



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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◎Plaza Holiday Closing

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

*We will be reopening from January 4th (Sat), 2020.

Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreigners

*Registration Required

Earthquakes are common in Japan, so it is best to be prepared. Please join us for this information session !

◇Date : Saturday, February 29, 2020
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall
(Chuo Kominkan)
(1-2-7 Miyazakiekihigashi, Miyazaki City)

◇Limited : 20

◇Admission: Free

◇How to Apply:

Send your ① Address ② Name ③ Phone number

④ e-mail address by telephone, fax or e-mail.

If applying by e-mail, please write "Disaster preparedness course" in the subject.

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Language Classes in Nobeoka (Application required, free to participate)

*Registration Required

We plan to hold a "Nihongo Kyōshitsu" (Japanese language class) – an opportunity for study and intercultural exchange between people from overseas and residents of Nobeoka, where everyone can get to know each other's language and culture.

◇Dates & Time: January 25th (Sat) 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

◇Venue: Room 403,
(Nobeoka-shi chūshō kigyō shinkō sentā)

◇Spaces Available: 30 (if there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose at random)

◇Target Audience: Japanese residents of Nobeoka that would like to help out with Japanese teaching and international exchange, and people from overseas who would like to learn Japanese and get to know local people.

◇Fee: Free

◇Application Deadline: January 17th (Fri)

◇How to Apply: Please send us your name and phone number by fax or email. If applying by email, please make sure to write "Nihongo (Nobeoka)" in the subject line.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Language Lessons • Beginner Class

*Registration Required

We are going to start this lessons in the **EVENING!**

◇Date: November 28th (Thur) - February 13th (Thur)

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

※No class on 1/2, 2/11

◇Location: MSG Buiding 10

Japanese Language Department <Room 501>
5min walk from Miyazaki station

◇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



Information from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

The "Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents" next to the Miyazaki International Plaza provides appropriate information and consultations in cooperation with specialized institutions for various issues related to daily life so that foreigners can live safely in the community.

We can respond to inquiries in multiple languages using a machine translation and three-way calling. Please contact us for the supported languages.

* Translation machine experiences are also welcome.

In addition, there is a space for exchange and research that anyone can use.

Please feel free to drop in.

TEL:0985-41-5901 FAX:0985-41-5902

E-mail:support@mif.or.jp



If you are a language learner, you feel happy when you can communicate with native people in the target language (or languages), and so you try to study it (or them) more. But as you keep on studying the language (or languages), you might find that, while it's important to learn how to express something it's more important to consider what to express. Language learning is a tool that can open the door for good communication. The harder you learn, the more you want to know. (K)



Japanese Practice Sessions

***FREE, No Registration Required**

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

[Wed] 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

[Fri] 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki BF

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



KAGURA in Kyusyu

In the stories about the origins of Japan written in the Kojiki and Nihon Shoki (Japan's oldest historical records), Miyazaki Prefecture is described as the place where a lot of the creation myths took place. This rich mythology and culture still remains in several areas throughout the region, and in particular there is an traditional performing art that xpresses the world of myths and legends in the form of dance called "kagura." Japan is very proud of its local kagura and would like to promote it to the rest of the world. How about learning a little about the various different types of kagura that have been passed down through the generations not just in Miyazaki but all over Kyushu?

Nagasaki Kagura: Saturday, January 18th

Miyazaki Kagura: Sunday, January 19th

◇**Time:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

◇**Venue:** Theatre, Medikit Arts Center.

◇**Admission:** Free

For more information please call: 0985-22-1122



Local Announcements

< Miyakonojo City >

World Festa in Miyakonojo 2020

enjoy socializing with foreigners from various countries and stage performances. Admission is free of charge.

◇**Date & Time:** January 19th (Sun)

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

◇**Location:** Miyakonojo Art & Culture Hall

◇**Contents:**

*International exchange and Games with foreigners around the world

*Foreign dances and performances by foreigners

*Panel exhibition by international organizations of their activities

◇**Inquiries:** Miyakonojo International Association

Tel:0986-23-2295 Email: mia@btvm.ne.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.

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



January Event



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Aoshima Shrine "Naked Man" Festival	1/13(Mon&Holiday) 10:30~	Aoshima Shrine Miyazaki City	Aoshima Shrine 0985-65-1262
Shiwasu Festival	1/17(Fri)-1/19(Sun)	Mikado Shrine Misato Town	Misato Town Hall 0982-66-3603

An Englishman in Miyazaki

"A Taste of Home (via Nepal)"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

明けまして、おめでとうございます！ Happy new year everyone! I hope you all had a great time. Since the end of the year is usually a time spent with friends and family, it's easy to get a little homesick around now. One popular way of coping with this is to try and experience something familiar. Although I still haven't found my beloved chocolate Hobnobs, the other day I got a taste of home from a slightly unexpected location: Nepal! There is an important traditional cultural practice in my country regarding the enjoyment of a few beers and a curry of an evening, but the curry you usually find here in Japan tastes a little different to the ones back home. Luckily, though, a recent trip to a popular Nepalese curry restaurant here in Miyazaki provided me that gorgeous familiar spiciness and fantastic depth of flavour I'd been longing for since I left the UK. This taught me something important - that sense of home doesn't actually have to come from home to be familiar! So get out there and explore - you might find something comforting and familiar somewhere you'd never have expected!

