


**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 Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed from July 22nd (Thu) to July 23rd (Fri).

## 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. If you know anyone who would like to learn Japanese, please let them know.

◇Date & Time : Jul.1<sup>st</sup> (Thu.) to Oct.7<sup>th</sup> (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

◇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



## Intercultural Exchange Workshop (Olympic and Paralympic Host Town Partners Edition)

Miyazaki Prefecture is the host town for the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, and Canada during the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. How about listening to the stories of each country from people who are related to them?

◇Dates & Times: Jul.17<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 2:00 pm - 4:00pm

◇Location: KITEN Building 8th Floor Meeting room

◇Contents : 1.Introduction to the UK, Germany, Italy and Canada  
2.A Talk Session: *How to enjoy sport*

◇Fee: Free

◇How to apply: Please send us your name, address, and telephone number by fax, e-mail, or in person.

◇Application Deadline: Jul. 7<sup>th</sup> (Wed.)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



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

◇Dates & Times: [Wed] 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

[Fri] 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/30  
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## The Miyazaki International Plaza displays traditional costumes from around the world

The Miyazaki International Plaza, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Basement floor of the Carino Miyazaki Building, displays traditional costumes from around the world. A *Galabeya* from Egypt, will be displayed through July. Stop by and check it out if you get the chance!



## Talk with the CIRs.

Would you like to talk with Sky from Singapore, Yujin from South Korea, and Graham from England about life and culture in Japan and their countries?

◇Date & Time :

★A chat with Marsh from England (Japanese or English)  
Jul. <sup>th</sup> (Fri.) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

★A chat with Yujin from Korea (Japanese or Korean)  
Jul.8<sup>th</sup> (Thu.) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

★A chat with Sky from Singapore (Japanese or English)  
Jul.27<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



※We accept applications by phone (0985-32-8457) or in person.

※ Everyone is welcome to come along, but in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have to limit the number of participants to about 4people.

※Please note that this chat may be subject to change or cancellation depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Online Japanese Language Course : Beginner Level 1・2 \*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.

To apply, visit <https://forms.gle/PWKsDpwFvQo1z7N37>

★ Course Fee : FREE

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

**Course①<Beginner1>**

◇Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time

◇Date & Time: September 1st (Wed.) to December 1st (Wed.)

Every Wednesday and Friday 10:00am - 11:50 am

An orientation session and 25 lessons.

**Course②<Beginner1>**

◇Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time

◇Date & Time: September 2nd (Thu.) to December 7th (Tue.)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 pm - 8:20 pm

An orientation session and 25 lessons.

**Course③<Beginner2>**

◇Target: Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana

◇Date & Time: September 2nd (Thu.) to December 6th (Mon.)

Every Monday and Thursday 10:00am - 11:50 am

An orientation session and 25 lessons.

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers from within Miyazaki Prefecture, 18 years of age or older, to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff. To apply, interested parties should submit a completed application form by 9/4 (Sat.).

In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process.

\*Nationality will not play a role in choosing applicants. However, volunteers are expected to speak some basic Japanese.

### ◇Volunteer Period:

Oct.1st (Fri.),2021 to Mar.31st (Thu.),2022

\*Excluding Holidays

### ◇Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tue to Sat from;

**A.** 10:15 am - 12:45 pm **B.** 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Volunteers will work on the same day and during the same time period from week to week.

◇**Tasks:** Assisting Plaza visitors, assist in lending out and checking in library materials sending out documents, organizing library materials, arranging and forwarding used stamps, etc.

◇**Other:** Volunteer's insurance will be covered by the International Foundation. and parking vouchers will be issued to volunteers making use of the CARINO Miyazaki Parking Lot)

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



## -Staff's Tweet-



I have been growing succulents for several years now. One of the things I enjoy most is watching them grow. Another thing I like is that if you cut off the leaves and stems and let them dry out, they send out roots and multiply. The way they grow, little by little, is just like a child. However, being closely related to cacti, a difficult time has come for them - the rainy season: Humidity is their worst enemy. Unfortunately, I got careless, and lost one of them in the heavy rain the other day. Oh, dear.... The battle against humidity looks like it will continue for a while.  
(Staff. M)

## ☆A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents☆



## Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents In English & Chinese

Consultations are available in English and Chinese 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:** English Jul.17<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Chinese Jul.31<sup>st</sup> (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 people each

### ◇Inquiries & Application:

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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

E-mail: support@mif.or.jp

## Consultations Available Online (Using Zoom)

For people can't make it to the Support Center, we are now offering online consultations

### ◇How to apply

Please email [support@mif.or.jp](mailto:support@mif.or.jp), including the words

“オンライン相談希望” “Online Consultation” in the subject, and the following points ①-④ in the body of the mail.

(※You will need to download Zoom beforehand)

- ①Your name ② Your email address
- ③The date and time you would like to have a consultation
- ④What you would like to talk about – for example:  
Raising children, school/education, medical problems,  
learning Japanese, visa/status of residence enquiries, etc.)

**Date & Time:** every week from Tuesday to Saturday  
(Morning sessions) 10:30~12:00 (Afternoon sessions) 14:00~17:00

(※The Support Center is closed on Sundays, Mondays and national holidays)

### ◇Inquiries & Application:

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## An Englishman in Miyazaki



## "There are no facts, only interpretations..."



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! Hope you're all keeping well. Since a lot of us haven't been able to get out and about adventuring, swinging between pirate ship masts, slaying fearsome windmills and seeking out untold treasures as we'd have liked lately, I thought it might be interesting this month to try talking about something to get the ol' grey cells moving a bit - the idea of perspective. Not just the physical concept, although that's also quite fascinating - that's why the bottom hinge on a door is further from the edge than the top one (at least as far as UK building practices are concerned); foreshortening makes them look about the same distance away when you're standing up looking at it. If they were actually the same distance away from the edge, the door would look a little bit weird. But I digress - what I really wanted to write about this month was something maybe a little more ephemeral - our perspective, for example, is what dictates whether we think of something as "good" or "bad" luck - I remember one time I was walking along, minding my own business, when I got pooped on by a pigeon, and someone nearby pointed out to me that that was lucky. My first thought was to want to angrily ask: "What's lucky? The fact that you weren't standing here?!" But luckily, I contained my rage, and after a while, it got me thinking: The odds of pigeon poop landing on a moving target in a crowded London street must have been pretty impressive (according to some quick and dirty maths, somewhere around 1 in 100,000 - that's actually less likely than being struck by lightning, although that wouldn't have happened in a crowded city street, so it's not really a useful comparison). When you think about it and crunch the numbers, getting dealt a fantastic mahjong or poker hand, or having a red-hot gacha streak are all around the same probability as the above, and the fundamental logic behind them happening is exactly the same as that of being pooped on while heading home from work - literally the only difference is how desirable we feel the outcome is. Which is, as that passerby kindly taught me, entirely down to how you look at it. So, next time something unfortunate happens to you, try having a think about it from a different perspective, or at least consider the numbers involved - if nothing else, it will at least take your mind off it for a moment!