



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

Saturday English Chat Second Term Beginner *Registration Required

Start your Saturday morning with a fun English conversation!

◇DatesTimes: 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8
Saturday 8sessions in total
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 ◇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.

◇Application Deadline: September 28th (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Saturday English Chat Second Term Intermediate & Advanced *Registration Required

Practice your English with foreigners from around the world! *(English chat sessions are not eikaiwa lessons. Also, not all foreign volunteers are native English speakers)

◇DatesTimes: 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 12/7, 12/21, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15
Saturday 8sessions in total
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 ◇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 Intermediate" in the subject line.

◇Application Deadline: September 28th (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



International Chat Sessions (Korean) Second Term Beginner *Registration Required

The class is open to those who have recently started learning Korean.



◇Dates &

Times: 11/7, 11/21, 12/5, 12/19, 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27 Thursday
8sessions in total 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

◇Location: Carino Miyazaki B1 ◇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 Beginner" in the subject line.

◇Application Deadline: October 24th (Thu)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

International Chat Sessions (Korean) Second Term Intermediate & Advanced *Registration Required

The class is open to those who have studied Korean previously.

◇Dates & Times: 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 11/28, 12/12,
1/23, 2/6, 2/20

Thursday 8sessions in total
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

◇Location: Carino Miyazaki B1 ◇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.

◇Application Deadline: September 28th (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: 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: Sep 3rd (Tue) to Nov 28th (Thu) 2019
Every Tuesday and Thursday 25sessions in total
10:10 am - 12:00 pm

◇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] 8/7, 8/21, 8/28
[Fri] 8/2, 8/9, 8/23, 8/30

10:30 am - 11:30 am

*No meeting on 8/14, 8/16

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

Individual: 2,000yen Group: 10,000yen



14th Annual Art Festival “From the Outside Looking in” Art Gallery Confirmed!

We are now collecting entries in the categories of photography, calligraphy, paintings & drawings, handicrafts, and other from foreign residents and citizens with roots overseas for this year’s art festival.

◇Submission Requirements:

In principle, individuals submitting entries to the gallery should be foreigners living in Miyazaki or individuals with roots in a foreign country.

◇Divisions: Photography, Paintings, Calligraphy, Hand made Crafts, Other
(Theme for the work is “Miyazaki”)

◇Submission Limit: Up to 2 entries per person.

◇Size: Up to 50 cm by 50 cm

◇Submission Deadline: 10/19(Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



“Project for Promoting Exchange with Taiwan” Looking for Participants

To anyone interested in international exchange with the members of a Taiwanese volunteer organization, we are proud to be able to offer an opportunity for cultural, arts, and sports exchange with people in Taoyuan and Shinchiku, Taiwan.

◇Content: A group of representatives will be dispatched from Miyazaki to Taiwan, and Miyazaki Prefecture will be accepting a group of representatives from Taiwan. A conference for furthering mutual exchange between Miyazaki and Taiwan will also be held.

◇Projected Dates: Dispatching of Representatives to Taiwan: December 18th (Wed) to 21st (Sat) 2019
Accepting of Representatives from Taiwan: February 5th (Wed) to February 8th (Sat) 2020

◇Volunteer Groups: There will be 3 groups
(Up to 2 individuals per group)

◇Participation Fee: 40,000 yen /person

◇Application Deadline: August 16th (Fri)

*To apply, please contact All-Miyazaki Business Management Division.

◇Inquiries & Application:

International Affairs and Passport Section,
All-Miyazaki Business Management Division
Tel: 0985-44-2623



Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents *Application Required



◇Topic: “Japan and I”

◇Eligibility:

1. Foreign Residents living in Miyazaki that are 16 years of age and older.
2. Individuals whose native language is not Japanese.

◇Divisions & Available Spaces:

Non-students & Students, 10 participants in total

◇Deadline: October 18th (Fri)

◇To Apply: Return your completed application form, along with the speech draft, to the Miyazaki International Foundation by post, Fax, or E-mail (miyainfo@mif.or.jp).
The speech can be written in Romaji, and should be three to five minutes long.
*Props are not allowed.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Local Announcements

《Tano Town》 27th Tano Taiko Festival

This exciting event is going to feature “*amadaiko*,” a traditional performing art from the Tano region, combined with fireworks. We look forward to seeing you there!

◇Date & Time: August 31st (Sat) 4:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm

◇Location: Multipurpose Plaza, Tano Sports Park

◇Inquiries & Application:

Tano General Branch Office,
Community Welfare Division
Tel:0985-86-1111



Editor's Note

You don't see the O-bon dance performed much lately, but it seems that during the Showa era, every region had its own Obon dance. My favorite Obon dance song is "Tanko-Bushi," because I am from Fukuoka. "Tanko-Bushi" is even used for the Obon dance held by Buddhist churches in California, etc. in North America. I saw that not many people wore yukata, but instead wore a T-shirt with their family's name printed on it, and a matching happi, and danced in a circle. I remember that I felt strongly that the feelings and culture of honoring one's ancestors are inherited across generations and across borders. We have hula dancing and belly dancing in summer festivals in Japan lately - I can feel multiculturalism going on all around right now. How about stepping out and finding multicultural symbiosis somewhere around you? Y

An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Change Places~! (Again!)"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! How's your summer going? I know it's a very ordinary and boring thing, but I love the sound of cicadas on a summer's evening. We don't have cicadas in the UK, so it's another one of those things that reminds me I'm a long way from home. Okay, it can occasionally be annoying, and I've seen the clumsy little things fly into a *fusuma* (paper door) so hard they punch a hole clean through it before, but it's something that feels very much like Japanese summer.

Speaking of being a long way from home, I know I wrote about the Alice in Wonderland-esque sensation of the *jinji-idō* personnel reshuffle that happens in April around here, but back home the end of the school year is in the summer, so it's August and September that have that air of setting off on a journey and starting somewhere new about it. Similarly, this month sees a new intake of people coming to Miyazaki on the JET Programme to help Miyazaki with its language education and intercultural exchange. I wish everyone starting their term on JET this month all the very best! Congratulations on getting placed in one of the most amazing places in the world – now get out there and experience all the great stuff that Miyazaki has to offer. J E T 参加者の皆様、頑張ってください!