residents in Miyazaki.

◇Date & Time:

9/2 (Fri) - 12/16 (Fri), Every Tuesday & Friday
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Total of 30 Sessions

◇Location: Nobeoka City Adult Education Center

◇Participants:

First time learners of Japanese, individuals that would like to learn the fundamentals of reading and writing Japanese.

◇Costs: 1,000 yen

◇To Apply:

Fill out our application form and return it via mail or fax.

◇Application & Inquiries: Contact either; the Miyazaki International Foundation or the Nobeoka Office for Progressing International Coordination Tel: 0982-22-7006

Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

*Registration Required

We are offering a beginner level Japanese course for foreign residents in Miyazaki. For those of you who speak minimal Japanese or have few chances to study here is your chance.

◇Date & Time:

9/13(Tue) - 12/9(Fri) Every Tuesday & Friday
10:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Total of 25 Sessions

*No Class on 9/23 (Fri)

◇Location:

Carino Miyazaki, 8th Floor, Multi-Purpose Room B

◇Participants:

First time learners of Japanese, individuals that would like to learn the basics of reading and writing Japanese

◇Costs: 1,000 yen

◇To Apply:

Fill out our application form and return it by post or fax.

◇Applications & Inquiries:

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

6th Annual "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In" Art Festival

The date has been set for this year's 6th Annual "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking In Art Festival."

*More details to come in next month's issue of Plaza News.

◇Exhibition Period:

12/6 (Tue) - 12/11 (Sun)

◇Location: Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor

◇Application & Inquiries:

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out our staff by working at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza. Volunteers should reside within the prefecture and be 18 years of age or older. Interested parties should fill out the required criteria on the application form and then apply at the Miyazaki International Foundation. *In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process. Only those capable of offering service in Japanese should apply.

◇Volunteer Period:

October 1st, 2011 (Sat) - March 31st (Fri), 2012

*Excluding Holidays

◇Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tue - Sat from;

A. 10:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. or B. 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

*Volunteers will work on the same day and during the same time period from week to week.

◇Tasks:

Assisting Plaza visitors, Assist in lending out and checking in library materials and videos, sending out documents, organizing library materials, arranging and forwarding used stamps, etc.

◇Note:

Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (however, parking and volunteers insurance will be covered by the International Foundation)

◇Deadline: 9/3 (Sat)

◇Application & Inquiries:

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Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

*No Registration Required, Free of Charge

◇Date & Time:

8/2 (Tue), 8/9 (Tue), 8/16 (Tue), 8/23 (Tue),

8/30 (Tue) 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

8/5 (Fri), 8/19 (Fri), 8/26 (Fri) 10:10 - 11:00 a.m.

*No class on 8/12 (Fri)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Gallery of Support Messages from Around the World in Response to the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami ~ Connected to the World ~

Following the disasters that took place in the Tohoku region, Japan received 253 messages of support from countries, territories, and medical organizations.

Location: Miyazaki Bank Main Branch

Display Period: 8/31 (Wed) - 9/14 (Wed)

Inquiries: JICA Miyazaki Desk Sakita Kayoko

Miyazaki International Foundation Tel: 0985-32-8457

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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kiyotake

Kids Tea Chat

An opportunity for elementary and middle school children living in Miyazaki to interact with some of Miyazaki's own foreign residents and experience a foreign culture.

- **Date & Time:**
August 7th (Sun) 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Kiyotake Children's Culture Center
- **Participation Fee:** 100 yen for members of the Kiyotake International Foundation and their family. 200 yen for non-members.
- **Application and Inquiries:**
Kiyotake International Foundation
Tel: 0985-69-9196 (Tue & Fri 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.,
Every 3rd Fri 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
Fax: 0985-69-9196
E-mail: rikakubota@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Nobeoka City

Afternoon Tea and English Conversation

***Free of Charge *No Registration Required**

Have lunch while enjoying simple English conversation with Tiffany, CIR. *Please bring your own lunch.

- **Date & Time:** August 12th (Fri) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Nobeoka City Adult Education Center
- **Inquiries:**
Nobeoka Office for Progressing International Coordination Tel: 0982-22-7006

Miyazaki City

Japanese Practice Session for Foreign Residents

***Free of Charge, Registration Required**

- **Date & Time:**
8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Every Friday
- **Location:** Miyazaki Citizens Plaza 3rd Floor Citizen Life Improvement Center Meeting Room Corner
- **To Apply:** Fill out our application form and return it by post or fax
- **Applications & Inquiries:**
Miyazaki City International Association
Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax: 0985-21-1733
E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Ebino City

English Workshop

- **Date & Time:** 8/23 (Tue) - 10/11 (Tue) 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Every Tuesday, Total of 8 Sessions
- **Instructor:** Emma Sierakowski
- **Course Fee:** 2,500 yen
- **Participants:** 20 (The first 20 to apply will be chosen)

Chinese Workshop

- **Date & Time:** 8/24 (Wed) - 10/12 (Wed) 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday, Total of 7 Sessions
- **Instructor:** Li Ge, Mei Xiang
- **Course Fee:** 2,500 yen
- **Capacity:** 20 (The first 20 to apply will be chosen)
- **Location:** Ebino International Exchange Center
- **Application & Inquiries:**
Ebino International Exchange Center Tel: 0984-35-3211



AUGUST EVENTS



Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Hyuga Hyottoko Festival	8/6(Sat)	Hyuga City, Downtown Hyuga	Enjoy Hyottoko and Okame Dances (Traditional dances performed while wearing <i>Hyottoko</i> and <i>Okame</i> masks)
63rd Miyazaki "Beat the Heat" Fireworks Festival	8/6(Sat) 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Miyazaki City, Oyodo River	Will be shooting off 7,000 fireworks
2011 Summer Festival in Hitotsuse	8/20(Sat)	Sadowara, Hitotsuse River	Will be shooting off 5,000 fireworks including large mortar type fireworks
Toimisaki Fire Festival	8/26 (Fri) - 8/27(Sat)	Kushima City, Toimisaki, Open space in front of Misaki Station	A festival of throwing torches into a pillar made to look like a giant snake
Aoshima International Beer Festival	8/27(Sat) - 8/28(Sun) 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Miyazaki City, Kodomo no Kuni	Includes a vending area for beers from around the world and more!

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR



Another year is gone by in the Japanese prefecture with the purported "most fair weather," and while I personally don't know what criteria are used to determine meteorological perfection, I do know that this last year has been filled with some pretty good days. So let me say a big *arigato* to all of you that made this last year a good one. I'll be staying in Miyazaki for at least one more year, so Japanese and *gaijin* alike, feel free to drop in and chat at the Miyazaki International Plaza on Fridays.