



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun) to January 4<sup>th</sup> (Mon), 2021. \*We will be reopening from January 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue), 2021.

## Japanese Language Class in Nichinan, Mimitsu, Shintomi and Tsuno \*Registration Required, Free

Learn Japanese phrases for use in daily life!

### <Nichinan>

- ◇Theme: "Learn about the place you live in!"
- ◇Dates & Time: Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> (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.)
- ◇Deadline: Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri)



### <Mimitsu>

- ◇Theme: "Take a stroll around Mimitsu and try using Japanese!"
- ◇Dates & Time: January 24<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- ◇Venue: Mimitsu Community Center
- ◇Space Available: 15(If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)
- ◇Deadline: Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri)



### <Shintomi>

- ◇Theme: "Learn about the place you live in!"
- ◇Dates & Time: January 31<sup>st</sup> (Sun) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- ◇Venue: Shintomi town General Exchange Center Kirari
- ◇Space Available: 40(First come first served)
- ◇Deadline: Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> (Fri)

### <Tsuno>

- ◇Theme: "Learn the rules for garbage separation in Tsuno!"  
"Learn some useful phrases for cheering on your favorite sports team!"
- ◇Dates & Time: February 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- ◇Venue: Tsuno Central Community Center
- ◇Space Available: 15(If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)
- ◇Deadline: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

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

\*Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Japanese Practice Sessions \*FREE, No Registration Required

- ◇Date & Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am  
[Wed] 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27  
[Fri] 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: 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. If it is your first time taking part, please contact us in advance.

### ◇Date & Time:

**[Late Afternoon Class]** Oct.29<sup>th</sup> (Thu) to Feb.16<sup>th</sup> (Tue)  
4:00 pm-5:50 pm Every Tuesday and Thursday  
※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.

**[Evening Class]** <https://forms.gle/uLYTjbGe7LGigfLv8>

### ◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Miyazaki International Plaza Library Corner

### ◇Lending Period: 2 books for 2 weeks

◇Extensions: You are allowed 1 renewal for another 2 weeks. Please contact us before your materials are due.

### ◇Returns: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00am - 7:00pm

\*Materials can also be returned via mail (borrower responsible for shipping costs)



Library materials are shared by the public. Please refrain from bending or writing on the pages, dirtying materials, etc. The borrower bears responsibility for replacing ruined or lost materials.

## 15th Annual "Miyazaki From the Outside Looking In" Art Festival Traveling Exhibit



The art exhibition "Miyazaki From the Outside Looking In," which was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> basement floor of the CARINO building in Miyazaki City from November.18<sup>th</sup> to December.5<sup>th</sup> 2020, will be displayed in Miyakonojo, Mimata. Be sure to check it out!

### [Miyakonojo]

◇Date & Time: Jan.19<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> (Thu)  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

◇Location: Miyakonojo City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor Shimin Salon

### [Mimata Town]

◇Date & Time: Jan.27<sup>th</sup> (Wed) , Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> (Fri)  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Jan.28<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 10:00 am - 8:30 pm

◇Location: Mimata Town Library display corner

◇Inquiries: Miyakonojo International Association  
TEL:0986-23-2295



## 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.

\*Note: We are no longer able to make use of prepaid cards.

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## ~Local Announcements~



### < Miyazaki City >

#### 「Japanese Language Sessions」 Minnade Nihongo Kai

◆Date & Time: ①Friday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

②The second and fourth Sunday of each month,  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

◆Venue: Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 3F

#### 「Japanese Language Sessions In Sadowara」 Minnade Nihongo Kai

◆Date & Time: First and Third Sunday of each month,  
9:30 am - 11:30 am

◆Venue: Sadowara Culture Center

※The center is always looking for participants and volunteers

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki City International Association

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## Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents In Portuguese & Vietnamese

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

◆Date & Time: Portuguese Jan.16<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Vietnamese Jan.30<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

◆Location: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

◆Spaces Available : 4

## Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in SHINTOMI



◆Date & Time: Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> (Sun) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

◆Venue: Sōgō Kōryū Center "KIRARI"

◆How to Apply: Please make an appointment by e-mail or FAX by Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> (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

E-mail: support@mif.or.jp



~Instagram Opening~ (Instagram's QR Code ↑)

We've started on Instagram account. Please take a look !

We hope that this year is a  
happy and prosperous one  
for everyone.

~2021~



## January Event



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Ebino Plateau Outdoor Ice Rink	12/10(Thu) - 2/23(Tue) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ebino City Ebino Plateau Ice Rink	Ebino Plateau Ice Rink 0984-33-5946
Shiwasu Festival	1/23(Sat) - 1/24(Sun)	Mikado Shrine Misato Town	Misato Town Hall 0982-66-3603

## An Englishman in Miyazaki



"Very superstitious, writing's on the wall ♪"



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're all keeping well. I was initially going to write this column to say that I'm sure 2021 will be a much better year than the one just gone (even if for no other reason than it couldn't be much worse!), but someone stopped me, pointing out that I probably shouldn't jinx it. That got me thinking about the idea of superstitions, and how fascinating the idea is that acting a particular way or saying something like "at least things can't get any worse," or "wow, things are going much better than I thought!" can somehow bring about an effect in the world, like a magic spell. Many different cultures have these kinds of fears and superstitions, like how in Japanese you should avoid certain words in a wedding speech, and some hospitals over here don't have a fourth floor (a bit like how some buildings in the US don't have a thirteenth floor). People back home also often say that breaking a mirror will bring seven years of bad luck, and that throwing spilled salt over your left shoulder will ward off bad luck and evil spirits, or that you shouldn't put up an umbrella inside. Does your country have any interesting superstitions or things that people don't do or say in the name of warding off bad fortune? Let me know, and I'll try and avoid them here!