



Miyazaki International Foundation

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Relocation of the MIF office and International Plaza:

From April 27th, the International Plaza and the Miyazaki International Foundation office will be relocated from the 9th floor to the 1st basement floor of the CARINO Miyazaki building. Please feel free to drop by!



Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed from April 24th (Wed) to 26th (Fri) for moving, and from April 28th (sun) to May 6th (Mon/national holiday) for Sundays and the national holidays.
*We will open on April 27th (Sat).



A Brief Introduction to the Miyazaki International Foundation

The Miyazaki International Foundation is planning to organize the following courses and events in 2019. Details will be announced on the Foundation website (<http://www.mif.or.jp>) and in Plaza News closer to the time. Please also check out the MIF Facebook page for more information. We hope to see you around!

[Lectures]

- Japanese language lessons (two terms)
- Japanese practice sessions
- Disaster management seminar
- Disaster preparedness course for foreign residents
- Training Seminar for volunteers to assist foreign residents during a disaster
- Chat sessions (English, Chinese, Korean)
- Working Holiday information session
- Traditional Japanese culture experience
- International understanding class (England, Italy, Canada, Germany)
- Training course for volunteer Japanese tutors
- Foreign Residents Support Seminar



[Events]

- Miyazaki International Festival ~Friends of the World~
- Art Festival; "Miyazaki From the Outside Looking in"
- Japanese speech contest

[Instructors and Volunteers Available (we are also always looking for volunteers to help out in any of the following areas)]

- Volunteer Japanese instructors
(Japanese-speaking volunteers are registered at the Foundation and introduced to interested foreigners)
- Volunteer interpreters
(Available for interpreting at social events)

- Host families

(The Foundation is always looking for families who would like to receive foreign students for homestays)

-Voluntary Traditional Japanese culture instructors

-Volunteer receptionists at the Miyazaki International Plaza

(first term: Apr - Sept, second term: Oct - Mar)

-Specialists in multiculturalism

(They can be dispatched for courses on intercultural understanding and so on for free)



[Consultation]

-Life and legal consultations for foreigners

(Available once a year - lawyers and paralegals will provide consultations on everyday life in Japan)

-Consultation service for foreign residents by life consultants

(Available at any time - Life consultants give advice to foreign residents on everyday life in Japan and provide interpreting services in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and Tagalog for their clients.)

-We also provide consultation to the best of our abilities at the International Plaza anytime. (only available in Japanese and English)



[Publications]

- South Wind (a semiannual magazine)
- Living in Miyazaki (A monthly article featured in the Miyazaki newspaper on the last Monday of every month)
- Plaza News (a monthly newsletter)



◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Elementary Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents *Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level Japanese courses for foreign residents.



◆Date & Time: 4/9 (Tue) to 7/18 (Thu)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:10 am ~ 12:00 pm

*No class on 4/25(Thu), 4/30(Tue), 5/2(Thu)

◆Location: CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◆Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time, those who wish to start learning from Hiragana and Katakana.

◆Course Fee: FREE

◆Course Materials Fee: ¥2,160 (not including tax)

◆Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions

*FREE, No Registration Required



◆Dates & Times: [Wed] 4/10, 4/17 *No meeting on 4/3, 4/24

[Fri] 4/12, 4/19 *No meeting on 4/5, 4/26

10:30 am ~ 11:30 am

◆Location: CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Introduction of Japanese language volunteers

*Free, Registration required

Foreigners or Japanese returnees in Miyazaki who wish to study Japanese language will be introduced to registered Japanese language volunteers upon request. Study location, hours, and contents will be decided by the learner and the tutor themselves.

- ◆**Target:** Foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture
- ◆**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Saturday English Chat First Term

Beginner *Registration Required

◆**Dates & Times:** 4/6, 4/20, 5/18, 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27
Saturday 8sessions in total
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◆**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki ◆**Limit:** 15
◆**Fee:** patrons and students 2,000yen (8 sessions)
non-members 4,000yen (8 sessions)

◆**To Apply:** Apply in person, by phone, or by e-mail and provide your name, contact number, and e-mail address. When applying by e-mail, please include "English Chat Beginner" in the subject line.

◆**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

International Chat Sessions (Chinese) First Term

*Registration Required

◆**Dates & Times:** 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28
Tuesday 6 sessions in total
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

◆**Location:** Carino Miyazaki ◆**Limit:** 15
◆**Fee:** patrons and students 1,000yen (6 sessions)
non-members 3,000yen (6 sessions)

◆**To Apply:** Apply in person, by phone, or by e-mail and provide your name, contact number, and e-mail address. When applying by e-mail, please include "Chinese Chat" in the subject line.

◆**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

International Chat Sessions (Korean) First Term

Intermediate & Advanced *Registration Required

◆**Dates & Times:** 4/18, 5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 8/29, 9/12
Thursday 8sessions in total 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

◆**Location:** Carino Miyazaki ◆**Limit:** 15
◆**Fee:** patrons and students 2,000yen (8 sessions)
non-members 4,000yen (8 sessions)

◆**To Apply:** Apply in person, by phone, or by e-mail and provide your name, contact number, and e-mail address. When applying by e-mail, please include "Korean Chat Intermediate & Advanced" in the subject line.

◆**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

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:** April to September
Saturday or Thursday 1hour
*Please enquire about the volunteer timeslot.

◆**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki
◆**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

April Events



Event	Date/Time	Venue	Contact
Miyazaki Shrine horseback archery	4/3(Wed) 1:30 pm~	Miyazaki Shrine Miyazaki City	Miyazaki Shrine 0985-27-4004
Nobeoka Daishi Festival	4/12(Fri) - 4/14(Sun)	Imayama Shrine Nobeoka	Nobeoka Daishi Supporter's Association 0982-33-6666

An Englishman in Miyazaki



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

“Change Places! ♪”

Hi Everyone! How's spring treating you? As I'm sure you can feel in the air, April is a time for new beginnings in Japan – besides the changes in nature that come with spring, and the new financial year, bringing with it the 人事異動 – *jinji idō*, where people change departments (and also the relocation of the International Plaza), it's also a new academic year, so a lot of people are starting at new classes or schools and working at new places as of this month, which is why it has an air of 旅立ち – *tabi-dachi*, “setting off on a journey” about it. As the title implies, I must admit I do feel a bit like Alice in this situation, slightly clueless in a strange and distant land while everyone hurriedly changes position around me. I'm starting to get a little more settled after my own 旅立ち last August, but I wish everyone starting a new journey this month all the best, and if there's ever anything I can do to help, you can always come see me at the International Plaza, so you don't have to travel alone!

