



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

Elementary Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents *Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level 1&2 Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◇**Date & Time:** Sep 3rd (Tue) to Nov 28th (Thu) 2019
Every Tuesday and Thursday 25sessions in total
Level 1: 10:10 am - 12:00 pm
Level 2: 12:40 pm - 14:30 pm

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Target:**

Level 1: Those learning Japanese for the first time.

Level 2: Those who can read 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] 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25
[Fri] 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents *Application Required

◇**Topic:** "Japan and I"

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇**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 (miyaiinfo@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



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.

◆**Dates:** 11/20 (Wed) to 11/30 (Sat)

◆**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")

Photographs can be sent as a soft copy but are limited to those taken within Miyazaki Prefecture. Submitted soft copy will be printed out in color on an A4 sized sheet of paper, and will not be returned.

◆**Submission Limit:** Up to 2 entries per person.

◆**Size:** Up to 50 cm by 50 cm

◆**Submission Method:**

Submit by post, in person, or by E-mail.

When submitting an entry, please attach your application form to your art piece. Your application form should include your name (with furigana), home country, contact information, name of your entry, a list of materials used in making your entry, a 50 word or less description of your entry, and a specification of the division of your piece.

Submissions by Post:

Send to the Miyazaki International Foundation.

Drop offs: Bring to

- ①Miyazaki International Foundation
- ②Miyazaki University Global Support Office



◆**Awards:**

Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces chosen by visitors to the gallery.

◆**Submission Deadline:** 10/19(Sat)

◆**Awards Ceremony:** 11/30(Sat)

◆**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 floor

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



Calligraphy Workshop *FREE

The Miyazaki International Plaza has arranged a calligraphy corner for those who are interested in calligraphy but do not own calligraphy tools. Foreigners are welcome to visit and give it a try.

◆**Date & Time:** 9/3(Tue) to 10/19(Sat) 10:00 am - 7:00pm

*Closed on Sundays, Mondays and National holidays.

◆**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 floor,
Miyazaki International Plaza

◆**Inquiries :** Miyazaki International Foundation



Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents *FREE, Registration Required

Due to localized torrential rain in July 2019, evacuation advisories were issued in Nichinan and Miyakonojo.

Japan is a country that frequently experiences natural disasters like earthquakes and typhoons. Hence, it is important to always be prepared and clear of what to do when disaster strikes. Feel free to bring your family!

◆**Date & Time:** 10/26 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

◆**Eligibility:** Foreigners and international students of Miyazaki prefecture, and their families (Participants may bring Japanese guests)

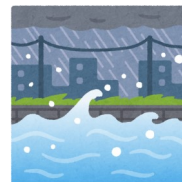
*Interpretation in English, Chinese and other languages (scheduled) is available. Those who do not speak Japanese are welcome too!

◆**Location:** Miyazaki City Fire Department, Miyazaki Higashimorokata Wide Area Disaster Management Centre

◆**Lectures containing:** presentation on natural disasters, earthquake simulation, smoke simulation, a brief presentation about disaster preparedness apps, etc.

◆**To Apply:** Fill out our application form and return it by fax, post, or E-mail. When applying by mail, write "bousai" in the subject line.

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



Editor's Note

Here in Japan, people train to prepare for natural disasters from elementary school. Most people who come to Miyazaki from other countries have never experienced disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons, and have no idea about how to train to prepare for them. We had a seminar last year by international exchange students from Kumamoto University who had experienced the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake - they had never experienced an earthquake before that, and they had never even heard the word "Hinanzo." They would like to tell as many people as possible that we cannot prevent natural disasters, but can at least be prepared.

Please inform the foreign residents around you about the importance of evacuation drills. Also, if you can, please take part in the Disaster Management Seminar on October 26! Y



An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Tea (and Biscuits)"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

I know tea-drinking is something of a stereotype in the UK, but this humble drink has a huge cultural significance. In 18th Century Britain, women were able to gather in tea rooms and plan political movements which contributed to women's rights and suffrage. Tea gave labourers the energy they needed to press on during the Industrial Revolution and achieve remarkable technological progress in a short amount of time. To this day, relationships are forged, decisions are made and problems are solved over a cup of tea. Even the British army has "If in doubt, brew up" as an unofficial slogan. So all-pervasive is tea, that it is viewed as an essential item, and hence is exempt from tax, along with biscuits to go with it. (Although chocolate-covered biscuits are very obviously a luxury item, so they're definitely taxed!)

Now I've said that, I fancy some luxury - I wonder if anywhere in Miyazaki sells chocolate Hobnobs...?

