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Open: Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays and December 29 to January 3

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!
-Natural Disasters

◇**Date & Time:** September 18th (Sun) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

◇**Venue:** Sokyakusojin Center

◇**Space Available:** 15

◇**How to Apply:** Please let us know your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.

◇**Deadline:** September 10th (Sat)

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



Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, No Registration Required

◇**Dates & Times:**

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

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

[Saturday] 2:30pm - 3:30pm 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



Online Japanese Language Course Beginner1 · 2 · Beginner to Intermediate *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.

<Beginner1>

◇**Date & Time:** October 4th (Tue) to January 19th (Thu)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

An orientation session and 25 lessons

◇**Target:** Those learning Japanese for the first time

◇**Spaces Available:** 8 ◇**Textbook fee :** ¥2,640

<Beginner2>

◇**Date & Time:** October 5th (Wed) to January 20th (Fri)

Every Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

An orientation session and 25 lessons

◇**Target:** Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana

◇**Spaces Available:** 10 ◇**Textbook fee :** ¥2,640

<Beginner to Intermediate>

◇**Date & Time:** October 17th (Mon) to February 13th (Mon)

Every Monday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

An orientation session and 15 lessons

◇**Target:** Those who has completed the Beginner Level 2 or 3 Courses held by the MIF, or anyone with JLPT N5 or the equivalent ability in Japanese

◇**Spaces Available:** 10 ◇**Textbook fee :** ¥2,420

★**Course Fee:** Free

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook

★**Application:**



★**Application Deadline:** September 26th (Mon)

★**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Language Course Beginner1 · 2 · 3 *Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level 1&2&3 Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◇**Date & Time :** October 4th (Tue) to January 17th (Tue)

Every Tuesday and Thursday (25 sessions in total)

Level 1 10:10 am - 12:10 pm

Level 2 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Level 3 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

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

Level 2: Those who can read and write Hiragana and Katakana.

Level 3: Those who can already read and write Hiragana and Katakana, and make simple conversation in Japanese

◇**Course Fee:** Free

◇**Textbook fee :** ¥2,376

◇**How to apply:** Fill out the necessary application form and return it by ①drop offs ②post ③fax

◇**Deadline:** September 30th (Fri)

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



Introduction of Japanese language volunteers *Free, Registration Required

Foreigners or Japanese returnees in Miyazaki who wish to study Japanese language will be introduced to registered Japanese language volunteers upon request. Study location, hours, and contents will be decided by the learner and the tutor themselves.

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



Talk with the CIRs ♪

*Free, Registration Required



★A chat with Haejeong from South Korea (Japanese & Korean)

◇**Date & Time:** September 22nd (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza

◇**Spaces Available:** 4(Priority will be given to people who have participated less frequently)

◇**Deadline:** September 17th (Sat)

*We accept applications by phone, email or in person.

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

Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop "Koto" in a Traditional Folk House

*Free, Registration Required

How about listening to and having a go at playing the Koto (箏), a traditional Japanese instrument, in an old folk house built over 150 years ago?

◇**Dates&Time:** October 22nd (Sat) 2:00pm - 3:30pm

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

◇**Instructor:** Junko Fujita, plus two others from Ayane Koto Ensemble

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

◇**Target :** Foreign Residents of Miyazaki

◇**Fee:** Free

◇**Deadline:** October 8th (Sat)

◇**To apply:** Please let us know your name, contact information (phone number, email) and Japanese level by phone, fax, email or in person.

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



Depending on the status of the COVID-19 situation at the time, the event may have to be altered or cancelled. Please visit our website and Facebook for the latest information.

International Understanding Lecture – Taiwan “Wonderful Taiwan” *Free, Registration Required

This talk will be given by Reiko Shiiba, from Taipei in Taiwan.
It's sure to make you want to visit Taiwan!
(The talk will be given in Japanese.)



- ◇**Date & Time:** October 29th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- ◇**Venue:** Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Medium Meeting Room
- ◇**Lecturer:** Ms. Reiko Shiiba
- ◇**Spaces Available:** 25 (First-come, first-served)
- ◇**Fee:** Free
- ◇**To Apply:** Please let us know your name, address and phone Number by phone, fax, email or in person.
- ◇**Application Deadline:** October 18th (Tue)
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

17th Annual Art Festival Exhibition “Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking in” Now Accepting Entries!



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.

