

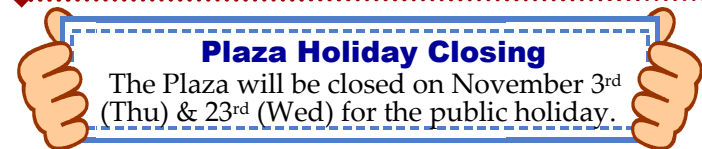


Miyazaki International Foundation

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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 November 3rd (Thu) & 23rd (Wed) for the public holiday.



Daily Life and Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

***Appointment Necessary & Free of Charge**

Are you having any troubles with your life in Japan? (Troubles concerning visas, marriage, divorce, etc.) If so let a lawyer or certified administrative procedures specialist help answer your problems. Volunteer Interpretation is available upon request.

*Consultation time is 30 minutes per person.

◇**Date & Time:** December 3rd (Sat) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

◇**Location:** Carino Miyazaki 8th Floor

◇**Application Deadline:** November 26th (Sat)

◇**Method of Application:** Please make your reservations by phone. *Please let us know if interpretation is necessary at the time you make your phone call.

◇**Applications & Inquiries:**

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"FUREAI" Japanese Speech Contest

***Accepting Applicants**

We are currently looking for applicants for the upcoming "FUREAI" 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 from to the Miyazaki International Foundation form by post, fax, or e-mail (manager@mif.or.jp)

◇**Applications & Inquiries:**

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Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

***No appointment is necessary - Attendance is FREE**

◇**Dates & Times:**

[Tuesdays] 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29

[Fridays] 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

◇**Location:** Multipurpose Room A & In front of the Miyazaki International Plaza

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



Miyazaki "FUREAI" Global Week!

For the 5 day period from Dec 7th to Dec 11th the Miyazaki International Foundation will be holding Miyazaki "FUREAI" Global Week 2011.

<Event Details>

■ Dec 7th (Wed) to Dec 11th (Sun)

6th Annual Art Festival "From the Outside Looking in" Art Gallery

Display Period: 12/7 (Wed) to 12/11 (Sun)
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*The final day of the gallery will finish at 4:00 p.m.

■ Dec 7th (Wed)

❖ **International Understanding Course II: "Rethinking Globalization"** *Application Necessary

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Miyazaki International College

Assistant Professor Salvador Murguia

Allotted Spaces: 25 (Chosen by lottery)

Application Deadline: 11/25 (Fri)

*Lecture will be held in English.

■ Dec 8th (Thu)

❖ **International Understand Course III: "Indonesia's Maternal Child Health from the perspective of Mom's Home Cooking"** *Application Necessary

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: JICA Miyazaki Desk Kayoko Sakita
Ms. Nurhayati (Indonesia)

Allotted Spaces: 20 (Chosen by lottery)

Application Deadline: 11/25 (Fri)

■ Dec 10th (Sat)

❖ **Interactive Foreign Language Course**

Mini foreign language lessons put on by the foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (10 minutes per language)

❖ **Japanese Speech Contest**

Speeches: Start from 1:00 p.m.

Award Ceremony: Starts from 3:30 p.m.

❖ **Country Introduction Corner, JICA Introduction Corner**

Time: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

❖ **Origami Corner**

■ Dec 11th (Sun)

❖ **Japanese Traditional Culture Experience Course: "An encounter with Miyazaki Tea"**

*Application Necessary, Limited to Foreign Residents of Miyazaki

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Expert of Hakugendo Japanese Tea
Naomi Shirao

Allotted Spaces: 15 (Chosen by lottery)

Course Fee: 300 yen **Application Deadline:** 11/25 (Fri)

*Lecture will be held in Japanese.

❖ **Interacting with the Artists:** 1:00 p.m.

Announcement of Outstanding Artworks: 3:00 p.m.

❖ **Fashion Show:** 2:00 p.m.

❖ **Country Introduction Corner, JICA Introduction Corner**

Time: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

*Please note that the above events may be canceled without notice.

◇**Hosted by:** Miyazaki International Foundation

◇**Co-hosted by:** Japan International Cooperation Agency & Council of Promoting Exchange of Int'l Students in Miyazaki

◇**Inquiries:** 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.
- ◇ **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:**
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NOVEMBER EVENTS



Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
2011 Shimazu Cradle Festival (Parade, Oiran Parade, Fireworks)	November 5th (Sat) From 11:00 a.m.	Miyakonojo, Nearby the Miyakonojo History Museum	Shimazu Cradle Festival Planning Committee 0986-51-5501
2011 Shiiba Heike Festival (Yamato Scroll Warrior Procession)	November 11th (Fri) 13th (Sun)	Shiiba Village, Nearby the Shiiba Village Hall	Shiiba Regional Promotion Division 0982-67-3203
Nishimera Mountain Festival (Warrior Procession, Screaming Contest)	November 19th & 20th (Sat & Sun) From 10:00 a.m.	Nishimera Village, Futago Camp <i>mura</i>	Nishimera Tourism Fondation 0983-36-1111
Osuzu Leaf Viewing (6 Km round-trip course, Enjoy Osuzu <i>Nabe</i>)	November 27th (Sun) From 8:00 a.m.	Tsuno Town, Osuzu Prefectural Nature Park	Osuzu Prefectural Nature Park 0984-31-0606

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Just this week I experienced arguably the greatest joy for a worker at the prefectural office; something that happens only once every five years, my computer was upgraded! Upon startup my lovely new widescreen display greets me with English named shortcuts to unknown software such as “TeraPad” and “XPS Viewer”, but I can guess what they do. I’m also running the latest in word processing tools as well. While not capable of giving any proposals for correcting misspelled words or grammar errors in Japanese, it does a nice job of underlining those points for me. Kind of like a teacher who instead of giving advice just shrugs their shoulders and says, “I don’t know do you think you messed up?” Prior to landing Japan-side my impression of *Nihon* was of a country illuminated primarily by neon signs, game centers, and Yamada Denkis as opposed to a rising sun. So while this image changed (actually pretty much on or around the date I moved to Miyazaki) I was still surprised to find that computer usage was far lower than back in the U.S. (The average U.S. household is equipped with two working units). Riddle solved! At least the fundamental layout of a computer operating system – you know flowing left to right – is universa... Oh...



LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Miyazaki City

- ◆ **Training for Chinese Language Volunteers**
*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 (*chuō-kominkan*)
Midsize Training Room, (*chu-kenshushitsu*)
Participation Fees: ¥2,000 (¥1,000 for members)
- ◆ **Training for Japanese Language Volunteers**
*Attendance Fee and Registration Required
Date: Every Thursday from 11/10 to 11/24 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Miyazaki Citizen’s Plaza 4th Floor
Participation Fees: ¥1,000 (¥500 for members)
Applications & Inquiries: Miyazaki City International Association
Tel: 0985-21-1719 Fax: 0985-21-1733
E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



Hyuga City

- ◆ **International Exchange Sports Festival**
*Application Required, Free of Charge
Date & Time: November 26th (Sat) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Hyuga Taiiku Center
Target: Elementary school students living within Hyuga City
Participation: Limit 60
*Lunch and certificates of attendance will be prepared for all.
Applications & Inquiries:
Hyuga City International Association,
Society Planning Promotion Group
Earl Zacca / Mr. Nakata Tel: 0986-23-2295



Miyakonojo City

- ◆ **South Kyushu University School Festival at Miyakonojo Campus**
Date & Time: December 4th (Sun) 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: South Kyushu University Miyakonojo Campus gymnasium
Applications & Inquiries:
Miyakonojo International Association Tel: 0986-23-2295