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Miyazaki International Foundation

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Elementary Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents *Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level 1 Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◇**Date & Time:** Sep.24th (Thu) to Dec.22nd (Tue) 2020
Every Tuesday and Thursday 25 sessions in total
10:10 am - 12:00 pm

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1
◇**Target:** Those learning Japanese for the first time.
◇**Course Fee:** FREE
◇**Course Materials Fee:** ¥2,376 (tax included)
◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Online Japanese Language Course using Zoom (Beginner Level1)*Registration Required

This course is for people who want to start studying Japanese, and those who want to learn Hiragana and Katakana.

◇**Dates&Times:**

【**Morning Class**】Oct.30th (Fri) to Feb.17th (Wed)
10:00 am-11:50 am Every Wednesday and Friday

【**Late Afternoon Class**】Oct.29th (Thu) to Feb.16th (Tue)
4:00 pm-5:50 pm Every Tuesday and Thursday
*Orientation and 25 lessons

◇**Spaces Available:** 8 pax per class timing
(If the applications exceed the spaces available, participants will be selected at random.) ※Priority will be given to non-students and non-working people.

◇**Course Fee:** Free *Participants will have to buy their own textbook.

◇**Textbook:** 『いっぽにほんごさんぽ 初級1』

◇**How to apply:** Please apply via Google form by October 20th.

【**Morning Class**】<https://forms.gle/EMUMT7ASd8XRf76Q9>

【**Evening Class**】<https://forms.gle/uLYTjbGe7LGigfLv8>

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Elementary Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents (Evening Class) *Registration Required

We will hold a beginner level 2 Japanese course for foreign residents in the evenings .

◇**Date & Time:** Nov. 5th (Thu) to Feb. 16th (Tue)
*No classes on 12/24(Thu), 12/29(Tue), 12/31(Thu),
1/5(Tue), 2/11(Thu)

Every Tuesday and Thursday (25 sessions in total)
6:20 pm - 8:10 pm

◇**Location:** MSG Building 10
(1-3-3 Oimatsu, Miyazaki-city)
◇**Target:** People who can read hiragana and katakana.
People who have completed the Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents, Elementary 1.

◇**Course Fee:** FREE
◇**Course Materials Fee:** ¥2,376 (tax included)
◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Depending on the status of the COVID-19 situation at the time, the event may have to be altered or cancelled. Please visit our website and Facebook for the latest information.

Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

◇**Dates & Times:** [Wed] 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28
[Fri] 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor
◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



15th 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:** Nov. 18th (Wed) to Dec. 5th (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 (Except videos)
(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 Limit:** Up to 2 entries per person.

◇**Size:** Up to 50 cm by 50 cm

◇**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:** 10/31(Sat)

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 floor

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



Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents *FREE, Registration Required

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:** Oct.24th (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.

◇**Spaces Available : 30**

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

Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents *Application Required

◇**Topic:** "Japan and I"

◇**Date & Time:** Nov.21st (Sat)

<Student Division>1:00 pm~
<Open Division>3:00 pm~

◇**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:**

Student Division & Open Division, 10 participants in total

◇**Deadline:** Oct. 17th (Sat)

◇**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



We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

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



A Singaporean Woman in Miyazaki

Children's Day in Singapore



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Sky Chan

Hi everyone! This is Sky, a guest writer for the October issue! In this issue, I would like to share about Children's Day in Singapore. It used to be celebrated on October 1 every year but has since been changed to the first Friday of October since 2011. Unlike Japan, Children's Day in Singapore is a school holiday only for elementary school children. What about the older kids you might ask? Don't worry, there is also Youth Day in July for students up till high school. Unfortunately, the (we) poor adults are not entitled to any of these holidays, the horror of growing up! Anyway, when I was young, I used to look forward to Children's Day as we get to watch performances and received small presents from our teachers such as pencils and sweets. I think I still have the pencil my 2nd grade form teacher gave me because she was my favorite teacher. However, there are some teachers that goes overboard and got students pretty expensive presents. During 6th grade, a teacher gave every one of her students and ex-students a Tetris game device! Till this day, I still wonder how much she spent. Although there is not any *koinobori* or *hina* dolls like Japan, the simple Children's day celebration in Singapore will forever hold a special place in my heart. How does your country celebrate Children's Day? Be sure to share with us if you can!



The 15th Miyazaki Mini International Festival ~Friends of the World~

※Free admission. Registration required only for Mini Lecture on International Culture (Vietnam, China and Denmark).

This year, we will be holding a scale-down version, named Mini International Festival, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. There will be an art festival, mini lectures on international culture, a photographic history of the Miyazaki International Foundation, and an exhibit on of the world's ethnic costumes. Please note that registration is needed to attend the "Mini Lecture on international Culture" as the number of participants are limited. Please read the registration procedure below and apply early to secure a spot.

◇**Date :** Nov.28th (Sat)

• Mini Lecture on International Culture 1
Let's get to know Vietnam 10:30 am-11:30 am

• Mini lecture on International Culture 2
Let's get to know China 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

• Mini Lecture on International Culture 3
Let's get to know Denmark 2:45 pm-3:45 pm

◇**Venue :** Carino Miyazaki, B1F, Conference Room B

◇**Limit :** 15 pax per mini lecture

(When we are oversubscribed, there will be a draw.)

◇**Target:** Japanese and foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇**To Apply:** Please provide us with your ①Name ② Contact information (address, phone number, e-mail) ③ Country of choice (up to 2 choices) via phone, fax, email or in person. Successful applicants will be notified via post.

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



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (Vietnamese) (English)

Consultations are available in Vietnamese and English about any problems in your life. *Reservation required. (Appointments are available on the day.)

◇**Date & Time:**

Vietnamese Oct.3rd (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

English Oct.17th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Location:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

◇**Spaces Available : 4**

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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