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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 old folk houses built over 150 years ago?

- ◇**Date & Time:** October 22nd (Sat) 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- ◇**Venue:** "Shiiba" traditional folk house, Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History
- ◇**Instructor:** Junko Fujita, plus two others from Ayane Koto Ensemble
- ◇**Spaces Available:** 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

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 in Japanese! Experience 'shodou'! Try writing your favourite Japanese words with a brush!
- ◇**Date & Time:** October 30th (Sun) 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- ◇**Venue:** Sokyakusojin Center
- ◇**Space Available:** 10
- ◇**To Apply:** Please let us know your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.
- ◇**Deadline:** October 22nd (Sat)
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, No Registration Required



- ◇**Dates & Times:**
[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28
[Saturday] 2:30pm - 3:30pm 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29
- ◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1F
- ◇**Inquiries:** 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 Ajsai 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

Japanese Calligraphy (shodou) Workshop *Free, No Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Plaza has arranged a calligraphy corner for those who are interested in calligraphy but do not own calligraphy tools. Foreigners are welcome to visit and give it a try.

- ◇**Dates & Time:** October 4th (Tue) - October 29th (Sat) 10:00am - 7:00pm
- *Closed on Sundays, Mondays and National holidays.
- ◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 floor, Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



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

It's been decided! The 17th Miyazaki International Festival ~Friends of the World~

Since travelling abroad is restricted due to Covid-19, why not experience cultures from around the world through cultural exchange right here in Miyazaki? You will be able to interact with foreign residents living in Miyazaki, watch events on the stage, listen to talks from the international organization and more, let's enjoy it together!

- ◇**Date & Time:** November 27th (Sun) 12:00pm - 4:30pm
- ◇**Venue:** Miyako City Shopping Center 3F Ajsai Hall
- ◇**Admission:** Free



Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore (Japanese & Chinese)

◇Date & Time: October 18th (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: October 13th (Thu)



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

◇Date & Time: October 20th (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: October 15th (Sat)



★A chat with Eilidh from the U.K. (Japanese & English)

◇Date & Time: October 21st (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: October 18th (Tue)



◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza

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

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

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

International Chat Sessions Chinese Second Term *Registration Required

Try chatting in Chinese with the Coordinators for International Relations from the Prefectural Government or volunteers from Chinese-speaking countries! From those who have just started learning Chinese to those who have a high level of ability, everyone can participate.

◇Dates & Times: 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13

Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

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

◇Application Deadline: October 27th (Thu)

◇Fee: patrons and students ¥1,000 (6 sessions)

non-members ¥3,000 (6 sessions)

middle school students and under ¥500 (6 sessions)

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

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

你好!



International Understanding Lecture – Germany “Germany’s tourist spots – have a quick look at Germany with Lars” *Free, Registration Required

Berger Lars will talk about the history and culture of his home country, and share the not so well known charms of German cities that are not written in guide books.

(The talk will be given in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: December 3rd (Sat) 10:00am - 12:00pm

◇Venue: MJ Hall (Miyakonojo)

◇Lecturer: Mr. Lars Berger

◇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: November 21th (Mon)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop (Nichinan) “Let’s make the Japanese dish ozouni (a soup of containing rice cakes and vegetables)” *Free, Registration Required

Let’s make the traditional Japanese food for the new year known as ozouni together.

◇Dates&Time: December 10th (Sat) 10:00am - 12:00pm

◇Venue: Manabi-Pia (Nichinan)

◇Spaces Available: 12 (first come, first served)

◇Target : Foreign Residents of Miyazaki

◇Fee: Free

◇To apply

◇Deadline: November 29th (Tue)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki international



A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

The Miyazaki Support Centre for Foreign Residents provides a ‘Zoom consultation’ service for those who are unable to come to the centre directly. Please send you enquire to support@mif.or.jp and be sure to include the following information from 1-4.

1. Your name
2. Your email address
3. The date or time you would like to meet
4. What it is you would like to discuss (child rearing, work, school/ education, medical care, divorce, Japanese language learning, status of residence in Japan etc.)

◇Discussion reception desk opening hours:

Tuesday – Saturday (morning) 10:30am-12:00pm,
(afternoon) 2:00pm-5:00pm

*Closed Sunday, Monday and on National holidays

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Carino Miyazaki B1F) TEL: 0985-41-5901

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Staff's Tweet

The other day, I threw away the backpack that I had taken with me around the many countries I had travelled over the last 20 years. Although it ripped the last time I brought it with me on a long trip, I strengthened it with tape and it continued to be my trusty companion. For close to three years, due to the corona virus, it hasn't been possible to easily go on holiday, and since I have reached an age where it now difficult for me to go about as I please, staying at guesthouses, with my backpack, I regrettably decided it was time to depart with my beloved backpack. The era we live in allows us to experience travel online, eliminating the need for us to carry luggage, but I am awaiting the day when it becomes possible again for us to go and experience travel in every essence of the word. (Staff : S)



A Scott in Miyazaki



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Eilidh Galloway

“An unusually complex self-introduction”

Hi everyone, I'm Eilidh the new Miyazaki prefectural CIR from Scotland. This is my first article for the Plaza news, よろしくお願ひいたします。

I'm sure many of you took one look at my name and thought how on earth do you pronounce that?! My name is actually Gaelic, which is an old Celtic language that was predominately spoken in Ireland and the West coast of Scotland. Although I myself cannot actually speak any Gaelic, my parents decided to burden me with a name from my home country just to make it that much more difficult to introduce myself whenever I meet new people. For those who are interested, my name kind of phonetically sounds like 'Ai-lay', the 'd' and 'h' are silent. In Scotland, particularly on the West coast and the islands, street signs and place names are written both in English and Gaelic. We even have Gaelic ambulances that say 'Ambaileans'! Don't worry though, if you ever have to use an ambulance in Scotland you don't need to be able to speak Gaelic.

As I said, although I have no literary ability when it comes to Gaelic, apart from explaining that it is the reason for the slightly unusual spelling of my name, I think it is really important that old languages or dialects of countries don't get forgotten. Even though it takes me an extra 15 minutes to introduce myself compared to the average person, I'm proud to have a name that is so intrinsically connected to my homeland. I hope to use these articles as a way of introducing all the weird and wonderful parts of Scotland to you all. Until next time!

Eilidh is.....
Gaelic
and English....

