

## 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 International Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on December 23<sup>rd</sup> (Fri). The Plaza will also be closed for the end and beginning of year holidays from December 29<sup>th</sup> (Thu) to January 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tue), 2011. \*We will be reopening from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

# Miyazaki FUREAI Global Week!



The Miyazaki International Foundation will be holding "Miyazaki FUREAI Global Week 2011" From Dec 7th to Dec 11th. By all means, stop by.

### ■ 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" \*Please contact the Miyazaki International Foundation for inquiries relating to available spaces.

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

Instructor: Assistant Professor Salvador Murguia,  
Miyazaki International College

### ■ Dec 8th (Thu)

#### International Understanding Course III "Indonesia's Maternal Child Health from the perspective of Mom's Home Cooking" \*Please contact the Miyazaki International Foundation for inquiries relating to available spaces.

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

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

\*Please note that events listed above may be changed 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

### ■ Dec 10th (Sat)

#### Interactive Foreign Language Course

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

Time: 11:40 a.m. to 12:50p.m. (15 minutes per language)

#### Japanese Fureai Speech Contest

Contest: starts from 1:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony: starts from 3:30 p.m.

#### International Booths, JICA Booths

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

#### Health checks for foreign residents

### ■ Dec 11th (Sun)

#### Japanese Cultural Experience Course "An Encounter with Miyazaki Tea"

\*Limited to Foreign Residents, please contact the Miyazaki International Foundation for inquiries relating to available spaces

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

Instructor: Naomi Shirao,  
expert of Hakugendo Japanese Tea

Interacting with the Artists 1:00 p.m.

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

#### Fashion Show

Time: 2:00 p.m.

#### International Booths, JICA Booths

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

Attendance is FREE



Kohei Kawano, high school student and paper cutting artist, will be making an appearance at the art gallery.

## Japanese Practice Sessions for Foreign Residents

\*No appointment is necessary - Attendance is FREE

### ◇ Dates & Times:

[Tuesdays] 12/6, 12/13, 12/20

[Fridays] 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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

◇ Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Currently Looking for Patron Members

The Miyazaki International Foundation is looking for patron members generously willing to lend their support and assist with the Foundation's international activities.

### Yearly Membership Fee:

¥2,000 per person, ¥10,000 per group

## Library Books and Back Number Newspapers for Free

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be giving away back issues of "Newsweek", the Tagalog Newspaper "Pinoy", and books from the International Plaza Library during Miyazaki Fureai Global Week (Dec 10 and 11 [Sat & Sun]). Supply is limited, so those that want books or back issues should come early.

### ◇ Distribution Date:

Dec 10 and 11 (Sat and Sun) from 12:00 p.m.

◇ Location: Carino 8th Floor Miyazaki International Plaza

◇ Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## “Miyazaki FUREAI Global Week 2011” JICA Booths

Interactive booths focusing on problems facing developing countries are coming to Miyazaki from the “JICA Hiroba” in Tokyo. Learn while seeing and doing!

### Inquiries:

JICA Miyazaki Desk, Sakita Kayoko  
Promoter of International Cooperation  
Miyazaki International Foundation Tel: 0985-32-8457  
E-mail: jicadpd-desk-miyazakiken@jicaco.jp



## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 《Nobeoka City》

#### ◆ Afternoon Tea and English Conversation

\*Class fees are FREE, No application needed

\*Please bring your own lunch.

Have lunch while enjoying simple English conversation with Tiffany, Nobeoka's CIR.

**Date & Time:** 12/8 (Thu) 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Nobeoka Social Education Center

#### ◆ International Christmas Market

**Date & Time:** 12/7 (Sat) 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Cocoretta Nobeoka

**Applications and Inquiries:**

Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office  
Tel: 0982-22-7006



### 《Nichinan・Kushima City》

#### ◆ International Christmas Party 2011

\*Attendance Fee and Application Required

Christmas party hosted by Nichinan and Kushima's Coordinators for International Relations. All you can drink, snacks provided

**Date & Time:** 12/16 (Fri) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Nichinan City Abaratsu (Akarengan-kan) Red Brick Hall

**Participation Fee:** ¥2,500

**Participation Limit:** 50 participants (First Come First Serve)

**Applications and Inquiries:**

Nichinan City General Affairs Division, CIR Lola Sundin  
Tel: 0987-31-1113 Fax: 0987-23-1853



## DECEMBER EVENTS



### 《Miyazaki City》

#### ◆ Seminar on Japan \*Application Required

Experience Japanese *Oshogatsu* (New Years')

**Date & Time:** 12/17 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Miyazaki City Kibana Community Hall

**Target:** Foreign residents, international students

**Applications & Inquiries:** Miyazaki City International Association

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

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

### 《Ebino City》

#### ◆ Christmas Party \*Attendance Fee & Application Required, Presents will be given out

**Date & Time:** 12/17 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Ebino City International Exchange Center

**Instructors:** Ebino and Miyakonojo City ALTs

**Target:** Current 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade elementary students of Ebino City

**Participation Fee:** ¥1,500

**Application Deadline:** 12/5 (Mon)

**Applications & Inquiries:** Ebino City International Exchange Center

Tel: 0984-35-3211 Fax: 0984-35-3215

E-mail: ebinokokusaikouryu@ace.ocn.ne.jp

### 《Kiyotake》

#### ◆ English Winter Party \*Attendance Fee & Application Required

Kiyotake International Association is having a pot-luck party. For more details, please contact KIA.

**Date & Time:** 12/17 (Sat) 18:00 p.m. to 20:30 p.m.

**Event Info:** Music, dance and lottery

\*MC will only speak English. Feel free to bring alcohol.

**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

### 《Miyakonojo City》

#### ◆ World Festival in Miyakonojo

We are planning on introducing various countries and regions again this year. We are waiting to see you there.

**Date & Time:** 1/14 (Sat) 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Miyakonojo City Wellness Exchange Plaza

**Applications & Inquiries:**

Miyakonojo International Exchange Foundation

Tel: 0986-23-2295



Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Opening of Ice Skating Rink	Dec 1st 2011 (Thu) to mid-March 2012 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Ebino City, Ebino Plateau Outdoor Skating Rink	Ebino Kougenso (0984)33-0161
Nyutabaru-kichi Air Festival (Acrobatic Flight, Galleries, etc.)	Dec 4th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Shintomi Town, Japan Air Self-Defense Force Nyutabaru-kichi	Air Self-Defense Force Nyutabaru-kichi Public Relations Team (0983)35-1121
Illumination Flower Garden	Dec 9th 2011 (Fri) to Jan 9th 2012 (Mon) 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Miyazaki City, Florante Miyazaki	Florante Miyazaki (0985)23-1510

## Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

“The holiday season” – an ambiguous period from sometime in November to sometime in January – encompasses Thanksgiving (U.S./Canada), Christmas, and New Year's. For nearly three month's people stuff turkeys, stuff themselves with turkey, buy presents for family and friends, watch Christmas movies, and enjoy a strange beverage that is-sometimes-alcoholic-but-at-other-times-is-not, known as eggnog. Amongst these merry individuals are also the “Christmas Crazed”, who say things like “Where is your Christmas Spirit?” (Be happier!) and “It must have been Christmas Magic” (Used to describe favorable coincidences). On the other end of the spectrum are the “humbugs” that don't take part in any festivities. While I wouldn't describe myself as a “humbug”, I must confess to having forgotten about Christmas on occasion since coming to Japan. This year will be different. This year I won't end up eating KFC, and I won't work on Christmas day. Oh yeah, Christmas is on a three day weekend this year! Hey, look...a favorable coincidence!

