

Miyazaki International Foundation

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Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents

*Accepting Applicants

We are currently looking for applicants for the upcoming Japanese Speech Contest.

- ◇ **Speech Topic:** Me and ...
- ◇ **Date & Time:** December 10th (Sat) From 1:00 p.m.
- ◇ **Location:** CARINO Miyazaki 8th Floor
- ◇ **Eligible Participants:** Those that meet the following criteria:
 - ① Foreign Residents in Miyazaki (including international students) that are at least 18 years of age or older
 - ② Individuals whose native language is one other than Japanese.
- ◇ **Awards:**
The top 3 presenters will receive a certificate and prize courtesy of the Miyazaki International Foundation. All speakers will receive a participation prize as well.
- ◇ **Allotted Spaces:** 10
- ◇ **Application Deadline:**
Applications must arrive no later than 11/30 (Wed)
*Note: We will stop taking applications if we meet our allotted number of positions before this date
- ◇ **How to Apply:** Return your completed application form to the Miyazaki International Foundation by post, fax, or e-mail (manager@mif.or.jp)
- ◇ **Applications & Inquiries:**
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Natural Disaster Seminar for Foreign Residents

*Registration Required – Attendance is FREE

- Learn about natural disaster response critical for living in Japan through earthquake and smoke simulations. There will also be emergency provisions available for tasting. Free to all. *Content of the course may change in the event of rain.
- ◇ **Date & Time:** October 22nd (Sat) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - ◇ **Target:** Foreign residents in Miyazaki, International students, and the families of both.
 - ◇ **Content:** Earthquake simulation, smoke simulation, emergency provision tasting
 - ◇ **Cost:** Free
 - ◇ **Meeting Location:** The parking lot in front of the main building of Miyazaki Citizens' Plaza
 - ◇ **Allotted Spaces:** 50 people
(Chosen on a first come first serve 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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Beginner Japanese Course for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka City *Registration Required

- ◇ **Dates & Times:** 9/2 (Fri) to 12/16 (Fri), Every Tuesday & Friday 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 30 lessons in Total
- ◇ **Location:** Nobeoka Social Education Center
- ◇ **Class Fees:** 1,000 yen
- ◇ **Applications & Inquiries:**
Contact either the Miyazaki International Foundation or the Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office
Tel: 0982-22-7006

Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

*Registration Required

- ◇ **Dates & Times:** 9/13 (Tue) to 12/9 (Fri) Every Tuesday & Friday 10:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 25 Sessions in Total
- ◇ **Location:** CARINO Miyazaki 8th Floor, Multi-Purpose Room B
- ◇ **Class Fees:** 1,000 yen
- ◇ **Inquiries & Application:**
Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

6th Annual Art Festival Art Gallery "From the Outside Looking in" 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
*Photographs can be sent as data files. Photos are limited to those taken within Miyazaki Prefecture. If you are submitting data files the largest that we will be able to print them out is the size of an A4 sheet of paper.
- ◇ **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.
Miyazaki International Foundation, Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office (Nobeoka City Hall 2nd Floor), Nichinan City General Affairs Division (Nichinan City Hall 2nd Floor), Miyakonojo International Foundation (Miyakonojo City Hall 2nd Floor), Miyazaki University Global Support Office
- ◇ **Time & Place of Gallery:**
December 7th (Wed) to December 11th (Sun) 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (the final day of the gallery will finish at 3:00 p.m.)
CARINO Miyazaki 8th Floor *Following the exhibition in Miyazaki 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



Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

*No appointment is necessary – Attendance is FREE

◇Dates & Times:

Every Tuesday & Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
10/4, 10/7, 10/11, 10/14, 10/18, 10/21,
10/25, 10/28

◇Location:

Multipurpose Room A,

In front of the Miyazaki International Plaza

◇Inquiries:

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Notice about “Miyazaki Global Week”

During the 5 day period from December 7th to the 11th, the Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting “Miyazaki Global Week”. We really hope to see you there.

*For more detailed information check next month’s issue of Plaza News or the Miyazaki International Foundation Website.

