



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 public holiday on April 29th (Fri)



A Brief Introduction to What's on at the Miyazaki International Foundation in over the 2022/3 Financial year

The Miyazaki International Foundation is planning to hold the following courses over the coming year. Further information will be posted on our website (<https://www.mif.or.jp/>) and Facebook page, and in Plaza News nearer the time.

【Learning Japanese】

- Japanese Language Course (Carino, University of Miyazaki, Online)
- Regional Japanese Language Classes
- Japanese Practice Sessions
- Training Course for Volunteer Japanese Language Tutors

【Support for Foreign Residents】

- Disaster Preparedness Seminar for Foreign Residents
- Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster
- Follow-up Seminar for Volunteers to Help People from overseas During a Disaster

【International Exchange】

- Chat Sessions (English, Chinese, Korean)
- Traditional Japanese Culture Experience
- International Understanding Classes



【Events, Festivals】

- Miyazaki International Festival – “Friends of the World”
- Art Festival – “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking in”
- Japanese Speech Contest

【Volunteers】

- Volunteer Japanese Language Teaching (These volunteers help people from overseas living here to study Japanese.)
- Volunteer Interpreters (These volunteers are available to interpret at events and exchange activities)
- Volunteer Host Families (These volunteers accept people from overseas living in Miyazaki for homestays.)
- Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During Natural Disasters
- Counter Volunteers at the Miyazaki International Plaza (Terms available: April-September, October-March)

【Dispatch Instructors】

- Advisers on Multicultural Symbiosis (We dispatch lecturers to give courses on international understanding for free)

【Publications】

- South Wind (published twice a year)
- Living in Miyazaki (Published in English in the *Miyazaki Nichinichi Shimbun* newspaper in the last week of every month)
- Plaza News (published monthly)



◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Information on Japanese Language Courses for Foreign Residents

The Miyazaki International Foundation offers beginner-level Japanese language courses for people from overseas living in Miyazaki Prefecture. There is no charge for this course. (however, participants will need to buy their own textbooks.) Anyone who wants to learn Japanese is welcome.

★In the Carino Building★

◆Date & Time: May 10th (Tue) to August 2nd (Tue)

<Beginner Level1> Every Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
<Beginner Level2> Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:10 am - 12:10 pm

★In the University of Miyazaki★ Beginner & Intermediate

◆Date & Time: Once a week 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



★Online★

◆Date & Time:

<Beginner Level1 >Every Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 6th (Fri) to August 3rd (Wed)

<Beginner Level2> Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 10th (Tue) to August 4th (Thu)

<Beginner Level3 >Every Monday & Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
May 9th (Mon) to August 8th (Mon)

<Beginner to intermediate> Every Monday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
June 6th (Mon) to October 3rd (Mon)

For more information, please visit our website or Facebook page.

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions

*FREE, No Registration Required

◆Dates & Times: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Wed] 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

[Fri] 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

◆Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F



Talk with the CIRs♪ *FREE, Registration Required Anyone from overseas is welcome to attend!

★A chat with Graham from England (Japanese & English)

◆Date & Time : April 22nd (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

◆Deadline: April 19th (Tue)

*We accept applications by phone, E-mail 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.

*Priority will be given to those who have participated less frequently.

*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



A Brief Introduction to the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

【Consultation】

- Life consultations and Online Consultations by counselors at the Support Center
- Life and legal consultations (Available at any time - lawyers and paralegals can advise people consultations on everyday life in Japan)
- Consultation service by life consultants (Available at any time - Life consultants can give advice to foreign residents on everyday life in Japan and provide interpreting services in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog and Vietnamese for their clients.)
- On-site counseling service at each city in Miyazaki prefecture

【Supported languages】

(We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations)

English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Russian, German, Italian, Burmese, Mongolian, Khmer, Sinhala, Hindi, Bengali

We also respond to consultations from people who support foreign residents.

【Open】 Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tel 0985-41-5901 Fax 0985-41-5902
E-mail support@mif.or.jp



Please check our Homepage, Facebook and Instagram for more information.



(Website)



(Facebook)



(Instagram)

Local Announcements <<Miyazaki City>>

「Korean Class lower-intermediate」

- ◆Dates : April 13th (Wed) to May 25th (Wed)
10:00 am - 11:30 am 6 sessions in total
- ◆Venue: Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 4F conference room
- ◆Space Available: 10 (first-come, first-served basis)
- ◆Fee: 3,000 yen (general) 2,000yen (membership)



「Chinese Class lower-intermediate」

- ◆Dates : April 13th (Wed) to May 25th (Wed)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 6 sessions in total
- ◆Venue: Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 4F conference room
- ◆Space Available: 10 (first-come, first-served basis)
- ◆Fee: 3,000 yen (general) 2,000yen (membership)
- ◆Inquiries: Miyazaki City International Association
TEL: 0985-21-1719 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm on weekdays)
FAX: 0985-21-1733
Email : miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



Important Notices

Donations for Victims of the Humanitarian Crisis in the Ukraine

The Miyazaki International Foundation is currently collecting donations for the Japanese Red Cross appeal for aid for victims of the situation in the Ukraine.

- ◆Date: Until late May 2022 10:00 am to 5:30 pm (not available Sundays, Mondays or Public Holidays)
- ◆Venue: Miyazaki International Plaza
Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents Counter
- ◆Others: If you would like to donate directly to the Red Cross, please see their website for further details
<https://www.jrc.or.jp/contribute/help/ukraine/>



We hope for your kind assistance.

<<April Event>>

| Event | Date & Time | Venue | Contact |
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| Nobeoka Daishi Festival | 4/15 (Fri) - 4/17 (Sun) | Nobeoka City Imayamadaishi, Shopping arcades in Nobeoka | Nobeoka Daishi Festival Sponsor's Association 0982-33-6666 |
| Kannonike Park (The best time to see the cherry blossoms) | Late March - Early April | Miyakonojo Kannonike Park | Kannonike Park General Information Center 0986-58-6139 |

An Englishman in Miyazaki

“Schrödinger's Performance”



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Graham Marsh

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well. I thought it might be interesting to go with something a little different as the theme for this month's column - quantum physics! (I know that the terms "quantum physics" and "interesting" are not often mentioned in the same sentence without some kind of negative clause, but bear with me!) I'm sure you've all heard of Erwin Schrödinger's famous thought experiment involving a cat, used to poke fun at the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum physics - in short, the outcome of something exists in all possible states until it is observed. Initially, it was proposed simply to create a paradox the prevalent theory couldn't resolve, but the concept throws up a lot of interesting thoughts and implications.

With all that in mind, the reason I bring it up is that, at the time of writing, I'm just about to try something I've never done before - performing live online using Zoom. Naturally, I'm also a little nervous about how it will go - as we've just seen, it must therefore exist simultaneously as an amazing success, a crushing failure and everything in between and outside those possibilities until I actually experience it and find out firsthand.

Of course, as we all know, the biggest draw here is that, whatever the result, finding out is half the fun!

One other amusing twist is that the performance is actually scheduled to take place in between me writing this column and Plaza News being published, which makes this a kind of miniature time capsule - as you read this, the result is already known! As such, if there's an old man in the corner nearby drowning his sorrows with cup ramen and *kinakobō*, don't worry - he'll be alright just as soon as he remembers that the fun of finding out is stronger than the disappointment of something not going well.

The moral of this rambling monologue, dear readers, is simple - not knowing how something will go is not a valid reason to not do it. Since April's a popular time to try or start something new, open the box and give it a go! It could go well! And if you happened to catch my performance, thanks for watching and my apologies if it didn't go well!