



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

Notice that the Miyazaki International Plaza will be Closed

The International Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on February 2nd, 2012 (Sat).

Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff. Volunteers should reside within Miyazaki prefecture and be 18 years of age or older. Interested parties should fill out the required criteria on the application form and submit it by March 3rd. In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process. *Nationality will not play a role in choosing applicants, however, volunteers must be capable of providing service in Japanese.

◇Volunteer Period:

April 4th, 2012 (Wed) to September 29th (Sat)

*Excluding Holidays

◇Volunteer Time: One day a week from Tue to Sat from:
a. 10:15 to 12:45 p.m. b. 1:00 to 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.

◇Other: Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (*however, volunteer's insurance will be covered by the International Foundation and parking vouchers will be issued to volunteers making use of the CARINO Miyazaki Parking Lot)

◇Application & Inquiries:

Contact the Miyazaki International Foundation

International Cooperation for Everyone

In order to assist the activities of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are working to eliminate poverty, eradicate disease, and prevent environmental disaster in various regions around the world, the Miyazaki International Foundation is collecting the following items. You can help by bringing the following to the Miyazaki International Foundation.

- 1) Used Postcards
- 2) Used Postal Stamps

*Note concerning stamps: Please leave a 5 millimeter to 1 centimeter area of paper/envelope around stamps when cutting them out. We will not be able to make use of stamps that are scratched or torn.

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Multiculturalism Advisor Dispatch System

Lecturers are available for dispatch to schools or local areas - free of charge - to speak at classes or meetings (e.g. home school classes, neighborhood community association meetings) relating to multicultural society promotion.

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

6th Annual "Miyazaki from the Outside Looking in" Art Gallery Goes on Tour

The "From the Outside Looking in" Art Gallery, which was held at the 8th floor of CARINO in December, will be opening up at the following locations on the dates noted below. By all means drop by for a visit.

[Nichinan City]

Dates & Times: 1/26 (Thu) to 2/8 (Wed) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Nichinan City International Exchange Center
Komura Memorial Hall Lobby
Inquiries: Nichinan City General Affairs Department
Tel: 0987-31-1113

[Miyakonojo City]

Dates & Times: 2/10 (Fri) to 2/16 (Thu) 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: Miyakonojo City Hall First Floor Citizens' Salon
Inquiries: Miyakonojo City Life & Culture Division
Tel: 0986-23-2295

[Nobeoka City]

Dates & Times: 2/20 (Mon) to 2/24 (Fri) 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: Nobeoka City Hall First & Second Floor Lobby
Inquiries: Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office
Tel: 0982-22-7006

[Kijo Town]

Dates & Times: 2/29 (Wed) to 3/5 (Mon) 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Kijo Onsen Hall Yurara
Inquiries: Kijo General Affairs Division Tel: 0983-32-4725

[University of Miyazaki]

Dates & Times: 3/7 (Wed) to 3/13 (Tue) 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: University of Miyazaki Library, 1st Floor Lobby
Inquiries: Research Management & International Affairs Department
Tel: 0985-58-7147

Japanese Practice Session for Foreign Residents

*No Application Necessary, Free of Charge

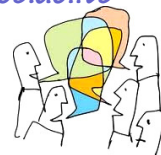
◇Dates & Times: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

[Tuesdays] 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

[Fridays] 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

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

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



World Boxes

The Miyazaki International Foundation has “World Boxes” that can be rented out.

◇Countries/Regions

Australia, Botswana, Canada, The Czech Republic, England, Hungary, Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Singapore, The Slovakian Republic, Sweden, USA, Vietnam, Africa, Central America, South America

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

News for Foreign Residents in Japan !

The Basic Resident Registration Act will begin to be applied to foreign residents by July 2012.

http://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/jichi_gyousei/c-gyousei/zairyu_english.html



LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

《Miyazaki City》

■ Intermediate Level English Course - Foreign Resident Interviews *Application Required

Dates & Times: 2/2 (Thu) to 3/8 (Thu) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Total of 6 sessions, Every Thursday

Location: Central (Chuou) Community Hall
Small (shou) Training Room

Instructor: Sascha Klinger

Attendance Fee: Members ¥1,000 Non-Members ¥2,000

Allotted Spaces: 20

Applications & Inquiries:

Miyazaki City Project Development Division
Sascha Klinger Tel: 0985-21-1711



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Event & Content	Date & Time	Locale	Inquiries
Zaronbai Plum Festival (Traditional dances, outdoor tea ceremonies, food & drinks for sale)	2/5 (Sun) Starts from 10:00 a.m.	Zaronbai, Yunomiya Shintomi	Shintomi Town Improvement Division (0983)33-6029
Aya Hinayama Festival (Traditional dances, taishou-harp performances)	2/26(Sun) to 3/6 (Wed)	Chuou-dori Shopping Area, Aya	Aya Commerce and Industry Association (0985)77-0017
10th Annual Takasaki Strawberry Festival (Strawberries & strawberry sweets will be for sale)	3/4 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Multipurpose Sports Park, Miyakonojyo City, Takasaki	JA Takasaki Branch (0986)62-3111

Waltzing Around the World

Paul Richards, Miyazaki Prefecture CIR

Before the merits of something “foreign” can be properly evaluated the human mind requires time for processing the whole picture. This is a natural evolutionary outcome to a hostile – and sometimes downright tricky – world (which for some reason makes both tasty mushrooms as well as poisonous ones). Naturally, everyone has mistakenly judged a positive for a negative. E.g. cursing the slightly raised yellow, pointlessly made bumps along Japanese sidewalks (just me?), only to realize that they are incredibly beneficial walking tracks to aid the blind. It is particularly easy to view standard practices (tasty mushrooms) of a foreign culture as peculiar (poisonous mushrooms). Even for the biggest foodie it can take time to get over the uncooked-factor when eating the plethora of raw goodies that make up the standard Japanese diet. Well, after 4.5 years of processing my brain has finally somewhat started to notice a silver lining to the BIGGEST hang up of all – the Japanese bathroom. So please accept my apology for all of the things I have said about you, as I had been so bewildered by the nature of your toilets that I never realized the walls to your stalls stretch all the way to the floor. Thank you!



《Ebino City》

■ Ebino City Elementary / Middle School English Speech Recital

Dates & Times: February 18th (Sat) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Ebino City International Exchange Center

Inquiries:

Ebino City International Exchange Center

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

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



《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: February 23rd (Thu) 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Nobeoka Social Education Center

Inquiries:

Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office

Tel: 0982-22-7006

《Miyakonojo City》

■ International Exchange through Cooking & Cuisine! Make Authentic Manju with a Chinese Instructor!

*Application Required, English & Chinese Interpretation Available

Date & Time: February 29th (Wed) 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Child Rearing Support Center, Tenjin-cho, Miyakonojo

Allotted Spaces: 24

Target: Preschool aged children and their parents, pregnant mothers

Lecturers: Zhang Shou Rong, He Ying

Participation Fee: Group Fee (Parents and Children) ¥300

*Will begin accepting applications from February 3rd (Fri)

Applications & Inquiries:

Miyakonojo City Life & Culture Division

Tel: 0986-23-2295 (Chinese, English and Japanese)