



Miyazaki International Foundation

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◎Plaza Holiday Closing

The Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed on September 23rd (Thu).



Japanese Practice Sessions *Free

◇**Dates & Time:** 10:30 am - 11:30 am
 [Wed] 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29
 [Fri] 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



Disaster Preparedness Seminar for Foreign Residents *FREE, Registration Required

These days many parts of Japan have suffered damage from major earthquakes and torrential rains that are said to occur once every 50 or 100 years. Through this seminar, you can learn the basics of how to respond to and prepare for disasters. If you know anyone from overseas who might be interested, please let them know!

◇**Date & Time:** September 25th (Sat) 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

◇**Location:** Miyazaki City Fire Department, Miyazaki Higashimorokata Wide Area Disaster Management Centre

◇**Eligibility:** Foreigners and international students of Miyazaki prefecture, and their families About 40 people (Participants may bring Japanese guests)

*Interpretation in English, Chinese and other languages (scheduled) is available.

Those who do not speak Japanese are welcome too!

◇**Lectures containing:** presentation on natural disasters, First-aid course, Mock fire fighting drill, Opportunity to try emergency rations etc.

◇**To Apply:** Fill out our application form and return it by in person, fax, post or e-mail to MIF(miyainfo@mif.or.jp).

◇**Deadline:** September 11th (Sat)

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



Nihon-Go Mimata *Free, Registration Required

Learn Japanese phrases for use in daily life!

◇**Theme:** "Going out to buy food"

◇**Dates & Time:** September 28th (Tue) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

◇**Venue:** co-making space CO-ME (Mimata Town)

※Depending on the COVID-19 situation, sessions may be held using Zoom instead.

◇**Space Available:** 10

◇**Deadline:** September 24th (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 Language Course : Beginner Level 1

There will be a Japanese Language Course Beginner Level1 for Foreign Residents held soon!

Please join in and learn some Japanese to further enjoy your daily life in Miyazaki.

Those who are not students of the University of Miyazaki are also welcome to take part.

◇**Date & Time:** October 12th (Tue) to January 18th (Tue)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 pm - 5:50 pm

◇**Location:** Kibana Campus, University of Miyazaki

◇**Target:** Beginners who wish to start learning from Hiragana & Katakana.

◇**Deadline:** October 1st (Fri)

◇**How to Apply:** Visit <https://forms.gle/GvM8Wn9BihFx1PoC9>

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

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Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop "Ikebana" in a Traditional Folk House *Registration Required, FREE

We are going to hold a Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop on ikebana (flower-arranging) "in a traditional folk house".

The instructor is Ms. Toyoko Noda.

The venue, the traditional "Shiiba" folk house was built about 150 years ago, and is a prefecturally-designated tangible cultural property. Enjoy some traditional Japanese culture and experience ikebana!

◇**Dates&Time:** October 23rd (Sat) 2:00pm - 3:30pm

◇**Place :** "Shiiba" traditional folk house, Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History

◇**Instructor :** Ms. Toyoko Noda

◇**Limit :** 10 (first come, first served)

◇**Target :** Foreign Residents of Miyazaki

◇**Cost :** Free

◇**Deadline:** October 9th (Sat)

◇**How to apply:** Please let us know your name, contact information (phone number, email) and Japanese level by phone, FAX, email or in person. *When applying by email, please put "Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop" in the subject headline.

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



16th Annual Art Festival "Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking in" Art Gallery Confirmed!

We are now collecting entries in the categories of photography, calligraphy, paintings & drawings, handicrafts from foreign residents and citizens with roots overseas for this year's art festival.

◆**Date:** November 17th (Wed) to December 4th (Sat), 2021

◆**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◆**Submission Requirements:**

In principle, individuals submitting entries to the gallery should be foreigners living in Miyazaki or individuals with roots in a foreign country.

