



Miyazaki International Foundation

Questions, comments, postings, or for information in Plaza News: Miyazaki International Foundation, B1

Carino Miyazaki, Tachibanadori Higashi 4-8-1, Miyazaki City 880-0805

Tel: 0985-32-8457 Fax: 0985-32-8512 Email: miyaiinfo@mif.or.jp Homepage: <http://www.mif.or.jp/>

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 from May 1st(Wed) to May 6th(Mon) for the National holidays.

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 5/2(Thu), 6/13(Thu), 6/18(Tue)

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇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] 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29

*No meeting on 5/1

[Fri] 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

*No meeting on 5/3

10:30 am ~ 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇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



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: May 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

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 (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



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



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



Life and legal consultations for foreigners

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.

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Call For Donations

Starting April 1st, 2018, the Miyazaki International Foundation is accepting donations for activities that are aimed at promoting grassroots internationalization and community revitalization. Individuals and corporations will get tax benefits. Donors can either make general donations or specify how their donations are to be used. We ask for your continued understanding and support. For details, please contact us at:
Miyazaki International Foundation
Tel: 0985-32-8457 E-mail: miyainfo@mif.or.jp

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!

Greetings from the New Executive Director

Nice to meet you everyone, I am Kawasoe, the new Executive Director of the Miyazaki International Foundation as of April.

The name of the new era was recently announced as "Reiwa", and so a new era full of hope is about to begin. The other day, I took a break and climbed the mountains of Takachiho. I remember that the fresh greenery was very pleasant.

This year, further amendments to the Immigration Control Act have been implemented, and Miyazaki Prefecture is also expected to interact with many people from overseas. We would like to work with everyone to promote intercultural exchange and make many people into fans of Miyazaki. We look forward to your continued support of, and cooperation with, the efforts of the MIF. Thank you.



Editor's Note

Hi everyone!

I will be in charge of Plaza News with the start of the new era "Reiwa".

We would like to publish information from the MIF so that everyone can connect with the world in their daily lives. Please feel free to send us your comments and suggestions too. Thank you! Y

May Events

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Miyazaki Port Festival 2019	5/5 (Sun, national holiday)	Miyazaki port, Miyazaki City	Miyazaki Port Festival Office 0985-21-1711
Kyushu Ceramics Exhibition in Kushima	5/24 (Fri) ~26 (Sun) A night market will also be held on Saturday night.	Former Yoshimatsu Residence, Kushima	Kushima Chamber of Commerce and Industry 0987-72-0254
Jacaranda Festival 2019	5/26 (Sun) ~6/16 (Sun)	Michi-no-Eki-Nango Nichinan	Nichinan City Tourism Association 0987-31-1134
Kitagawa Firefly Festival	Late May	Kitagawa Comprehensive Sports Park Kitagawa, Nobeoka	Nobeoka City Government, Kitagawa branch 0982-46-5010
The 42nd Iris Festival	5/25 (Sat) ~6/2 (Sun)	Awakigahara Forest Park, Miyazaki City	Citizen's Forest Management Office 0985-39-7308

"Sometimes déjà vu is more than just a feeling..."



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

I have to start this month's column with an apology – when I arrived in August, I told everyone that I'd never been to Miyazaki before. A couple of weeks ago, I learned I actually had! So, 大変申し訳ございません！ I apologise profusely for my mistake! I found out during a trip deep into the mountains near Ebino to harvest 蕨 – *warabi*, a kind of bracken that tastes delicious stir-fried or made into mochi. As I made my way along the winding mountain roads, I felt that feeling of déjà vu (that you've seen or heard something subconsciously before). I ignored it, but the further I went, the stronger it got. There was something about the mountains and the trees there that I knew I'd seen before. Partway through, I stopped by Masaki station, and it clicked: I'd been through there on a tiny local train when I travelled from Kumamoto to Kagoshima five years ago! At the time, I understood next to no Japanese, so it was nice to revisit the place and have a vague idea of what was going on – I didn't know that the station's name meant true happiness (真幸), or that the bell on the platform is rung to bring good fortune. Mind you, five years ago, I also had no idea that this was going to become such an important place for me. If I'd known, I'd have hopped off the train and stayed! So, it's lovely to meet you again, Miyazaki – I'll be sure to remember this time! Everyone, be sure to pay attention to the places you wander through – they might end up being your home one day!