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Nihongo Café in Nichinan *Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!
Anyone can take part. The class is free of charge.

- ◇Theme: Have fun practicing your Japanese!
- ◇Date & Time: July 31st (Sun) 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- ◇Venue: Sokyakusojin center
- ◇Spaces Available: 15



- ◇To Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, No Registration Required



- ◇Dates & Times:
 - [Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27
 - [Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29
 - [Saturday] 2:30pm - 3:30pm 7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30
- ◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F
- ◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

How about having a chat in Japanese or another language with the Coordinators for International Relations from the Prefectural Government?

- ★A chat with Marsh from England (Japanese & English) 
- ◇Date & Time: ①July 15th (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
②July 29th (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- ◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇Deadline: ①July 12th (Tue) ②July 26th (Tue)
- ★A chat with Haejeong from South Korea (Japanese & Korean) 
- ◇Date & Time: ①July 21st (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm
②July 28th (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- ◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇Deadline: ①July 16th (Sat) ②July 23rd (Sat)

*②is intended for Elementary, Junior and Senior High School students. We request that the parents or guardians of Elementary School students drop them off and pick them up.

- *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 people 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

International Understanding Lecture Philippines *Free, Registration Required

With the title "Philippines at a Glance!", Katherine Bonsato, from the Philippines, will give a talk about the culture, history and daily life from her native country.
(The talk will be in English and Japanese.)



- ◇Date & Time: July 31st (Sun) 9:30am - 11:30am
- ◇Venue: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Medium Meeting Room
- ◇Lecturer: Ms. Katherine Bonsato
- ◇Spaces Available: 15 (First come, first served.) ◇Fee: Free
- ◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number by phone, fax, email or in person.
- ◇Application Deadline: July 22nd (Fri)
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

International Understanding Lecture South Korea *Free, Registration Required


Haejeong Yang, from South Korea, will give a talk about her native country's culture, daily life and much more!
(The talk will be in Japanese.)



- ◇Date & Time: August 20th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- ◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F Meeting Room
- ◇Lecturer: Ms. Haejeong Yang (CIR)
- ◇Spaces Available: About 15
(Students will be given priority. First-come, first-served)
- ◇Fee: Free
- ◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number, email address, and the name of your school if you are a student, by phone, fax, email or in person.
- ◇Application Deadline: August 11th (Thu)
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster (Miyakonojo) *Free, Registration Required

This course aims to help people acquire the knowledge necessary to support foreign residents in the event of a natural disaster. The course is designed to teach how to support foreign residents, such as things to be aware of, and how to effectively provide information. (The seminar will be in Japanese)

- ◇Date & Time: September 10th (Sat) 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- ◇Venue: MJ Hall
- ◇Lecturer: Ms. Orié Kitamikado 
- ◇Spaces Available: 30 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)
- ◇Fee: Free
- ◇Target: People who look after or live with people from overseas
- ◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number by phone, fax, email or in person.
- ◇Application Deadline: August 27th (Sat)
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster (Miyazaki City) *Free, Registration Required



As of June last year, there are 7,566 people from overseas living here in Miyazaki, but people are concerned that they may not be able to receive necessary information and support during a disaster due to linguistic and cultural differences. Through this course, participants can learn methods and things to be aware of when assisting people from overseas during a disaster, and also about how to register as a volunteer to assist residents of Miyazaki from overseas during a natural disaster.
(The seminar will be in Japanese)

- ◇Date & Time: September 17th (Sat) 1:00pm - 4:15pm
- ◇Venue: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Large Meeting Room
- ◇Lectures containing: Information about volunteering to support people during a disaster, how to assist residents from overseas during a disaster or at an evacuation shelter, workshop with people from overseas.
- ◇Lecturer: Ms. Asuka Iwaki
- ◇Spaces Available: 10 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.) ◇Fee: Free
- ◇Target: People who look after or live with people from overseas
- ◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number by phone, fax, email or in person.
- ◇Application Deadline: August 30th (Tue)
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents *Free, Registration Required

Japan gets a lot of natural disasters, such as earthquakes and typhoons – attend this seminar to learn how to prepare for a disaster and protect yourself and the people around you!

