



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

Plaza Holiday Closing

The Plaza will be closed on September 23rd (Fri) for the public holiday.

Beginner Japanese Course for Foreign Residents (Nobeoka City)

*Registration Required

◇Date & Time:

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

◇Location:

Nobeoka Social Education Center

◇Costs:

1,000 yen

◇To Apply:

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

◇Application & Inquiries:

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

Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

*No Registration Required, Free of Charge

◇Date & Time:

[Tuesdays] 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

[Fridays] 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/30 10:10 - 11:00 a.m.

*No session on 9/23 (Fri)

◇Location:

[Tuesdays] Miyazaki International Plaza & Multipurpose Room A

[Fridays] Miyazaki International Plaza & Carino Miyazaki 9th Floor

◇Inquiries:

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Natural Disaster Seminar for Foreign Residents

*Registration Required, Free of Charge

Learn about natural disaster response critical for living in Japan through earthquake and smoke simulations. Will also have emergency provisions tasting. *Content of the course may change in the event of rain.

◇Date & Time:

October 22nd (Sat) 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

◇Participants:

Foreign residents in Miyazaki, International students, and the families of both.

◇Content:

Earthquake simulation, smoke simulation, emergency provisions tasting

◇Cost:

Free

◇Meeting Location:

The parking lot in front of the main building of Miyazaki Citizens' Plaza

◇Signup Limit:

50 people (First-come, first-served basis)

◇Application Deadline:

October 7th (Fri)

◇To Apply:

Fill out our application form and return it to us by fax or post. *Those selected to participate will be notified in writing or by e-mail.

◇Applications & Inquiries:

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Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

*Registration Required

◇Date & Time:

9/13 (Tue) - 12/9 (Fri) Every Tuesday & Friday

10:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 25 Sessions in total

*No Class on 9/23 (Fri)

◇Location:

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

◇Costs:

1,000 yen

6th Annual Art Festival Art Gallery "Miyazaki through the Eyes of a Foreigner" Collecting Entries!

THEME: "Miyazaki and Me"

◇Submission Requirements:

In principle should be a foreign resident of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇Divisions:

Photography, Paintings, Shodo (Calligraphy), Hand-made crafts, and more *Photos are limited to those taken within Miyazaki Prefecture. If submitting photographs as data files, the largest that we can print out is A4 size.

◇Submission Limit:

Up to 3 entries per division per person

◇Size:

Up to 50cm by 50cm *Please prepare a frame for paintings or photographs that are larger than an A4 sized sheet of paper. (We will not be accepting entries framed in glass)

◇Submission Method:

Mail, in person, or e-mail. When applying please attach your application form to your art piece. Your application form should include your name (with furigana), home country, occupation, contact information, name of your entry, a description of materials used in making your entry, a 50 word or less description of your entry, and a specification of the division of your piece.

Applications by Mail - Please send to Miyazaki International Foundation.

Applying in Person - We are accepting entries at the following locations. ①Miyazaki International Foundation, ②Nobeoka Social Education Center (Nobeoka City Hall 2nd Floor), ③Nichinan City Administration Division (Nichinan City Hall 2nd Floor), ④Miyakonojo International Foundation (Miyakonojo City Hall 2nd Floor), ⑤Miyazaki University Global Support Office

◇Time & Place of Gallery:

December 7th (Wed) - December 11th (Sun) 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (the final day until 3:00 p.m.) Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor *Following the exhibition, the gallery will be moved to other areas of the prefecture.

◇Awards:

We will be announcing winners and having an awards ceremony before the closing of the gallery. Top pieces will be chosen by votes from visitors to the gallery. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces in each division.

◇Submission Deadline:

November, 5th (Sat)

*If you have an entry you would like to submit after the deadline please contact us.

◇Submissions & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

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

~ Connected to the World ~

Location: Miyazaki Bank Main Branch
Display Period: 8/31 (Wed) - 9/14 (Wed)
Inquiries: JICA Miyazaki Desk Sakita Kayoko
Promoter of International Cooperation
Miyazaki International Foundation Tel: 0985-32-8457
Email: jicadpd-desk-miyazakiken@jicago.jp



LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Miyazaki City

◆ Seminar on Multiculturalism Disaster Language Training Course for Volunteers

*Free of charge, Registration Required

- **Date & Time:** September 16th (Fri) 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Miyazaki Citizens Plaza 4th Floor "chu" Meeting Room
- **Instructor:** Ms. Kayo Takayanagi



◆ German Classroom

*Registration Required

- **Dates & Times:** 9/28 - 10/19 Every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 4 Sessions in total
- **Location:** Central Community Hall
- **Participation Limit:** 40
- **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



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Aya Fireworks Festival	9/17 (Sat) 8:00 p.m. -	Aya Town, Sanbonmatsu Bridge Riverside	Aya Town Hall, Industry & Tourism Division Tel: 0985-77-3464
Suki-chestnut Festival (Chestnut gathering, Stage Events)	9/23 (Fri) 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Kobayashi City, Sukimurando	Sukimurando Tel: 0984-48-2480 Entrance Fee: 200 yen
Kakashi village Festival (Scarecrow Festival, Whole Roasted Pig, Fireworks!)	9/24 (Sat) 12:00 - 9:30 p.m.	Miyakonojo City, Yamada, Ichido-ga-oka Park	Yamada Branch Office Industrial Promotion Office Tel: 0986-64-1111

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:** September 27th (Tue) 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Nobeoka Social Education Center
- **Inquiries:** Nobeoka Office for Progressing International Coordination Tel: 0982-22-7006



Ebino City

◆ International Exchange Festival

- **Date & Time:** October 2nd (Sun) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Ebino International Exchange Center
- **Event Details:** International cuisine & beers, Taiko performances, and yosakoi dancing (currently accepting entries for a tug of war tournament).
- **Location:** Ebino International Exchange Center
- **Application & Inquiries:** Ebino International Exchange Center Tel: 0984-35-3211



Miyazaki International College

◆ Miyazaki International College Lecture Presentation: Path to Proper Research

Date & Time: September 8th (Thu)
Locale: Miyazaki International College Bldg. 2
Lecture Fee: Free to all
Speaker: Robert Croker
*Lecture will be conducted in English.

◆ Miyazaki International College Festival

Date & Time: 9/17 (Sat), 9/18 (Sun)
Event Details: International Cuisine, Traditional Garb Fashion Show
Inquiries: Miyazaki International College
Tel: 0985-85-5931

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR



This last month I was able to escape from the dreaded heat in Miyazaki city for a few days by taking a trip up to Takachiho for *Obon*. I generally trek up to the more spacious and country regions in the north of this prefecture on an annual or bi-annual basis, but this last visit was to a particularly rural area. After sleeping for about 3 hours (I had an incredibly generous driver), I awoke to what looked like the opening helicopter scene from Jurassic Park. There was many a surprised face when I compared the home of the family I stayed with to my former home back in Barren Planes, Tennessee (Yep, Barren Planes!) Before coming to Japan, I had pretty much only imagined bullet trains, bins filled with computer parts, doraemon, bolts (?), and lots of people (=Tokyo). Similarly, rural parts the U.S. have been urbanized in the minds of many Japanese people. While I didn't find any raptors, I did get to enjoy some of the nicest food, *shochu*, and people that this prefecture has to offer.

