



Miyazaki International Foundation

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The 14th Miyazaki International Festival ~ Friends of the World~

The MIF is going to hold several events in November: The Miyazaki International Festival will be held in Miyazaki City, in the Wakakusa-dori shopping arcade. People from overseas and some other international groups will also join in to give people in Miyazaki a chance to interact with other cultures. Why don't you stop by and have fun?

Date: November 23rd (Sat/National holiday) 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Miyazaki City, Wakakusa-dori Shopping Arcade



《All day Events》



World Booth

People from overseas living in Miyazaki will set up booths and introduce their home cultures. This year, we will have booths and national costumes from various countries. Especially at the Korean booth, you can try on a lot of different costumes.

- ① Philippines ② Uzbekistan ③ Singapore
④ United Kingdom ⑤ South Korea ⑥ Thailand
⑦ Bangladesh ⑧ Vietnam

※ ⑤⑧ will have costumes to try on



International Exchange Organization Booth

These booths will introduce the activities of International Exchange Organizations in Miyazaki Prefecture.

6 groups are scheduled to set up booths, including:
Miyazaki International Association : Tea serving
Kiyotake International Association : Face painting



JICA International Cooperation Booth



◇Theme: SDG's & I

Panel exhibition of past activities by volunteers from Miyazaki.

Introduction to Miyazaki's JICA network (JICA office, alumni association, Miyazaki Prefecture JICA senior advisor liaison group).

We will also hold a stamp rally on the day.

Learn about the world and collect stamps at each booth to get presents.

《Stage Events etc.》

“World's Got Talent!” Stage Performance

Foreign residents and students living in Miyazaki will showcase dances, instruments, and songs from their home countries. There will also be a performance of Cumbia, a form of traditional Colombian dance.

◇Time: 1:10 pm ~

Japanese Traditional Culture Workshop Sarurai Armor

We welcome anyone, young or old!
Let's try on a suit of Samurai Armor.

□Time: 2:30pm ~
□Location: On stage



《Other International Festa Events》

14th Annual Art Festival

“From the Outside Looking in” Art Gallery

Featured works have been made in the theme of “Miyazaki” by people from overseas living in Miyazaki. Vote for your favorite!

◇Display period: 11/20 (Wed) - 11/30 (Sat)
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇Voting period: 11/20(Wed) - 11/29 (Fri) Until 3:00 pm

◇Award ceremony: 11/30(Sat) 2:40 pm –



Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents

People from overseas who live in Miyazaki prefecture will give speeches with the theme of “Japan and I”. The Audience Award will be decided by popular vote.

◇Date: 11/30(Sat)

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇Time: 1:00 pm

◇Award ceremony: 3:30 pm



We have opened The Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

On October 26th, we opened the “Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents” next to the Miyazaki International Plaza

We are able to respond to inquiries in multiple languages using an automatic translator and phone services. Consultations will be available face-to-face, by telephone or e-mail, etc., and appropriate information will be provided.

Anyone can use it as a place for international exchange and information gathering, in addition to the above consulting services.

Please make sure to let everyone around you know!

Open: Tuesday to Saturday, Time: 10:00am—19:00pm

◇TEL: 0985-41-5901

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◇E-mail: miyainfo @ mif.or.jp



We are recruiting patrons! Annual membership fee

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



Intercultural Exchange Workshop

- ◇ **Dates & Times:** November 3rd (Sunday/National Holiday)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- ◇ **Location:** Aeon Mall, Miyazaki City
- ◇ German food culture - let's build a Hexenhaus -
- ◇ Canadian Inuit duffel coat experience
- ◇ "Let's talk about Italy with Filippo!"



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
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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

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Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

- ◇ **Dates & Times:** [Wed] 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27
[Fri] 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29
10:30 am - 11:30 am
- ◇ **Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor
- ◇ **Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



Local Announcements

《Miyakonojyou》 Miyakonojo Friendship Exchange City 20th Anniversary Ceremony, Three Country Music Festival

Performances of Erhu (China), Shamisen and Matokoto (Mongolia)

- ◇ **Date & Time:** November 24st (Sun)
1:30 pm
- ◇ **Location:** Miyakonojo City Cultural Hall Medium Hall
- ◇ **Admission fee:** Free
- ◇ **Inquiries:** Miyakonojo City Hall Internationalization Promotion Office
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Editor's Note

I recently bought a new type of cup to use when I order coffee to go: it's made of what's called "alternative plastic," made from recycled wood, sugar cane and potato skins. All over the world, people are starting to adopt a Circular Economy, which is an approach geared at avoiding waste by reusing, remaking and recycling products. How about trying out the Circular Economy approach in your own neighborhood by switching to a reusable shopping bag? Y



An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Spring Forward, Fall Back..."



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! I'm sure you've all noticed how it's started getting a little cooler in the evenings lately. This can mean only one thing: autumn is here, and it's brought with it the annual tide of pretty coloured leaves and desire for kuri (chestnuts) and yaki-imo (baked potatoes) that remind me of back home, since they're time-honoured methods of staving off the cold this time of year. There's one particular thing that happens every autumn in the UK that somehow still manages to catch me out, though – everyone puts their clocks back an hour, which means it doesn't get dark quite so early in the evenings. Most years, it also means that I wake up an hour earlier than I need to, since I completely forgot to change the time on my clock before I went to bed. You'd think I'd be used to it by now...

The clocks go forward again in the spring, which is why people use the phrase in the title of this column as a mnemonic to help them remember which way to adjust the clock – which also got me thinking about how different languages come up with phrases to remember things: for example, in English, to remember the order of the colours in the rainbow, they take the first letters (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet) and make a little phrase that uses them – "Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain," which relates to British history, so they used to teach it in schools. Japanese also has a particularly long one to remember the reign names and order of all the Emperors of Japan (I'm afraid I don't have space to fit it all in this column, but ask a Japanese person nearby and see if they can remember it all the way through!) – does anyone know any good mnemonics like that from other languages?