



# PLAZA NEWS



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## Plaza Holiday Closing



The International Plaza will be closed from May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wed) to May 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri) for the public holidays.

## Japanese Language Course Beginner1-2-3 \*Registration required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◇Date & Time : May 9<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

Level 1: Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:15am - 12:15pm  
Level 2: Every Tuesday and Thursday 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
Level 3: Every Tuesday and Thursday 4:00pm - 6:00pm

\*2 orientation sessions and 30 lessons

◇Venue: Level 1,2: CARINO Miyazaki B1

Level 3: ATOMica Miyazaki Large conference room  
(Miyazaki 'Nanairo' East Building 8th floor)

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

Level 2: Those who can read 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

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Online Japanese Language Course Beginner1-2-3 \*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: May 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) to Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

Every Wednesday and Friday 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
2 orientation sessions and 30 lessons

◇Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time

◇Class Size: 7 people ◇Textbook fee : ¥2,640

<Beginner2>

◇Date & Time: May 9<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:15am - 12:15pm  
2 orientation sessions and 30 lessons

◇Target: Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana

◇Class Size: 7 people ◇Textbook fee : ¥2,640

<Beginner3>

◇Date & Time: May 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) to Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

Every Wednesday and Friday 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
2 orientation session and 30 lessons

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

◇Class Size: 7 people ◇Textbook fee : ¥2,640

☆Course Fee: Free

\*Participants will need to buy their own textbook

☆Application: <https://forms.gle/4gnPrT4UHbwmiox2A>

☆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Kirari - Japanese Language Salon in Shintomi \*Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇Date & Time: May 21<sup>st</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.

◇Application Deadline: May 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application:

Shintomi Town General Policy Division

Email: hamamoto-947@town.shintomi.lg.jp

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

◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31  
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 5/12, 5/19, 5/26

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

## International Understanding Lecture – France ~Let's make French crepes! ~ \*Free, Registration Required

We welcome Alex, a French resident in Miyazaki, who will give a lecture on the food culture of France. After the talk, everyone will have the chance to make pancakes (crepes) originating from the Brittany region.

(\*The talk will be given in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: May 27<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 1:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki City Youth Plaza cooking room

◇Lecturer: Mr. Alex Hays

◇Spaces Available: 8 pairs of one adult and one child (aged 4-12 years old) \*First-come, first-served

◇Fee: Free

◇What to bring: Apron, bandana, face mask, slippers (indoor shoes), writing utensils

◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address and phone Number by phone, email or in person.

◇Application Deadline: May 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Now recruiting volunteers for chat sessions in English, Chinese or Korean!

We are currently recruiting volunteers to help with our English, Chinese and Korean chat sessions. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch!

◇Dates & Times:

<English> 10:30am-11:30am, Saturday mornings in June and July

<Chinese> 6:00pm-7:00pm, Tuesday evenings from June to August

<Korean> 6:00pm-7:00pm, Thursday evenings from June to August

\*Please contact us for more information.

◇Venue: Carino Miyazaki B1F

◇Who can Volunteer: Anyone who has no difficulty speaking English, Chinese or Korean. \*You don't have to be a native speaker to volunteer!

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



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

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

◇Date & Time: ①May 12<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

②May 19<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

\*②: Priority will be given to students.



◇Application Deadline: ①May 9<sup>th</sup> (Tue) ②May 16<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

(①Japanese & Chinese ②Japanese & English)

◇Date & Time: ①May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

②May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue) 6:00pm - 7:00pm



◇Application Deadline: ①May 18<sup>th</sup> (Thu) ②May 18<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

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

◇Date & Time: May 25<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

◇Application Deadline: May 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat)



◇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 First Term \*Registration Required

Let's chat in English, Chinese, and Korean with Prefectural Coordinators for International Relations and foreign volunteers.

<English>

◇Dates & Times: 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15 Saturdays  
10:30am - 11:30am 6 sessions in total

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

◇Target: Those who can make basic conversation in English.

◇Application Deadline: May 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

<Chinese>

◇Dates & Times: 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1 Tuesdays  
6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

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

◇Target: Those interested in Chinese.

◇Application Deadline: June 13<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

<Korean>

◇Dates & Times: 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24 Thursdays  
6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

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

◇Target: Those studying Korean or can manage everyday conversational language.

◇Application Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup> (Thu)

★Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1

★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



## Staff's Tweet

For the first time in my life, I am working in the first floor of a basement. Recently, I have found this environment to be a great place to focus on work. It is refreshing to take a walk at lunchtime, feel the warmth of the early summer breeze, and fully appreciate the sun. However, since I cannot see the climate outside while I am working, I sometimes wonder about the temperature and weather.

On the other hand, in Ukraine many people have been forced to live in underground shelters due to attacks from Russia. Every time I see the news, I realise how grateful I am for peace. In Miyazaki we can work hard with peace of mind every day. (Staff: S)



## Notice regarding the booth exhibition at the Miyazaki International Festival

On 21<sup>st</sup> May the Miyazaki International Foundation will be holding a booth at the 'Miyazaki International Festival -World Terrace 2023' sponsored by the Junior Chamber International Miyazaki. We will be introducing the association as well as displaying a panel with greetings from around the world, and plan to host events including the trying of world instruments. We will also be introducing the Miyazaki Support Centre for Foreign Residents. We hope you can make it!

◇Dates & Times: May 21<sup>st</sup> (Sun)

11:00am - 4:00pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki Municipal University



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

### Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in Miyazaki \*Free, No Reservation Required

Staff will be available for consultations concerning everyday difficulties. Consultations are strictly confidential.

◇Date & Time: May 21<sup>st</sup> (Sun) 11:00am - 4:00pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki International Festival

– World Terrace 2023 – location Miyazaki Municipal University

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

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## A Scot in Miyazaki

*"A wee blether with a pal"*



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Eilidh Galloway

I recently had a facetime with a friend from back home and we were talking about teachers from high school. She told me that one of our old biology teachers got married to one of our old P.E. teachers and showed me their wedding photos on Facebook! Honestly, I was so surprised, I never took biology in high school, but I remembered the teacher's face and name as soon as I saw her. What I didn't realise, until she showed me the photo, was of course that I had no idea what either teacher's first names were.

Since coming to Japan, I have had the opportunity to meet so many people through work and various friends, but almost all the time people introduce themselves with the family name, and I never find out what their first name is. Even people I have been working with for almost a year, I realised after the call with my friend that if I was ever to look them up on Facebook, I wouldn't know what to search! Come to think of it I may be one of the only people in my workplace who is referred to by their first name. This is also probably one of the main reasons I have trouble remembering name kanji, because no one ever tells you their first name!

Anyway, this phone call ended up going on for hours, but it was fun to think back on high school reminisce a wee bit. But it made me realise I should probably make a point of trying to find out people's first names more while I'm in

Japan. Hopefully then I will also be able to improve my kanji understanding a bit more too!

