



# 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

## ◎Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the end and beginning of year holidays from December 29<sup>th</sup> (Sun) to January 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri), 2019.

\*We will be reopening from January 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 2020.

## We have opened The Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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-7:00pm

◇TEL: 0985-41-5901

◇FAX: 0985-41-5902

◇E-mail: [miyainfo@mif.or.jp](mailto:miyainfo@mif.or.jp)



## International Session (Chinese) Second Term Start in January!

### \*Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: 1/14, 1/21, 1/18, 2/4, 2/18, 2/25

Tuesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm (6 sessions in total)

◇Location: Carino Miyazaki

◇Limit: 15

◇Fee: patrons and students 1,000 yen (6 sessions)

non-members 3,000 yen (6 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 "Chinese Chat" in the subject line.



## "Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster" and "Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreigners"

◇Date: 2020 February 29<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇Location: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall  
(Chuo Kominkan)



## 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  
Tel: 0985-32-8457



## 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  
0985-32-8457

## Japanese Language Lessons • Beginner Class \*Registration Required

We are going to start this lessons in the EVENING!

◇Date: November 28<sup>th</sup> (Thur)

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

※No class on 12/31, 1/2

◇Location: MSG Buiding 10 (Japanese Language Department <Room 501 (Expected)>)

◇Limit: 15 (around)

◇Target: Never study Japanese language or understand Hiragana briefly and basic greeting and daily conversation

◇Fee: Free

◇Textbook fee: ¥2,376 (Tax included)

◇To Apply & Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Japanese Practice Sessions

**\*FREE, No Registration Required**

◇**Dates & Time:** 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Wed] 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25

[Fri] 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki BF

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



## Looking for Supporting Members at the International Foundation

Become a supporting member at the International Foundation and help assist Foundation activities.

**Membership Fees (Yearly):** Individual ¥ 2,000

Group ¥ 10,000

- Receive "International Plaza News" (Monthly in 4 languages) and "South Wind"
- Receive preferential treatment for courses or events hosted by the Foundation (Free or discounted attendance, members may also be chosen first for some events.)
- Receive all printed materials produced by the foundation.

## Looking for Foreign Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with Foundation activities. Feel free to make inquiries with the Miyazaki International Foundation If you have any questions related to volunteering.

**(Examples of Volunteer Activities)**

- **Chats** (English, Chinese, Korean)
- **International Exchange Courses** (to be conducted in Japanese)
- **Interpretation**



◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

## International Cooperation for Everyone

The Miyazaki International Foundation is collecting the following. To make a donation please bring or mail the following to the Miyazaki International Foundation.

- 1) Used Postcards
- 2) Used Postal Stamps

**\*When Sending in Stamps:**

Please leave a 1 centimeter area of paper/envelope around stamps when cutting them out.

We will not be able to make use of stamps that are scratched or torn.

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



## Local Announcements

### < Nobeoka City >

### German Christmas Market in Nobeoka 2019

**\*No registration required, admission free, goods for sale**

Experience German-style Christmas at the Cocoretta Nobeoka area

◇**Dates & Times:** December 21<sup>st</sup> (Sat)  
12:00 pm - 20:00 pm

◇**Location:** Cocoretta NOBEOKA  
(Nobeoka City, Saiwaimachi)

◇**Content:** Enjoy shopping for food and presents, live music, workshops and so on at this Christmas market. At night, the area will also be lit up by Christmas lights. Make sure to stop by!

◇**Inquiries:**

Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office

Tel: 0982-22-7006

Persons in charge: Bublies, Ogata



## December Event

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Tanabata Illumination in Kunitomi ※On Dec 7th, Fireworks is scheduled	11/16(Sat)-1/17(Fri) 5:30 pm-10:00 pm	Kunitomi Town Hall <b>Kunitomi Town</b>	Kunitomi Town Hall 0985-75-3111
Murasyo Hachiman Shrine Festival	12/21(Sat) 7:00 pm-7:00 am	Murasyo Hachiman Shrine <b>Nishimera Village</b>	Nishimera Village Tourism Association 0983-36-1111
Project Illumination in Kawaminami 2019	12/1(Sun)-1/13(Mon) 5:30 pm-10:00 pm	Sun A Kawaminami Culture Hall (Toron Toron Dome) <b>Kawaminami Town</b>	Kawaminami-Town Sightseeing Guide 0983-27-1497

## An Englishman in Miyazaki

### "Back in the Saddle"



**Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Marsh Graham**

Some of you might already know, but I've been hiding a deep, dark secret: I used to be a musician. A long, long time ago, I grabbed a guitar and scuttled off to the big city in search of fame and fortune. The fact that my current job has nothing to do with music should let you know roughly how well that all went! Around 10 years ago, I gave it up as a career and pursued my love of languages instead, but recently I was asked if I'd perform at a local festival, and decided to give it a go. I was about as rusty as could be expected (I'm currently still wanted by the local police for the crimes against music I committed that day!), but it felt nice to play again. How about everyone? Do you have anything you used to enjoy that you haven't done in a while? Sometimes it can be nice to reconnect with your past self, to take stock of what's changed and what's stayed the same over the years, and to see how far you've come and improved. How about giving it a go? You might even rediscover something you loved but forgot about!

