



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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Open: Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays and December 29 to January 3

Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the end and beginning of year holidays from December 29th (Sat) to January 3rd (Thu), 2019. *We will be reopening from January 4th (Fri), 2019.

Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: [Wed] 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30

*No meeting on 1/2

[Fri] 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

*No meeting on 1/4

10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers from within Miyazaki Prefecture, 18 years of age or older, to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff.

To apply, interested parties should submit a completed application form by 3/2 (Sat).

In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process.

*Nationality will not play a role in choosing applicants.

However, volunteers expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◇Volunteer Period:

4/9(Fri) to 9/28 (Sat) *Excluding Holidays

◇Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tue to Sat from;

A. 10:15 am - 12:45 pm B. 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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 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: Miyazaki International Foundation



International Chat Sessions (Chinese) Second Term *Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2/5

2/19, 3/5, 3/19 Tuesday

10 sessions in total 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

◇Location: Carino Miyazaki 9th floor ◇Limit: 15

◇Fee: patrons and students 3,000yen (10 sessions)

non-members 5,000yen (10 sessions)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

你好



Life and legal consultations for foreigners *FREE

Professional consultants (lawyers and paralegals) will provide consultations on everyday life in Japan, such as visa, certificate of eligibility, and international marriage. Consultations are 30 minutes long per person. Interpreters are available upon request. Date, time, and location will be decided upon discussion. Please call the Miyazaki International Foundation for more details.



Consultation service for foreign residents by life consultants *FREE

We introduce life consultants to foreign residents in Miyazaki upon request. Life consultants give advice to foreigners on everyday life in Japan and provide interpretation in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and Tagalog for their clients. However, they do not cover legal matters and technical issues. Please call the Miyazaki International Foundation if you are interested in our offering. If you have any legal problems, you can use the free "Life and Legal consultations for foreigners" service advertised above.

Counselors:

English: Michiko Takashima Chinese: Gyokuei Taniguchi

Korean: Reiko Endo

Filipino: Joyce Ogawa

Portuguese: Satomi Nozaki

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation 0985-32-8457

English- and Korean-speaking Chat Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to participate in chat sessions in English or Korean. If you would like to take part, please get in touch with us.



◇Dates & Times: January to March

Saturday or Thursday 1 hour ~ 1.5 hours

*Please inquire about the volunteer timeslot.

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◇Requirements: Ideally, participants should have a good level of proficiency in English or Korean.

*Open to both native and non-native speakers.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



We are recruiting patrons! Annual membership fee Individual: 2,000yen Group: 10,000yen



If you become our patron...

- You will receive "International Plaza News," our monthly newsletter
- You will receive "South Wind," our semiannual magazine
- You will be given priority registration for our lectures and workshops
- You will be given discounts for our lectures and workshops
- (Only available for Groups) Website will be linked to our homepage

Miyazaki International Plaza Library Corner

- ◆ **Lending Period:** 2 books for 2 weeks
- ◆ **Extensions:** You are allowed 1 renewal for another 2 weeks. Please contact us before your materials are due.
- ◆ **Returns:** Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00am - 7:00pm
*Materials can also be returned via mail (borrower responsible for shipping costs)

Library materials are shared by the public. Please refrain from bending or writing on the pages, dirtying materials, etc. The borrower bears responsibility for replacing ruined or lost materials.



Local Announcements

< Miyazaki City >

Chinese cooking class "Steamed pork buns"



An instructor from China will teach you how to make delicious steamed pork buns!

- ◆ **Dates & Times:** January 26th(Sat) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- ◆ **Location:** Miyazaki Nishichiku Koryu Center
(1-49 Gion, Miyazaki city)
- ◆ **Lecturer:** Rihei Yukishita
Ex-Chef of Chinese restaurant "Chirika"



January Events

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Aoshima Shrine "Naked Man" Festival	1/14(Mon&Holiday) 10:35am~	Aoshima Shrine Miyazaki City	Aoshima Shrine 0985-65-1262
19th Miyazaki Tamayura Kagura Festival	1/11, 1/18, 1/25(Fri) 1/12, 1/19, 1/26(Sat) 7:30pm~9:00pm	Miyazaki Kanko Hotel(1/11, 1/12, 1/18, 1/19) Hotel Kanezumi(1/25, 1/26) Miyazaki City	Miyazaki Tamayura Hot Spring Executive Committee 0985-61-9605
Shiwasu Festival	1/18(Fri)-1/20(Sun)	Mikado Shrine Misato Town	Misato Town Nango Branch Office Planning and Information Division 0982-59-1601

Chinese Chat

Enjoy speaking Chinese with some volunteers from China

- ◆ **Dates & Times:** 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
5 sessions in total 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Location:** Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza, 4th Floor,
Small Conference Room
(1-1-2 Tachibanadori Nishi, Miyazaki City)
- ◆ **Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki City International Association
Tel: 0985-21-1719 (Mon~ Fri, 9:00am ~ 5:00pm)
Fax: 0985-21-1733
E-mail: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp
HP: <http://www.miyazaki-mcia.jp>



Miyazaki International Association will also hold a Korean cooking class in February! Please check their website or Facebook page for details.

<Miyakonojo City>

World Festa in Miyakonojo 2019

Please enjoy socializing with foreigners from various countries and stage performances. Admission is free of charge.

- ◆ **Date & Time:** January 20th (Sun) 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Location:** Miyakonojo Art & Culture Hall
- ◆ **Contents:**
 - *International exchange and Games with foreigners around the world
 - *Foreign dances and performances by foreigners
 - *Panel exhibition by international organizations of their activities
- ◆ **Inquiries:** Miyakonojo International Association
Tel: 0986-23-2295
Email: mia@btvm.ne.jp



An Englishman in Miyazaki



**Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham**

"This year, it's 3840x2160..."

新年あけまして、おめでとうございます! ("Shin-nen akemashite, omedetou gozaimasu!") Happy New Year everyone! How was your Christmas and New Year's? One of my favourite Japanese customs is watching the sun rise on the first day of a new year. I'm afraid I don't usually bother with New Year's Resolutions, so I don't have any amusing ones to write here (apart from the *oyaji* gag in the title, and that's pushing it!), but there's something about watching that first sunrise that makes me want to do everything I can to make sure that the coming year is as good as I can make it. So, here's to another 365 sunrises, sunsets and all the bits in between – 今年もよろしくお願いたします! ("Kotoshi mo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu!") – All the best for 2019!

