



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

Introducing The Miyazaki Prefecture International Plaza

★Location

Carino Miyazaki Basement Floor 1, approximately 10-minute walk from Miyazaki Station into the city centre, next to the Miyazaki Central Post Office

★Opening hours

Open: Tuesdays to Saturdays 10am – 7pm

Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National holidays and December 29 to January 3

*For those who come by car, please use the Carino parking lot or a paid parking lot nearby.

Please note that we do not issue parking tickets.

★Facilities Guide

◆Information available.

We provide information related to international exchange, etc.

◆Reading and loaning of books, magazines, and newspapers
You can borrow books written in different languages and various resource textbooks for studying Japanese. Anyone can borrow books for up to two weeks (two books per person at any one time)
You can also read newspapers written in English.

◆Lending of Costumes, Flags and World Boxes

We have flags, toys, instruments, CDs, books from, and information on, various countries available to lend for free.



◆Support from Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs).

We are also supported by Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) that can speak English, Chinese, and Korean. Please speak to the staff members at the association for further information.

Days the CIRs are at the association.

• Tuesday (Chinese)

• Thursday (Korean)

• Friday (English)

There are cases when the CIRs are not at the association, so please check beforehand.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Talk with the CIRs ♪

*Free, Registration Required



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

◇Date & Time: April 23rd (Tue) 6 - 7pm

◇Application Deadline: April 16th (Tue)



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

◇Date & Time: April 18th (Thu) 3 - 4pm

◇Application Deadline: April 11th (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/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

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. Information for Japanese language courses and learning supporter training courses etc. implemented in each municipality are posted. Please take advantage of it.

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



◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

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 discounts for our lectures and workshops
- (Only available for Groups) Website will be linked to our homepage

◆Inquiries : Miyazaki International Foundation

Staff's Tweet

I was watching a TV program featuring a German couple living in an old house in Niigata Prefecture. When they were planting vegetable seedlings in the field in front of their house, I noticed the words "Oh! Miyazaki" printed on a box. That was a box of cucumbers from Miyazaki Prefecture. It was a brief moment, but it was the exact moment when I said to myself, "Oh! Miyazaki". I feel a little pleasure when I see the box with "Oh! Miyazaki" on a truck loaded with Miyazaki agricultural products outside of the prefecture. My friend who lives outside the prefecture said the same thing. "It makes me proud and nostalgic for my hometown Miyazaki." I am sure that many people feel the same way. I am also sure that somewhere in Japan today, someone is being encouraged by "Oh! Miyazaki". (Staff M)



Local Announcement

<Miyazaki City>

Dispatching Japanese-Language Volunteers to Companies Employing Foreigners



We dispatch Japanese language volunteers to companies that employ foreign nationals.



"Minna de Nihongo Kai" of the Miyazaki City International Association holds Japanese language classes every Friday at the Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza.

Recently, we have received voices from technical intern trainees and specified skilled workers living in the suburbs of Miyazaki City that they want to study Japanese, but are unable to attend Japanese language classes because of the distance from where they live.

Therefore, the Association dispatches Japanese language volunteers to the meeting rooms of companies or enterprises that employ foreign residents, or to nearby community centers.

As for the cost of the instructor, we would only ask for the actual cost of transportation and teaching materials.

If your company is interested in this service, please contact us at the following address.

*Only companies or enterprises in Miyazaki City (Kiyotake, Tano, Takaoka, and Sadowara towns) that employ foreigners are eligible to apply.

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki City International Association


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April Events



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact / Updated information
Nobeoka Daishi Festival	April 19 (Fri) - 21 (Sun)	Imayamadaishi Shopping arcades in Nobeoka Nobeoka City	Nobeoka Daishi Festival Sponsor's Association https://nobeokadaisimatsuri.jimdofree.com/
Miyazaki International Street Music Festival 2024	April 29 (Mon/Holiday) 12 noon- 6pm* (*subject to change)	Albright Hall, LAZARUS etc.. Miyazaki City	Miyazaki Art Center 0985-22-3115 



" Growing Old in Miyazaki "



**MIF Volunteer
Michael Narron**

I arrived in Japan in my late twenties with the intention of staying one year. That one year became two, then ten, and before I knew it, I had been here for more than 35 years, longer, in fact, than I had lived in the country of my birth. I have grown old in Japan!

They say that "growing old is not for the young," meaning that growing old is full of unpleasant experiences as our bodies begin to fall apart and our memory fails. But I've found that growing old isn't all that bad, especially when it happens in Miyazaki, where we enjoy great healthcare and plenty of ways to stay physically active.

Healthcare in Japan is world-class, prompt, and affordable. Japanese doctors are not only highly competent and very thorough, but also caring and compassionate. I have never had to wait more than a few minutes to be seen, even without an appointment, and tests the doctor orders are done right away with results returned quickly. Pharmacies are located right next to clinics, so it's quick and easy to have prescriptions filled. And in the 35 years I've been in Miyazaki, I've never spent more than a few hundred yen for such great care!

With her mild weather, Miyazaki is also a great place for outdoor fun to keep active as we age. Her beautiful blue ocean offers surfing and fishing, and her clean rivers are perfect for canoeing and kayaking. Miyazaki's mountains provide lovely scenery for cycling and jogging; and speaking of mountains, Miyazaki is a hiker's paradise. After an active day of outdoor exercise, there are also many hot springs where you can soak your tired muscles in a soothing bath.

I know I can't avoid growing old, but I'm happy that it's happening in Miyazaki!

