



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

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 25 sessions 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 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 (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



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 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

- ① Miyazaki International Foundation
- ② Miyazaki 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



Japanese Practice Sessions

*FREE, No Registration Required

◇**Dates & Times:** [Wed] 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
[Fri] 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇**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)

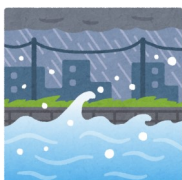
*Interpretation in English, Chinese and other languages (scheduled) is available. Those who do not speak Japanese are welcome too!

◇**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



Event Information

An event to promote the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held at the Aeon Mall in Miyazaki City on November 3rd (Sunday) and 4th (Monday, National Holiday). As part of this, on Sunday the 3rd, there will be presentations on German, Italian and Canadian culture, since Miyazaki Prefecture will host these countries' Olympic and Paralympic teams. We hope to see you there!



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



Consultation service for foreign residents by life consultants *FREE

We introduce life consultants to foreign residents in Miyazaki upon request. Life consultants give advice to foreigners on everyday life in Japan and provide interpretation in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Portuguese and Vietnamese for their clients. However, they do not cover legal matters and technical issues. Please call the Miyazaki International Foundation if you are interested in our offering. If you have any legal problems, you can use the free "Life and Legal consultations for foreigners" service advertised above.

Counselors:

English: Michiko Takashima Chinese : Gyokuei Taniguchi

Korean: Reiko Endo Tagalog : Joyce Ogawa

Portuguese: Satomi Nozaki Vietnamese: Tran Thi Thuan

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation
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We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

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



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.

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Local Announcements

《Ebino》 Now Recruiting Participants for the Ebino International Festival Marche!

People from outside the city and overseas are also welcome to participate. Please join us and set up your own unique booth at the market.

◆Date & Time: November 10th (Sun)
9:30 am ~ 3:00 pm

◆Location/Inquiries : Ebino International Center

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Fax: 0984-35-3215

Email : ebino-kokusai@chic.ocn.ne.jp



Editor's Note

Many people think that language is the most important thing for intercultural exchange, or multicultural symbiosis. I often think about this during my work. However, I think the power of sports and art, that can convey meaning and empathy without words, is even more important – it's like some kind of magic!

Miyazaki Prefecture promotes itself using the name "Sports Land Miyazaki," and is known for hosting more and more professional baseball camps and training camps for Olympians every year. The World Surfing Games were also held here last month, and were one of the qualifiers for participation in the Olympic Games next year.

Do you all know about the host towns in Miyazaki Prefecture? For the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, several places in Miyazaki are registered as host towns for the United Kingdom, Canada, Italy and Germany, to encourage human, economic and cultural interaction. Please join us at the AEON mall next month for some fun events where you can experience international sports and culture. Y

An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Ancient Legends and the Human Body"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! How's your summer going? As you might well have heard, there's a lot of sports-based exchange going on in Miyazaki at the moment, with people from all over the world coming to hold training camps and take part in international events. With all this sport and physical activity, I've found it interesting how different cultures divide up and name the human body in different ways, a bit like how butchers' shops in different countries have different names and cuts for the same animal. For example, a lot of English-language medical terminology comes from ancient Greek or Latin, and the tendon above the heel is referred to as the Achilles Tendon, after the character from Greek legend who was held by his heel and dipped in the river Styx to make him invincible wherever the water touched, so the only place he was vulnerable was that spot below the knee that really hurts if you get hit on it is called "*Benkei no naki-dokoro*" (literally "the place that even Benkei cries if he gets hit in"), as a reference to the enormous tough guy in the story of Yoshitsune and Benkei. This got me thinking – what other body parts are named after legendary figures in other languages? If you know any good ones, please let me know!