◇Dates & Times:

December 7th to 11th (Wed through Sun)

◇Location:

CARINO Miyazaki 8th floor

◇Event Description:

Art festival, Japanese speech contest, International understanding course, International booths, and more.

◇Inquiries:

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From Miyazaki to the World /
2011 International Cooperation Gallery

Location: Aeon Mall Miyazaki, In front of Satellite Studio
Display Period: October 29th (Sat) 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
and October 30th (Sun) 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Inquiries: JICA Miyazaki Desk, Sakita Kayoko
Promoter of International Cooperation
Miyazaki International Foundation Tel: 0985-32-8457
Email: jicadpd-desk-miyazakiken@jicago.jp





OCTOBER EVENTS



Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
2011 Miyakonojo Yakiniku (BBQ) Carnival	October 8th (Sat) 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Miyakonojo City, Takajo Town Kannon-ike Park Common Space	Miyakonojo Tourism Foundation Offices 0986-23-2460
11th Annual Takanabe Castle Lantern Festival	October 8th - 9th (Sat & Sun)	Takanabe Town, Maizuru Park	Takanabe Town Office, Policy Promotion Division 0983-26-2018
34th Annual Obi Castle Festival	October 15th - 16th (Sat & Sun) 12:00 to 9:30 p.m.	Nichinan City, Area around Obi Castle	Nichinan Tourist Information Office 0987-31-0606

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

After a fun (and long) Friday night of vitals and drink I can think of little more refreshing than stripping down and flopping into a large pool of bathwater with my fellow man. While I haven’t always been a fan of being in the buff, I have grown to love nearly every aspect of *onsen* culture, from the electrifying effects of the *denki-buro* (bath with an electric current) to jumping into the *mizu-buro* (cold water bath) after exceedingly long voyages into the sauna. Yet, there is still one part of the *onsen* experience that I am not accustomed to, random conversation with strangers (did I mention that we’re naked?). For some reason the bond created by our mutual nudity causes those that would never have the slightest urge to talk to me to slowly slink in my direction. Last week, after nearly 90 minutes of cycling through the *onsen*, sauna, and *mizu-buro*, an older man asked me if I like sushi, just as I had started to doze off in the *onsen* tub. Naturally, I responded “Yes, of course”. To which the man replied, “You have lovely skin.” Was this exchange brought about by the purifying affects of *onsen* water on the epidermis or possible delusion caused by heat exhaustion? I really don’t care. Slight awkwardness is a small price to pay for the rejuvenated feeling I get after a post *onsen* nap.



LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Miyazaki City

◆Seminar on Germany

*Attendance Fee and Registration Required

Date: Every Wednesday from 9/28 to 10/19 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Central Community Center (*chuo-kominkan*)

Large Training Room “*dai-kenshushitsu*”

◆International Exchange Festival *Attendance is FREE

Date & Time: October 9th (Sun) 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: In front of the water fountains at the Miyazaki Citizen Plaza (*shimin plaza*)

◆Volunteer Chinese Interpreter Workshop

*Attendance Fee and Registration Required

Date: Every Wednesday from 10/12 to 12/7 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Central Community Center (*chuo-kominkan*)

Midsize Training Room, (*chu-kenshushitsu*)

Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki City International Association

Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax: 0985-21-1733

E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

Ebino City

◆Halloween Party *Attendance Fee and Registration Required

Date & Time: October 29th (Sat) 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Ebino International Center

Target: 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade elem. Students of Ebino

Instructors: ALTs from Ebino, Kobayashi, and Miyakonojo

Event Info: Games, Halloween Costume Contest

Applications & Inquiries:

Ebino International Center Tel: 0984-35-3211



Kiyotake

◆Halloween Party *Attendance Fee and Registration Required

Date & Time: October 30th (Sun) 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 2nd Floor of the Kiyotake Children’s Culture Center

Event Info: Parades, Games, Halloween Costume Contest

Applications & Inquiries: Kiyotake International Association

Tel: 0985-69-9196 (Tue/Fri 10:00 to 3:00 p.m., Every 1st and 3rd
Friday is from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.)

Fax: 0985-69-9196

E-mail: rikakubota@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp

