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Japanese Language Course :Beginner Level 1 · 2 *Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level 1&2 Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◆Date & Time: Jul.1st (Thu) to Oct.7th (Thu), 2021 Every Tuesday and Thursday (25 sessions in total)

Level 1 :1:30 pm - 3:20 pm Level 2 : 10:10 am - 12:00 pm **♦Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

日本語 JAPANESE

♦ Target: Level 1: Those learning Japanese for the first time.

Level 2: Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana.

♦Course Fee: FREE

♦ Fee for course materials : ¥2,376

♦ Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Online Japanese Language Course: Beginner Level 1 · 2 · 3 *Registration Required



Learn some essential Japanese to help you be more active in your local community! Anyone who is living in Miyazaki Prefecture and able to use Zoom can take part.

♦Application: https://forms.gle/2D5t7xwz64pYVK6S7
♦Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Course 1 < Beginner1 >

:Those learning Japanese for the first time

♦Date & Time: Apr.15th (Thu) to Jul.22nd (Thu) Every Monday and Thursday 10:00 am - 11:50 am An orientation session and 25 lessons.

♦Course Fee: FREE

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook(¥2640).

Course2 < Beginner2 >

:Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana

♦Date & Time: Apr.14th (Wed) to Jul.14th (Wed) Every Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am - 11:50 am An orientation session and 25 lessons.

♦Course Fee: FREE

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook(¥2640).

Course 3 < Beginner 2 >

:Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana



♦Date & Time: Apr.15th (Thu) to Jul. 20th (Tue) Every Wednesday and Friday 6:30 pm - 8:20 pm An orientation session and 25 lessons.

♦Course Fee: FREE

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook(¥2640).

Course 4 < Beginner3 >

:Those who can make simple conversation in Japanese

♦Date & Time: Apr.13th (Tue) to Aug. 20th (Fri) Every Tuesday and Friday 10:00 am - 11:50 am An orientation session and 35 lessons.

♦Course Fee: FREE

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook(¥4400).

Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

♦Dates & Times: [Wed] 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

[Fri] 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25 10:30 am - 11:30 am

♦Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

♦Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Introduction of Japanese language volunteers *Free, Registration required

Foreigners or Japanese returnees in Miyazaki who wish to study Japanese language will be introduced to registered Japanese language volunteers upon request. Study location, hours, and contents will be decided by the learner and the tutor themselves.

♦ Target: Foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture **♦ Inquiries & Application**: Miyazaki International Foundation





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-Books in Miyazaki International Foundation-

1Nihon de Ikiru - A Report from the Mainichi Shimbun

Due to the increasing number of workers from overseas in Japan, there are children of foreign nationality living in Japan who might not be attending school. Some of these children are isolated in their communities or drop out of society. The Mainichi Shimbun conducted an investigation into the lack of learning opportunities for foreign children in Japan and published a book about their findings. How about checking it out to see if it makes you think about what it means to be a symbiotic society?

②Nordic Girl Åsa, Learns About Japan (Hokuō joshi Ōsa, Nihon wo manabu)- Åsa Ekström

This is a manga about Åsa from Sweden who is learning all about Japanese food, the Japanese language, socializing, and money. It makes you realize once again that the customs and culture that Japanese people take for granted every day can be strange and interesting from a different perspective.

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents In Portuguese

Consultations are available in Portuguese about any problems in your life.

*Reservation required.

(Appointments are available on the day.)

*Consultation may be subject to cancellation due to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

♦Date & Time:

Jun.5th (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

♦ Location: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents Available by phone, online (using Zoom) or in person.

♦ 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



Local Announcements < Miyazaki City>

1.Yi Shui Kong Trial Session

How about trying the Qiong style based on the ancient Chinese Imperial Family's breathing technique?

♦Date & Time: Jun17th (Thu) 10:00 am - 11:30 am

♦Venue: Gallery1, 4th Floor, Miyazaki Shimin Plaza

♦ Space Available: 25 (First come, first served) **♦ Fee:** ¥300(Members), ¥500 (Non-members)



2. Vietnamese Cooking Class

Try cooking Vietnamese cuisine with people from Vietnam!

♦Date & Time: Jun19th (Sat) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

♦Venue: 3rd Floor Cooking Classroom, Seishonen Plaza

♦ Space Available: 20 (First come, first served) **♦ Fee:** ¥800(Members), ¥1200 (Non-members)

3. Multicultural Childcare World Cafe

Get together for a chat with other people who are raising children in Miyazaki!

♦Date & Time: Jun24th (Thu) 10:00 am - 11:30 am **♦Venue:** Meeting room, 4th Floor, Miyazaki Shimin Plaza

♦ Space Available: About 10 groups of foreign residents

who are raising children

♦Fee: Free

-Staff's Tweet-



I needed to check my e-mail on my computer. I accessed my mail account, but it wouldn't open. I was embarrassed. Account? Password? I input them as I thought of them, but it still didn't work, so I set up a new e-mail account. This time, I made sure to write down the account name and password. It was perfect. The new e-mail address consisted of an unfamiliar combination of letters and numbers. I wanted to change it to something more familiar, but I didn't know how. It looks like my experience with computers will continue to be a mixed bag. (Staff. A)

An Englishman in Miyazaki





"It's the most wonderful time of the year~! ""



Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well. Looking back through past years' copies of *Plaza News*, I noticed that every single person who has done this job has written a column around this time of year about the 健康診断 (kenkō shindan – annual medical checkups at work) here in Japan! Since medical care is free in the UK, there isn't actually a system for annual medical checkups, although some people do have them as a requirement for their job or insurance. I certainly do see the validity of the idea, though – I wish more places in the UK would do it! That being said, it is always faintly depressing to be told that, even though you've been dieting hard and hitting the gym with a vengeance this past year, you're still old and overweight. It gets better, too - according to the documentation I had for this year's one, in two years' time I will apparently officially count as a 高齢者 (kōreisha – elderly person). I would have at least hoped to be a 中年 (chūnen -middle-aged guy) for a little while first! In any case, here's wishing everyone out there taking them around now all the best for their 健康診断this year – may the doctor not berate you too much, and your eye test be deceptively simple!