



PLAZA NEWS



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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

Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, No Registration Required



◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

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

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇Date & Time: July 23rd (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm

◇Venue: Shintomi Town General Cultural Exchange Center *Kirari*

◇Spaces Available: 15 ◇Fee: Free

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

◇Application Deadline: July 16th (Sun)

◇Inquiries & Application:

Shintomi Town General Policy Division

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



Mimata Nihon-Go (Japanese Language Class) *Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇Date & Time: August 6th (Sun) 1:00pm - 3:00pm

◇Venue: Mimata Town Central Public Hall

◇Spaces Available: 10 ◇Fee: Free

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

◇Inquiries & Application: Chikyujin Base

Email: chikyujin.base@gmail.com

Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster (Hyuga City) *Free, Registration Required

In the workshop, you will thoroughly learn about efforts to support foreigners in times of disaster and the provision of information in simple Japanese. (The seminar will be given in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: July 22nd (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: Hyuga City Daiodani Community Center
Large Conference Room

◇Lecturer: Ms. Minako Takagi

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

◇Fee: Free

◇Target: Those with interest in supporting foreign residents and multiculturalism.

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

◇Application Deadline: July 12th (Wed)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

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

◇Date & Time: ①July 7th (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

②July 21st (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

*②: Priority will be given to students.



◇Application Deadline: ①July 4th (Tue) ②July 18th (Tue)

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

◇Date & Time: July 11th (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: July 6th (Thu)



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

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

◇Application Deadline: July 15th (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 Understanding Lecture Singapore *Free, Registration Required

Ong Yuding, from Singapore, will be invited as a lecturer to talk about the latest information on sightseeing in Singapore. Let's think about how to improve Miyazaki's tourism image and share our ideas! (The talk will be in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: August 5th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F Meeting Room

◇Lecturer: Ms. Ong Yudin (CIR)

◇Spaces Available: About 15 (Students will be given priority. First-come, first-served)

◇Fee: Free

◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number and the name of your school by phone, fax, email or in person.

◇Application Deadline: July 22nd (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



International Understanding Lecture South Korea *Free, Registration Required

Yang Haejeong, from South Korea, will be invited as a lecturer to talk about the latest information on sightseeing in South Korea. Let's think about how to improve Miyazaki's tourism image and share our ideas! (The talk will be in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: August 19th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F Meeting Room

◇Lecturer: Ms. Haejeong Yang (CIR)

◇Spaces Available: About 15 (Students will be given priority. First-come, first-served)

◇Fee: Free

◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number and the name of your school by phone, fax, email or in person.

◇Application Deadline: August 5th (Sat)

◇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 9/2 (Sat).

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

◇Volunteer Period:

October 3rd (Tue), 2023 to March 30th (Sat), 2024

◇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



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



Answers to the Plaza News June edition 'Let's try a quiz about the G7 countries!'

- Q1. 2.The gap between the two front teeth
- Q2. Chocolate
- Q3. Spanish
- Q4. The Sunday three weeks before Easter Sunday (March)
- Q5. 70 years
- Q6. Drip coffee paper sampling
- Q7. 2.Bread
- Q8. True
- Q9. Anne of Green Gables



*Please see the June edition of the plaza news on the foundation homepage for the questions to the quiz.

<https://www.mif.or.jp/english/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/06/English2306.pdf>



A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (Tagalog, Vietnamese)

*Free, Reservation Required

Consultations are available in Tagalog and Vietnamese about any problems in your life. Consultations are strictly confidential.

*Reservation required. (Appointments are available on the day.)

◇Date & Time:

<Tagalog> July 8th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

<Vietnamese> July 15th(Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Online Consultations (using Zoom) are also available.)

◇**Spaces Available:** 4 each

◇**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



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in Hyuga *Free, Registration Required

Staff will be available for consultations concerning everyday difficulties. You can consult with us in your native language.

(We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations) Consultations are strictly confidential.

*Reservation required. (Appointments are available on the day.)

◇**Date & Time:** July 22nd (Sat) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

◇**Venue:** Hyuga City Daiodani Community Center Study Room 3

◇**How to Apply:** Priority will be given to advance reservations.

You can also come in person (up to 30 minutes per appointment).

Please send us an email or fax at least one day in advance containing: ①your name, ②contact details (telephone number), ③ what you would like to discuss, and ④what language you would prefer to use for consultation.

◇**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

Local Announcements

<Kobayashi City>

Local Japanese Class "KIZUNA"

*Free, Reservation Required

A class where you can speak, read, and write Japanese. It is a class where you can enjoy speaking with the Japanese language teacher and people of Kobayashi. Children can participate with you. (Childcare is also available)

◇Date & Time / Theme:

• July 16th (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm / Shopping

• August 6th(Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm / Preparing for summer festivals

◇**Venue:** TENAMU building (Kobayashi City Hosono 1897)

◇**Target:** Foreign residents interested in taking classes.

◇**Fee:** Free

◇**Application:**

◇**Inquiries:** Kobayashi City Regional Revitalisation Division TEL: 0984-23-1148



A Scot in Miyazaki

"Aoshima"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Eilidh Galloway

The rainy season is officially upon us here in Miyazaki, but in amongst the showery spells, there are days of warmth and sunshine. A few weeks ago, some friends came to visit me in Miyazaki, and we took one of these sunny days as an excuse to go to the beach at Aoshima.

One of my favourite spots in Aoshima is 'surf café ulu', located just across from the bus stop by the botanical gardens. They serve all kinds of beachy foods, but my favourite by far has been the acai bowls. Eating an acai bowl by the beach surrounded by palm trees is perhaps one of the most unnatural things for a Scottish person to do and is a feeling that as much as I enjoy, I don't think I will ever get used to. After polishing off my mango and summer berries bowl, and reapplying sunscreen, I took my friends to Aoshima shrine. Having lived in Miyazaki for almost a year now, I've accompanied many clients and friends to Aoshima shrine, and every time their reactions are the same. Among Japan's many magnificent shrines, Aoshima has a unique atmosphere, located on a white-sandy island surrounded by tropical plants. Every person I have been with always comments that it doesn't feel like Japan. The sea was full of surfers, and we sat by the sea and ate shaved ice. Spending time in Aoshima made me excited for the summer to come. Although it will be hot, I am excited to spend my summer in a tropical place, which I think is safe to say is the complete opposite of Glasgow and continue to introduce Miyazaki to my friends.