- ◇**Date & Time:** September 17th (Sat) 1:00pm - 4:15pm
- ◇**Venue:** Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Large Meeting Room
- ◇**Target:** Foreigners living in Miyazaki prefecture
- ◇**Lectures containing:** Information about natural disasters, how to call 119, learn about evacuation shelters, workshops with Japanese people
- ◇**Spaces Available:** 20 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)
- ◇**Fee :** Free
- ◇**To Apply:** Fill in your name, address and contact details on an application form and send it to the Miyazaki International Foundation by post.
- ◇**Application Deadline:** August 30th(Tue)
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** 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 9/3 (Sat).

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

- ◇**Volunteer Period:**
October 4th (Tue), 2022 to March 31st (Fri), 2023

- ◇**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



A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (Vietnamese & Korean) *Free, Reservation Required



Consultations are available in Vietnamese and Korean about any problems in your life. People from Vietnam and Korea will be on hand to listen if you have anything to discuss.

*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:** <Vietnamese> July 9th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
<Korean> July 23rd (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- ◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents
(Online Consultations (using Zoom) are also available.)
- ◇**Spaces Available:** 4 each
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Carino Miyazaki B1F) TEL:0985-41-5901
FAX:0985-41-5902 E-mail:support@mif.or.jp

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in Kiyotake and Miyakonojo *Free, Registration Required



Staff will be available for consultations concerning everyday difficulties. You can consult with us in your native language.

(We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations) Consultations are strictly confidential.

*Consultation may be subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.
Online consultations (using Zoom) are also available.

- <Kiyotake> ◇**Date & Time:** July 13th (Wed) 1:00pm - 3:30pm
◇**Venue:** Kiyotake General Branch Office
- <Miyakonojo> ◇**Date & Time:** July 15th (Fri) 1:00pm - 3:30pm
◇**Venue:** Miyakonojo Community Center

◇**To Apply:** Priority will be given to advance reservations. You can also come in person (up to 30 minutes per appointment). Please send us an email or fax at least one day in advance containing: ①your name, ②contact details (telephone number), ③ what you would like to discuss, and ④what language you would prefer to use for consultation.

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An Englishman in Miyazaki

"Here's looking at you, kid."



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Graham Marsh

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well. The quote I used for the title is a famous one from a real classic movie - no, not Gigli. Casablanca! It's one of my all-time favourites, and re-watching it recently got me thinking about why people love movies and stories in general. Some scholars claim it's entirely about escapism - the idea of vicariously living out our fantasies through fictional characters, going to places we would never get to, doing things we would never do in our boring lives, and so on. Personally, though, I'm not so sure about that - not least because (pandemic aside), traveling to far-flung exotic places is nowhere near as difficult as it was in the time of Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, for example. If you want to learn to drive a car or motorcycle like an action movie hero, or learn martial arts or get weapons training, you can do that, too. Of course, there are some things that happen a lot in stories that are a little trickier to do in real life, such as time travel, magic and zapping marshmallow brand mascots the size of skyscrapers with ghost-destroying lasers, but I'm not sure if even those kinds of things are only about escapism. For one thing, if it is, then why is there such a verbose community of people who complain about the lack of realism in some movies? As we can see from cave paintings and other related pre-history, a lot of humankind's earliest culture was in the form of stories and storytelling, and so some people think that our fondness for it comes from humans' desire to reach out, band together and communicate with one another.

We're social animals - that's one reason why the restrictions around the pandemic have been so hard on a lot of people! So, with that in mind, if there's someone you haven't been able to see for a while, make sure to get back in touch with them, and share the stories of what you've been up to - and why not indulge the escapism side of things with some embellishment and throw in a few accounts of car chases and crowd-pleasing one-liners while you're at it? It'll make you both laugh, if nothing else!

