



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 27th (Sun) to January 4th (Mon), 2021.

*We will be reopening from January 5th (Tue), 2021.

Japanese Language Class in Hyuga and Nichinan. *Registration Required, Free

Learn Japanese phrases for use in daily life!

<Hyuga>

◆Theme: "All About the Town we Live in, and New Year Celebrations"

◆Dates & Time: Dec. 12th (Sat) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

◆Venue: Hyuga-shi bunka kōryū Center

◆Space Available: 15 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)

◆How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.

◆Deadline: Dec. 8th (Tue)

◆Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

<Nichinan>

◆Theme: "Is Japanese Christmas and New Year the same as it is in your home country?"

◆Dates & Time: December 19th (Sat) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

◆Venue: Nichinan shōgai gakushū sentā - "Manabi-pia"

◆Space Available: 15 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)

◆How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.

◆Deadline: Dec. 11th (Fri)

◆Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Free distribution of old books and magazines

The International Plaza will be giving away old publications such as "DAILY YOMIURI". Copies are limited, so please drop by early and have a look.

◆Date & Time: Dec. 1st (Tue) to Dec. 26th (Sat)

◆Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F
Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Practice Sessions

*FREE, No Registration Required

◆Dates & Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Wed] 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23

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

◆Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Christmas all over the world

Christmas is coming! What are the differences between how they celebrate Christmas overseas and here in Japan? We interviewed people from Thailand and Malaysia who are taking a Japanese language course.

◆Thai

1. What food do people in Thailand eat in Christmas? KFC, wine, Cakes

2. How do people in Thailand spend Christmas Day? Children get presents. People go on dates with their partners

3. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Thai?

'Suk San Wan Christmas'. However, most Thai people prefer to say 'Merry Christmas' rather than 'Suk San Wan Christmas' anyway.



◆Malaysia

1. What food do people in Malaysia eat in Christmas? Buffet (Bidayuh style's celebration for Christmas Eve.)

2. How will Malaysian spend day in Christmas? Visiting/Caroling from house to house for 3 nights.

3. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Malaysia? Malay: Selamat Menyambut Hari Kristmas



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.

Intercultural Exchange Workshop

There will be an activity corner where visitors can learn about the cultures of the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and Italy. We look forward to seeing you there!

◆Date: Dec. 6th (Sun)

◆Venue: Aeon Mall, Miyazaki City

• Canada Quiz Canadian Trivia 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

• German Christmas in Germany 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

• Italy Discover Italy 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

• United Kingdom Try a soccer game! 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

※Just Pre-school child (United Kingdom)

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents In Tagalog

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

◇**Date & Time:** Dec. 5th (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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

◇**Spaces Available :** 4

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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

E-mail:support@mif.or.jp



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in HYUGA

Staffs will be available for consultations concerning everyday difficulties. You can consult with us in your native language.

(We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations.)

※Consultations are strictly confidential.

◇**Date & Time:** Dec. 12th (Sat) 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

◇**Venue:** Hyuga-shi bunka kōryū Center

◇**How to Apply:** Please make an appointment by e-mail or FAX by Dec. 5th (Sat) and let us know your name, phone number, a brief description of your matter and your language.

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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



Announcements from other organization



< Kiyotake-Cho >

An Introduction to Japanese Culture in English!

◇**Date & Time:** Dec. 12th (Sat) 10:00 am - 11:30 pm

◇**Venue:** Kano Community Center (Study room)

◇**Hall address:** Miyazaki City, Kiyotake-cho, Kano otsu 1047

◇**Fee:** members=¥500, non-members=¥1000

◇**Inquiries:** Kiyotake International Association

◇**TEL/FAX:**0985-69-9196



< Nobeoka City >

German Christmas Market in Nobeoka 2020

*No registration required, admission free, goods for sale

Experience German-style Christmas at the Sun Road Sakae-machi

◇**Dates & Times:** December 20th(Sun)
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

◇**Venue:** Nobeoka City, Sun Road Sakae-machi
(close to Nobeoka Station)

◇**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



December Events

Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Miyakonojo Machinaka Illumination 2020	11/21(Sat)-1/11(Mon) 5:00 pm-10:00 pm	Miyakonojo City Wellness Plaza	Miyakonojo City Chamber of Commerce and Industry 0986-23-2983
Project Illumination in Kawaminami 2020	12/1(Tue)-1/11(Mon) 5:30 pm-10:00 pm	Sun A Kawaminami Culture Hall (Toron Toron Dome) Kawaminami Town	Kawaminami-Town Sightseeing Guide 0983-27-1497
Nojiri Town Illumination	11/29(Sun)-1/9(Sat) 5:30 pm - 11:00 p,	Kobayashi Municipal Government Nojiri Office Building	Nojiri Information Desk 0984-44-3004

An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Breaking a Duck"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! Hope you're all keeping well. If you're not familiar with the idiom I used in the title this month, don't worry, it's not literal – it comes from an old cricket term from a couple of hundred years ago, where "a duck's egg" was the name given to a score of zero (since a zero looks a bit like an egg – it's the same reason you say "love" for a score of zero in tennis; it comes from the French "l'oeuf."), so to break one is to end a long non-scoring streak. The reason I use it here is because I recently broke a 14 year streak of not being able to go to the cinema – I love movies, but hadn't had the time to go and see one on the big screen for years! One major difference between watching a movie here in Japan and back home (besides the fact that it's actually quiet enough to concentrate on the film over here – people in the UK have an awful habit of talking during movies!) is that in Japan, the lights stay off until the credits have finished. Back in the UK, a lot of people get up and leave while the credits are rolling.

Do you have anything you always used to love but have been too busy to do for a long time? If so, make sure to take the time to get back to it! I guarantee you'll find you enjoy it all the more for having been away from it.