◆**Theme:** "Miyazaki"

◆**Divisions:** Photography, Paintings, Calligraphy, Hand made Crafts (Except Videos)

◆**Submission Limit:** Up to 2 entries per person.

◆**Size:** Up to 50 cm by 50 cm

◆**Submission Deadline:** October 30th (Sat)

◆**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

①Miyazaki International Foundation

②Miyazaki University Global Support Office

★**Submissions by E-mail**

miyainfo@mif.or.jp

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



Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents *Application Required

◆**Date & Time:** December 5th (Sun) 10:00 am - 12:30pm

◆**Topic:** "Japan and I"

◆**Location:** Kenden Hall (Miyazaki Prefecture Enterprise Bureau Building)

◆**Eligibility:**

1. Foreign Residents living in Miyazaki that are 16 years of age and older.
2. Individuals whose native language is not Japanese.
3. Individuals who have been living in Japan for 5 years or less.

◆**Divisions & Available Spaces:**

Student Division 5pax / Open Division 5pax

*If the number of applicants exceeds 10pax, there will be a screening.

◆**Speech Length Limit:** 3~5 min

◆**Deadline:** November 5th (Fri)

◆**To Apply:** Return your completed application form, Along with the speech draft, to the Miyazaki International Foundation by in person, post or Email to the MIF (miyainfo@mif.or.jp)

*The speech can be written in Romaji

*Should be three to five minutes long.

*Props are not allowed.

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



International Chat Sessions Second Term

The MIF will hold chat sessions in English (beginner / intermediate & advanced), Chinese, and Korean! Enjoy chatting with native speakers.

◆**Dates & Time:**

★Chinese (Tue) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

10/5, 10/12, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

★English Beginner (Sat) 10:30 am - 11:30 am

10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 12/11, 12/25

★English Intermediate & Advanced (Sat) 10:30 am - 11:30 am

10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/18, 1/15

★Korean (Thu) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9, 12/23

◆**Fee:** patrons and students 1,000yen (6 sessions)

non-members 3,000yen (6 sessions)

Junior high school students and below 500yen (6 sessions)

◆**To Apply:** Apply in person, by phone, FAX, or by e-mail, and provide your name, contact number, and e-mail address.

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

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 :**

November 2nd (Tue), 2021 to February 8th (Tue), 2022

Every Tuesday and Thursday (25 sessions in total)

Level 1 : 10:10 am - 12:00 pm / Level 2 : 1:30 pm - 3:20 pm

◆**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◆**Course Fee:** FREE

◆**Fee for course materials :** ¥2,376

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

Level 2: Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana.

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



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents *Reservation required (Tagalog & Portuguese)

Consultations are available in Tagalog & Portuguese about any problems in your life. (Appointments are available on the day.)
※Consultation may be subject to cancellation due to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

◆**Date & Time:**

Tagalog September 4th (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Portuguese September 25th (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 person in each language

◆**Inquiries & Application:**

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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

E-mail: support@mif.or.jp



An Englishman in Miyazaki



"The Pursuit of 駄菓子ness"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well and staying dry! (At the time of writing this, it's pouring down outside). A while back, I randomly had the urge to eat a きなこ棒 (kinakobō - a kind of 駄菓子, dagashi, or cheap candy that kids love and adults get nostalgic over). Stopping off at the supermarket to apprehend one on my way home from work, however, I saw that they'd completely sold out! (Evidently I wasn't the only one to get the urge - there must have been something in the air...) I ended up making my own, but something didn't quite feel right about it. Normally, homemade sweets taste better than the kind you buy at the store, but when it comes to 駄菓子, I'm not so sure - despite the prevalent (and rational) negative feeling towards them, maybe it's all the artificial flavours and colours they put in 駄菓子 that make them actually feel special, since it's not a sensation you can easily get somewhere else. Of course it's bad to eat too much of them (that's literally the meaning of the term "too much"), but there's nothing wrong with a treat now and then!

... I think I've just figured out why I usually get told off at my annual health checkups.