



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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©Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on April 29th (Wed).



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: Apr. 14th (Tue) to Jul. 9th (Thu), 2020

Every Tuesday and Thursday (25 sessions in total)

Level 1 & 2 : 10:10 am - 12:00 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



A Brief Introduction to the Miyazaki International Foundation

The Miyazaki International Foundation is planning to hold the following courses in the 2020/21 Financial year. Further information will be posted on our website (<https://www.mif.or.jp/>) and in Plaza News nearer the time. Also, make sure to check our Facebook page for the latest updates.

【Courses】

- Japanese Language Course (Beginner – 1st Term and 2nd Term)
- Japanese Practice Sessions
- Disaster Preparedness Seminar
- Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreign Residents
- Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster
- Multicultural Advisor Course
- Chat Sessions (English, Chinese, Korean)
- Working Holiday Information Session
- Traditional Japanese Culture Experience
- International Understanding Class
- Training Course for Volunteer Japanese Language Tutors
- Seminar for People Wishing to Support Foreign Residents



【Events, Festivals】

- Miyazaki International Festival – “Friends of the World”
- Art Festival – “Miyazaki From the Outside Looking in”
- Japanese Speech Contest



【Volunteers/Lecturers】

- Volunteer Japanese Language Teachers (We introduce people to volunteers to help them learn Japanese)
- Volunteer Interpreters (These volunteers are available to interpret at events and exchange activities)
- Volunteer Host Families (We sometimes recruit families to host people on homestays in Japan)
- Volunteer Traditional Japanese Culture Instructors
- Counter Volunteers at the Miyazaki International Plaza (Terms available: April-September, October-March)
- Advisors on Multicultural Symbiosis (We dispatch lecturers to give courses on international understanding for free)



【Publications】

- South Wind (published twice a year)
- Living in Miyazaki (Published in English in the Miyazaki Nichinichi Shimbun newspaper on the last week of every month)
- Plaza News (published monthly)



◇Enquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: 10:30 am ~ 11:30 am
[Wed] 4/15, 4/22,

*No meeting on 4/1, 4/8

[Fri] 4/10, 4/17, 4/24

*No meeting on 4/3

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

We're back!



A Brief Introduction to the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

【Consultation】

-Life consultations by counselors at Support Center

-Life and legal consultations

(Available at any time - lawyers and paralegals will provide consultations on everyday life in Japan)

-Consultation service by life consultants

(Available at any time - Life consultants give advice to foreign residents on everyday life in Japan and provide interpreting services in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog and Vietnamese for their clients.)

-On-site counseling service at each city in Miyazaki prefecture

【Supported languages】: (We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations)

English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Russian, German, Italian, Burmese, Mongolian, Khmer

We also respond to consultations from people who support foreign residents.

【Open】: Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tel 0985-41-5901 Fax 0985-41-5902

E-mail support@mif.or.jp

Please check our Facebook for more information.



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



~Tweet~



Plastic pollution is a problem faced by people all over the world. Since I started using an eco-bag for shopping, I realised that we do not need plastic bags so much. Recently I saw a friend, who speaks a little Japanese say “NO” to a plastic bag when the convenience store staff offered them one. I thought it was a great moment to learn something separate from language from people from other cultures in our daily life. (M)



We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

•Individual: 2,000yen

•Group: 10,000yen

If you become our patron...

- You will receive “International Plaza News,” our monthly newsletter
- You will receive “South Wind,” our semiannual magazine
- You will be given priority registration for our lectures and workshops
- You will be given discounts for our lectures and workshops
- (Only available for Groups) Website will be linked to our homepage

《April Event》



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Miyazaki Shrine horseback archery	4/2 (Thu) - 4/3 (Fri)	Miyazaki City Miyazaki Shrine	Miyazaki Shrine 0985-27-4004
Hayama Matsuri	4/29 (Wed/Holiday)	Mimata Town Hayama Jinja	Mimata Tourism Association 0986-52-9085

An Englishman in Miyazaki



“ 咲いた、咲いた、桜が咲いた！ ”



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! Are you all enjoying the spring? I must confess, I'm a big sakura (cherry blossom) fan, so I love this time of year, when gently scattering petals dance on the breeze and reflect the sunlight, making it look like the very air is shimmering. When I see things like that, I can easily understand why people in the past felt sakura were such an important thing, and devoted so much of their time to watching them and composing poetry (quite often while drinking and weeping...). They're a great metaphor for life and the beauty of impermanence, too – they're only in full bloom for a short while, so it's important to take a little time out now and then and smell the roses (or rather, the sakura). It may be a little imprudent to have a large *hanami* (blossom-viewing) party at the moment, but we can still admire how pretty the flowers are, and note that they still bloom whatever else is happening – life, as they say, carries on regardless – so make sure to enjoy it while you can!

