



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

The 16th Miyazaki International Festival ~Friends of the World~

◇**Date & Time:** December 5th (Sun) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Prefecture Enterprise Bureau Building 1st floor Kenden Hall, Gallery

Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents

People from overseas living in Miyazaki Prefecture will give speeches in Japanese on the theme of "Japan and I." If you wish to attend, please arrive at the venue by 9:50 AM on the day of the event.

◇**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

"World's Got Talent!" Stage Performance

Foreign residents and students living in Miyazaki will showcase dances, instruments, and songs from their home country.

◇**Featuring:** Niko Performance from China,
Instrumental Performance from Indonesia

◇**Time:** 11:15 am - 11:50 am



International Exchange Class (Vietnamese)

People from overseas living in Miyazaki will talk about their home countries

◇**Lecture:** Ms. Hoang Thi Giang

◇**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



The Miyazaki International Foundation has a Facebook page and publishes posts at all times. Please check it out!

*The contents and schedule above are subject to change.

*Please use public transportation or nearby paid parking lots.

Country Booth

People from overseas living in Miyazaki will introduce their home countries.

◇**Participating countries:** ①England ②Korea ③Singapore
④Vietnamese ⑤Others

◇**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

International Exchange Organization Booth

Featuring activities of international exchange organizations within Miyazaki Prefecture.

◇**Participating organizations:** Miyazaki City International Association
Kiyotake-cho International Association,
Miyazaki Brazil Friendship Association

◇**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Japanese Traditional Culture Workshop Furoshiki Wrapping Class

A single furoshiki (traditional Japanese wrapping cloth) can be transformed into a variety of things.

◇**Lecture:** Miyazaki kankyō sapōtā kurabu

◇**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



«JICA International Cooperation Booth»

- Exhibition on SDGs
- Introduction to the Miyazaki Prefecture JICA Family (Miyazaki Prefecture JOCV Supporter's Association, Alumni Association, Miyazaki Prefecture JICA Experts Association)
- Cooperator Navi (Discussions with JICA volunteers) etc.

◇**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00pm



«16th Annual Art Festival "Miyazaki From the Outside Looking in" Art Gallery»

Foreigners residing in Miyazaki prefecture have submitted entries on the theme of Miyazaki. Vote for your favorite artwork.

◇**Display period:** November 17th (Wed) to December 4th (Sat)
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Awards:** Prize and certificates will awarded to the top pieces chosen by visitors.



Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE, No Registration Required

◇**Dates & Time:** 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Wed] 11/10, 11/17, 11/24

[Fri] 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor



◎Plaza Holiday Closing

The Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed on November 3rd (Wed) and 23rd (Tue).

Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents The Deadline for contestant applications is almost here! ※Open to visitors

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

◇**Topic:** "Japan and I"

◇**Venue:** Kenden Hall (Miyazaki Prefecture Enterprise Bureau Building 1st floor)
(Miyazaki Prefecture Enterprise Bureau Building)

◇**Eligibility:** Anyone who meets the following criteria

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 - 5 / Open Division - 5

*If there are a large number of applicants, entries will be screened.

◇**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

*Props are not allowed.

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



Japanese Language Course :Beginner Level 1-2

*Registration Required

The MIF will hold a Japanese Language Course aimed at people from overseas living in Miyazaki. Please get in touch if you would like to study Japanese.

◇Date & Time : November 2nd (Tue) 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

◇Venue: 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



Disaster Preparedness Seminar (Kobayashi)

*FREE

◇Date & Time: December 4th (Sat)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Reception opens at 9:30 AM)

◇Content: After hearing people from overseas speak about their experience with natural disasters, participants will be invited to think about disaster preparedness.

※The seminar will be given in simple Japanese, and Japanese supporters will also be on hand.

◇Venue: Kobayashi City Hall Annex Building No.1,

Large meeting room

◇Space Available: 20

◇Deadline: November 26th (Fri)

◇Inquiries & Application:

①Miyazaki International Foundation

②Kobayashi City hall, Regional Revitalization Division

TEL:0984-23-1148(Mon to Fri 8:30am - 5:15pm)

FAX:0984-23-6650

E-mail:k_kokusaika@city.kobayashi.lg.jp



Talk with the CIRs♪

How about enjoying a chat in Japanese with CIRs from the Prefectural Government?

◇Date & Time :

★A chat with Marsh from England

November 12th (Fri) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

★A chat with Yujin from Korea

November 4th (Thu) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

★A chat with Sky from Singapore

November 9th (Tue) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



*We accept applications by phone 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 4 people. Places are first come, first served, but priority will be given to first-time participants.

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

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents

(Vietnamese)

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

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

◇Date & Time: November 13th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

※Reservations required (Deadline: November 10th (Wed))

◇Venue: 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



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An Englishman in Miyazaki



"Nothing lasts forever, even cold November rain ♪"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well. I know the lyric from November Rain I used as a title this month is something of a cliché, and also that the November rain here is orders of magnitude less cold, bitter and depressing than it is where I come from, but I still love the song! I remember watching live footage at the time of Guns 'N' Roses on the tour for the album it's on (there was no internet back then, so if you couldn't make it to the show you had to hope it got showed on TV or buy a bootleg recording) - the live version of the song was usually around 12 minutes long!

Even though it seems ridiculous to think back about it now, seeing Slash (the guitarist) up on stage, with his trademark top hat and frizzy hair hiding most of his face, illuminated by the light of a cigarette reflected in his mirrored aviator shades, wearing nothing but leather trousers and cowboy boots, it was literally the coolest thing I had ever seen in my entire life! (In my defence, my entire life hadn't encompassed a great deal by that point). Simpler times, I guess. Anyway, remembering that image made me think just how fascinating it is how culture changes not just depending on where you are but also *when* you are - it's something dynamic that varies with time. So what counts as cool, passé, desirable, best avoided, even things people often seem to think of as fundamental like right and wrong, are all functions of time as well as space. Have you ever thought about the past and remembered how different things were back then? Of course it's important to enjoy the present while it's around, but it's interesting to think about how different things will be in the future, too!

That concept of the beauty of impermanence and change is something that gets referenced a lot in Japanese culture - it's why dampening your sleeves while viewing the gently scattering cherry blossoms at a hanami party and admiring the falling autumn leaves are so important - it's not just an excuse for a few drinks and some amateur poetry (although a fine excuse it certainly is!). In these times of assorted doom and gloom, isn't it more important than ever to take a few minutes to smell the roses? Or sakura? Or... leaves?

Now that I think about it, though, Slash still has exactly the same haircut and wears the same kind of top hat, shades and leather trousers he did 30 years ago. Maybe some things really do stay the same!