



# PLAZA NEWS



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## Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the end and beginning of year holidays from December 29<sup>th</sup>(Thu) to January 3<sup>rd</sup>(Tue), 2023.  
\*We will be reopening from January 4<sup>th</sup>(Wed), 2023.

### International Understanding Lecture-Uzbekistan "Uzbekistan, the unknown Japanese ally" \*Free, Registration Required

Komiljon Ganiev, from Uzbekistan, will give a talk about his native country's culture, daily life and much more!  
(The talk will be given in Japanese.)◇Date & Time: January 21<sup>st</sup> (Sat) 10:00am - 12:00pm

◇Venue: Online (Zoom)

◇Lecturer: Mr. Komiljon Ganiev

◇Spaces Available: 40 (First-come, first-served)

◇Fee: Free

◇To Apply: <https://forms.gle/dpvt2VRHTgThUZAC9>◇Application Deadline: January 11<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

◇Inquiries &amp; Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



### International Understanding Lecture-America "Good morning, Ohio!" \*Free, Registration Required

David Conostas, from America, will give a talk about his native country's culture, daily life and much more!  
(The talk will be given in Japanese.)◇Date & Time: February 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: Hyuga-shi bunka kōryū Center 3F conference hall

◇Lecturer: Mr. David Conostas

◇Spaces Available: 25 (First-come, first-served)

◇Fee: Free

◇To Apply: <https://forms.gle/JCXabztzV8XJeVcF7>◇Application Deadline: February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thu)

◇Inquiries &amp; Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



### Talk with the CIRs ♪ \*Free, Registration Required

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

◇Date & Time: January 19<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm◇Application Deadline: January 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

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

◇Date & Time: January 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm◇Application Deadline: January 17<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

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

◇Date & Time: January 24<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 6:00pm - 7:00pm◇Application Deadline: January 19<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

◇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 &amp; Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Festival Exhibition "Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking in" Traveling Exhibit ~Prefectural Government edition~ \*Free

There are 63 art works on display submitted by the foreign residents who live in Miyazaki on the theme 'Miyazaki'.  
Please take the time to appreciate how our foreign residents see Miyazaki.◇Display Period: January 16<sup>th</sup>(Mon) to January 31<sup>st</sup>(Tue)  
8:30am-6:00pm◇Venue: Miyazaki Prefectural Government Hall,  
Disaster Prevention Hall Ground Floor◇Works on display: photos, paintings/drawings,  
Japanese-calligraphy, and handmade crafts

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



### Local Japanese Language Classes \*Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

#### <Nichinan>

◇Theme: Have fun practicing your Japanese!

~I want to know! How do I get to the places I want to go?~

◇Date & Time: January 15<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

◇Venue: Sokyakusojin Center

◇Space Available: 15

◇How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number,  
nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.◇Application Deadline: January 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇Inquiries &amp; Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



#### <Shintomi>

◇Theme: How to use public transport

◇Date & Time: January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm

◇Venue: Shintomi Town General Cultural Exchange Center Kirari

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

◇Inquiries &amp; Application:

Shintomi Town General Policy Division

Email: kikaku\_g@town.shintomi.lg.jp



### Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents in Nobeoka \*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: January 29<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm

◇Venue: Nobeoka City Hall

◇Target: Foreigners living in Miyazaki prefecture

◇Lectures containing: Planning out your escape route,  
how to give first aid

◇Spaces Available: 20

◇Fee: Free

◇To Apply: <https://forms.gle/squsX23bYwFi1Q9u9>◇Application Deadline: January 20<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

◇Inquiries &amp; Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents Participant applications open! \*Application Required



- ◇**Date & Time:** February 12<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- ◇**Topic:** "Miyazaki" (Things you have felt while living in Miyazaki, feelings towards your home country, dreams for the future, and so forth)
- ◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Prefectural Government Office Building No.5 Room 521

- ◇**Eligibility:** anyone who meets the following criteria
  1. Those residing in Miyazaki prefecture, over the age of 16, whose first language is NOT Japanese
  2. Have lived in Japan for LESS than 5 years

### ◇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:** January 21<sup>st</sup> (Sat)

◇**How to Apply:** Please hand in your ①Application form (with a photo of yourself attached) and ②Speech script (romaji is also accepted), by one of the following methods; handed directly into the Foundation, by post, or by email.

\*The application form can be downloaded online from the Miyazaki International Foundation homepage.

◇**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 March 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat).

In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process.

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

### ◇Volunteer Period:

April 7<sup>th</sup> (Fri) to September 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat) \*Excluding Holidays

### ◇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.

◇**Others:** Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (\*however, 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)

◇**Dead Line:** March 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

## Japanese Practice Sessions \*Free, No Registration Required



### ◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 1/11, 1/18, 1/25  
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27  
[Saturday] 2:30pm - 3:30pm 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

## 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](mailto: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

FAX : 0985-41-5902 E-mail : [support@mif.or.jp](mailto:support@mif.or.jp)



<Comments from consultants>



I am only able to access the support centre via public transport. It can take some time, so I worry whether my children will become displeased or tired. Therefore, I have been holding my consultations online.

When I discovered there was a support centre for foreign residents in Miyazaki, I was very happy. I felt that this was not a lonely place, but a safe environment. Thank you very much.



## A Scot in Miyazaki



## "New Year's Resolutions"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Eilidh Galloway

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to have a relaxing break. It's the beginning of a new year, so you know what that means, gym memberships are going at a discounted rate and dry-Jan is in its early stages.

Although I will not be partaking in either of these things, the new year is a great opportunity to set new goals and resolutions for what you would like to try or achieve in the next year. Have you thought of your resolution yet?

I always find it hard to stick to resolutions, usually because I choose something that's quite unrealistic. But this year, because I'm in Miyazaki, I have decided that my New Year's resolution is to try to learn how to surf. I don't expect to become a pro-surfer, but if you live in Miyazaki surely you would be a fool not to try it at least once? There are places where you can learn to surf in Scotland, but even just the thought of going into the Scottish sea makes me feet numb.

I would also like to explore more of Kyushu. My grandparents are both originally from Kyushu, so it would be nice to learn more about their hometowns and culture. And it's an added bonus that no matter where you go the food is always going to be good!

This year, rather than focus on things I need to do better or change, I want to focus on things I would like to try and experiences I would like to have. Miyazaki is not somewhere that everyone has the chance to go, and Kyushu has so much to offer that does not exist in my home country. Although my resolutions this year are nothing dramatic, I feel confident that this year I might be able to stick to my word.