



Miyazaki International Foundation

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Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop "GAGAKU", Traditional Japanese Music in a Traditional Folk House *Registration Required, FREE

We are going to hold a Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop on "GAGAKU" music in July, featuring a performance by members of "Miyazaki Gagaku-kai". The venue, the traditional "Shiiba" folk house was built about 150 years ago, and is a prefecturally-designated tangible cultural property. Enjoy traditional Japanese "GAGAKU" in a relaxing atmosphere!

◇Dates&Times : July 6th (Sat) 2:00pm~3:30pm

◇Place : "Shiiba" traditional folk house, Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History
*We will send you a map after application!

◇Performers : Miyazaki Gagaku kai

◇Limit : 20 (first come, first served)

◇Target : Foreign Residents of Miyazaki

◇Cost : Free

◇How to apply: Please let us know your name, contact information (phone number, email) and Japanese level by phone, FAX, email or in person.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki international Fundation



Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: [Wed] 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31
[Fri] 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



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



Saturday English Chat First Term Beginner *Registration Required

Chat Sessions for Beginners

Start your Saturday morning with a fun English conversation!

◇Dates & Times: 7/13, 7/27

Saturday

10:30 am - 11:30 am



◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇Inquiries & Application: 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 9/7 (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:

Oct 1 (Tue) to Mar 31 (Tue) *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

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

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



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



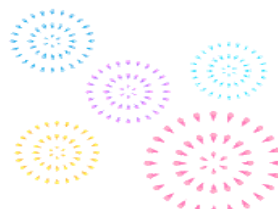
A Tweet from the Staff

We attended an event the other day, and many children visited our booth and played with instruments and toys from all over the world. There was a child who memorized all the national flags, and answered the names of the countries one after another. There was also a work experience section at the event, and I almost felt envious that today's children have the opportunity to experience so many different and wonderful things. I hope all the children find something that captures their imagination and that their dreams come true. Staff: M

Editor's Note

Summer in Japan means fireworks. There are fireworks festivals in Aburatsu and Nobeoka on this month, as every year. You can feel the Japanese summer as you stretch your neck and look up at the sky, and feel the sound of the explosion through your body while the sparkling lights scatter in the dark sky, but sparklers are also great as a smaller symbol of summer in Japan. I have heard some countries have restrictions on setting off fireworks at home, but Japan is like a fireworks paradise. Let's enjoy Japanese summer with fireworks! Y

July Events



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
130th Hososhima Minato Festival	July 19 th (Fri) ~ July 21 st (Sun)	Hyuga Minato Oasis Hososhima	Hososhima Minato Matsuri Office 0982-52-2601
Aburatsu Port Festival 2019 Fireworks Festival	July 20 th (Sat) - 21 st (Sun) 【Fireworks Festival】 July 20 th (Sat) 8:00 pm *In the event of inclement weather, the fireworks will be rescheduled to July 21 st (Sun)	Nichinan Aburatsu Port	Nichinan City Tourism Association 0987-31-1134
43rd Matsuri Nobeoka	【Banba sou odori】 July 27 th (Sat) 19:30~ 【Fireworks】 July 28 th (Sun) 20:00~	Nobeoka Nobeoka downtown (7/27) Ose riverside (7/28)	Matsuri Nobeoka Promotion Council 0982-32-6141

An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Tamaya~!"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! Are you enjoying the lovely long, hot Japanese summer? People often complain about the summer heat, but personally I really like it (even though I become a big sweaty *gaikokujin* within seconds of walking out the door!). Maybe it's because I'm from a colder country – in the UK, even in summer it usually gets colder at night – but the lovely warm evenings here are one of the things that really remind me that I'm a long way from home. Of course, as the Editor's column expertly mentioned above, another key part of Japanese summer is fireworks! This is another thing that reminds me I'm a long way from the Shire – in the UK, the fireworks festival is held on November 5th, so I always associated fireworks with winter, frozen fingers, and being able to see my breath in the night air. I must say, I definitely prefer the Japanese way! There's a bunch of great 花火大会 – *hanabi taikai*, fireworks festivals on in Miyazaki over the next couple months, so if you've not been to one yet, then make sure to don your yukata and check them out!