



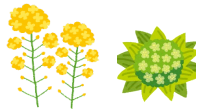
# PLAZA NEWS



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## Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed on March 21<sup>st</sup> (Tue) for the national holiday.



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

### ◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29  
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31  
[Saturday] 2:30pm - 3:30pm 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Art Festival Exhibition "Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking in" Traveling Exhibit ~ Nobeoka City~ \*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: March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) to March 17<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

◇Venue: Nobeoka City Station Complex Enclave

◇Works on display: photos, paintings/drawings, Japanese-calligraphy, and handmade crafts

◇Inquiries: Nobeoka City  
International Exchange Promotion Office  
Tel:0982-22-7006



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

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

◇Date & Time: ①March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
②March 24<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm



◇Application Deadline: ①February 28<sup>th</sup> (Tue)  
②March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed)

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

◇Date & Time: ①March 14<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
(Japanese & Chinese)  
②March 14<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
(Japanese & English)



◇Application Deadline: ①March 9<sup>th</sup> (Thu)  
②March 9<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

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

◇Date & Time: ①March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
②March 30<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm



◇Application Deadline: ①March 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat)  
②March 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

**\*② is intended for students. We request that the parents or guardians of elementary school students drop them off and pick them up.**

◇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

## 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).

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

### ◇Volunteer Period:

April 7<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2023 to September 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 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



## We opened Hinata Nihongo Navi!

"Hinata Nihongo Navi" is a portal site for foreign residents in Miyazaki Prefecture who want to learn Japanese and Japanese residents who want to support their learning. Efforts such as Japanese language courses and learning supporter training courses implemented in each municipality are posted. Please take advantage of it.

<https://hinatanihongo.mif.or.jp/english/>



◇Inquiries: 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.

◇Target: Foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Miyazaki International Plaza Introducing the library corner

At the Miyazaki International Plaza located in the basement of Carino, there is a library corner where you are able to borrow two books for up to two weeks for free.

You can choose from multi-cultural books to books written in languages including English, Korean, and Chinese, and textbooks for the Japanese language proficiency exam. Also, you can use the multi-purpose space next to the International Plaza to read newspapers written in English or study. Please feel free to utilise these resources.

### 【Miyazaki International Plaza】

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## 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

## A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

### Consultations available online

#### \*Free, Reservation Required

The Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents provides a 'Zoom consultation' service for those who are unable to come to the center 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)

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### Staff's Tweet

Just a stone's throw away from the train station in Xinbei City, next to New Taipei City, there is Myanmar Town. Along Huaxin Street, in addition to Myanmar, Yunnan Shan tribe, and Thai cuisine, there are stores specialising in Southeast Asian ingredients. In the 1990s, Taiwan began accepting immigrants from overseas in accordance with the "Southbound Policy" as a countermeasure against labour shortages. There are many immigrants, especially people from Myanmar, living in this city, and a mix of various cultures.

In Miyazaki, among the nationalities of foreigners living in the prefecture, the population of Vietnamese is the highest. As far as I know, there are Vietnamese-owned restaurants and grocery stores in Miyazaki, Ebino, and Miyakonojo.

It may take a little courage to walk into such a store or talk to a foreigner you meet, but by even taking just a small step like saying a simple greeting, wouldn't you say it could help deepen the relationship between members of the same community? As residents living in the same area, by interacting and taking an interest in one another, you may be able to further connections with foreigners. (Staff: U)



## March Events



| Event  | Date&Time  | Venue  | Contact  |
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| The 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Miyazaki Festival         | March 4 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)<br>11:00am - 6:00pm  | From Takachiho Street<br>to Amu Plaza Miyazaki<br><b>Miyazaki City</b> | MRT Miyazaki Festival<br>Executive Committee<br>0985-27-5532 |
| Takanabe Castle Ruins<br>Sakura Festival<br>2023 | March 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)<br>10:00am - 4:00pm | Maizuru Park<br><b>Takanabe Town</b>                                   | Takanabe Town<br>Tourism Association<br>0983-22-5588         |

### A Scot in Miyazaki

### "Mothering Sunday"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Eilidh Galloway

It's March, officially springtime, I think. In the UK, the equivalent of Mother's Day in many other countries is called Mothering Sunday and takes place every year sometime in mid-March. It is a special day dedicated to celebrating the life and love which mother's give to their children.

Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent since the 16th century. Most countries use the US date for Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, while others choose the 8th of March which is International Women's Day. However, the date of Mothering Sunday changes every year in the UK since it is relative to other holidays on the calendar. Held annually on the 4th Sunday of the Lent season, Mothering Sunday in the UK is always three weeks before Easter Sunday.

Many families in the UK celebrate with traditional parties and events. In some families, children wake up early on the morning of Mothering Sunday to prepare for the baking of special cakes while others have modernised it to the point of it being like other holidays on the UK calendar, arranging activities like going out for lunch or dinner or going shopping.

Although the date for Mother's Day may vary country to country, it is nice to know that many places have a special day to celebrate and show appreciation to mothers. Even though it is not in season in Japan this month, maybe I'll be able to find a nice Sakura themed pop-up card to send back to my mum in the UK. I just hope the UK Post Office doesn't lose it!