- ◇**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/Drawings, Calligraphy, Hand made Crafts (Except Videos)
- ◇**Submission Limit:** Up to 2 entries per person in each division
- ◇**Size:** Up to 50 cm by 50 cm
- ◇**Submission Deadline:** November 5th (Sat)
- ◇**Submission Method:** Submit by post, in person, or by E-mail.
When submitting an entry, please attach an application form to your art piece. The application form should include your name (with furigana), home country, contact information, the title of your entry, a 50 word or less description of your entry, and a specification of the division of your piece.
- ◇**Where to Submit:** Miyazaki International Foundation
- ◇**Display Period:** November 15th(Tue) to November 27th(Sun)
10:00am-9:00pm
*Display opens 1:00pm on November 15th.
- ◇**Entries will be displayed at:** Miyako City Shopping Center
2F Gulliver square
- ◇**Awards:** Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces as chosen by visitors. *There will be an award ceremony held at the Ajisai Hall on the 3rd floor of the Miyako City Shopping Center on Sunday November 27th, at which awards and certificates will be presented to the winners.
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

English Chat Sessions Second Term (Miyazaki City & Online) *Registration Required

Let's enjoy chatting in English with people from various countries!

<Miyazaki City>

◇**Dates & Times:** 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26, 12/10
Saturdays 6 sessions in total
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Limit :** 5(If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to patrons.)

*Depending on the status of the COVID-19 situation, classes may have to be held online (using Zoom).

<Online>

◇**Dates & Times:** 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17
Saturdays 6 sessions in total
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇**Location:** Online (Zoom)

◇**Limit :** 10(If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to patrons.)

★**Target:** Those who can make basic conversation in English
People taking the course online will need to be able to use Zoom.

★**Fee:** patrons and students 1,000yen (6 sessions)
non-members 3,000yen (6 sessions)
middle school students and under 500yen (6 sessions)

★**To Apply:** Please let us know your name, address, phone number and email by phone, fax, email or in person.

★**Application Deadline:** September 21st(Wed)

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

We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

Individual:2,000yen Group:10,000yen



If you become our patron...

- You will receive “International Plaza News,” our monthly newsletter
- You will receive “South Wind,” our semiannual magazine
- You will be given priority registration for our lectures and workshops
- You will be given discounts for our lectures and workshops
- (Only available for Groups) Website will be linked to our homepage

◇**Inquiries :** Miyazaki International Foundation

Disaster preparedness / crime prevention information mail service (available in multiple languages)

As of July 2022, Miyazaki Prefecture now sends out information relating to disaster preparedness in multiple languages. Information is sent to mobile phones and PCs by email. It is free to register and receive messages (however, any mobile data-related charges are the responsibility of the user).

Email address to register (English)

: en-bousai.miyazaki-pref@raidens2.ktaiwork.jp



“The Way to the Heart is Through the Stomach”



Volunteer for English Chat
Maggie Berg

Hi everyone, nice to meet you! I'm Maggie from the United States. This is my first article in Plaza News. よろしくお願ひします！
I've only been in Japan for a few months, but I'm doing my best to learn Japanese. I've been surprised to find Japanese and English have some phrases in common, like “I have a separate stomach for dessert!” デザートは別腹です！ (Is this really a common phrase? It certainly is for me at least!)

After all, it's hard to beat ice cream when it's so hot. I still haven't tried shaved ice (かき氷) though! Actually, shaved ice is a local specialty in New Orleans, Louisiana. That's where my mom is from. Shaved ice is called sno-balls there because the ice is shaved super thin so that it's more like snow than ice. One popular topping is condensed milk! New Orleans has a lot of local specialties. It's a very unique place with a different culture from the rest of the US. The US has a lot of different cultural influences—all the Native American tribes, British, Mexican, Chinese, etc.—and New Orleans is heavily French! Specifically, it's Creole and Cajun culture, which includes stuff like Jazz music, endless festivals, and of course special cuisine. I find it funny that red beans are usually a dessert in Japan because I grew up eating “red beans and rice” of the cajun style where it's made with a thick roux and served for dinner. Traditionally, it takes all day to make, but nowadays you can get canned red beans and make it much quicker.

I confess, I've never actually lived in New Orleans. But my mom brought the culture with her when she moved to other places in the US and passed it on to my siblings and me. My sister lives in South Korea now and regularly makes red beans and rice! I think the red beans in Japan are different from what we use in the US, but I hope to make red beans and rice for my friends here sometime. I'm not very good at cooking, but food is a great way to connect with people.

I hope that everyone will like my red beans and rice, and I look forward to eating more and more Miyazaki food!

