



PLAZA NEWS



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Plaza Holiday Closing



The International Plaza will be closed on February 23rd (Fri) for the public holiday.

Local Japanese Language Classes *Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

<Shintomi>

◆Theme: Let's learn bicycle traffic rules

◆Date & Time: February 18th (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00noon

◆Venue: Shintomi Town West Gymnasium

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

◆Application due: February 5th (Mon)

◆Inquiries & Application:

Miyazaki International Foundation Email: miyainfo@mif.or.jp

<Nichinan>

◆Theme: Obi Walking

◆Date & Time: February 25th (Sun) 13:30- 15:30

◆Venue: Sokyakusojin Center

2F Itten Horikawa Building, 3-4-1-2 Iwasaki, Nichinan City

◆How to Apply: Please apply via Google form

<https://forms.gle/d7aXYzn35JL4WAn9>

◆Application due: February 21st (Wed)

◆Inquiries & Application: Mr. Gonzalez Jose Luis

(Nichinan City, Coordinator of International Relations)

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18th Annual Art Festival - Traveling Exhibitions - Kawaminami & Nobeoka -

"Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking in"
*Free viewing

There are 39 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.

Kawaminami

◆Display Period: March 1st(Fri) to March 13th(Wed)

◆Venue: Kawaminami Town Library 1F

Nobeoka

◆Display Period: March 15th(Fri) to March 28th(Thu)

◆Venue: Nobeoka station encross, kids space

◆Works on display:

photos, paintings/drawings,
Japanese-calligraphy, and handmade crafts

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, Registration Required

◆Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 2/2, 2/9, 2/16

◆Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

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

◆Date & Time: February 6th (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◆Application Deadline: February 2nd(Fri)



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

◆Date & Time: February 8th(Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◆Application Deadline: February 6th(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

Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers within Miyazaki Prefecture, 18 years of age or older, to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff.

*Volunteers expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◆Volunteer Period:

April 9th (Tue) to September 28th (Sat) *Excluding Holidays

◆Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tuesday to Saturday 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.)

◆Application Deadline: March 2nd (Sat)

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Consultations available online *Free, Reservation Required



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 us your enquiry including the following information.

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

◆Discussion reception desk opening hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10:30am-12:00noon, 2:00pm-5:00pm

*Closed on Sundays, Mondays and National holidays

◆Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Carino Miyazaki B1)

TEL : 0985-41-5901 FAX : 0985-41-5902 E-mail : 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.



Local Announcements

<Miyakonojo>

World Festa in Miyakonojo in 2024

◆Date & Time : March 2nd(Sat) 12:00– 16:00

◆Venue : MJ Hall

◆Entry : Free

◆Event details :

- An introduction to a variety of countries and a chance to interact with many cultures.
- Be introduced to various international exchange groups and enjoy a panel display.

◆Contact : MIA (Miyakonojo International Association)

TEL: 0986-23-2295 E-mail: mia@btvm.ne.jp

<Kobayashi>

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:

• February 4th (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00noon / Preparations for the cooking class

• February 18th (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00noon / Cooking class

◆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



Plum blossom viewing information *The dates shown are just a rough guide.

Plums	Best time to see	Area	Contact
Korinbai	Early~Late February	Kaeda Miyazaki City	Miyazaki City Kibana Regional Center 0985-58-1111
Zaronbai	Early~Mid February	Yunomiya Shintomi Town	Shintomi Town Industrial Promotion Division 0983-33-6029
Gecchibai	Mid~Late February	Gecchibai Park Miyazaki City	Takaoka General Branch 0985-82-1111

"A Journey Through Japan: Festive Delights and Cultural Wonders"



MIF Volunteer
Ullah MD Ayat

It's been a remarkable one-and-a-half years since I first set foot in Japan. I discovered the beauty of Japan, creating a tapestry of memories and experiences.

Christmas was a foreign concept for me, but in Japan I found it to be a delightful celebration. There was the joy of relishing KFC chicken and cake, but the true magic lied in the majestic illuminations and Christmas trees that adorned the streets.

The holiday in Japan for New Year's prompted me to explore Kansai. Embarking on the Miyazaki Car Ferry to Kobe marked my first 12-hour sea voyage. The experience was perfect: accompanied by a buffet dinner, breakfast, and a hot bath. In Kobe, I was mesmerized by the Chinatown, Ikuta Shrine, and the night view of Kobe Port Harbor. On New Year's morning, I was beckoned to the sacred Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto. I joined a fervor of people making wishes during their first shrine visit of the year. I also visited landmarks like Kinkakuji temple, Kiyomizu Dera, and the ethereal Arashiyama bamboo forest. I ventured to Nara Park, where my interaction with the deer, and the adjacent Todaji Temple with its colossal Buddha, painted a vivid picture of nature and spirituality intertwined. I discovered Osaka to be a treasure trove of history. The view from atop the 450-year-old castle, and the lively streets of Dotonbori and Tsutenkaku left an indelible mark in my memory. The city lights from observatories like Abeno Harukas and Kuchu Teien were incredible, the latter providing a magical stroll on its fluorescent stone floor under the stars.

My return journey on the Miyazaki Car Ferry from Kobe marked the end of my spectacular adventure. As I stepped back onto Miyazaki soil, the memories lingered while I headed straight to work, carrying the essence of a truly wonderful journey through Japan.

