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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



Plaza Holiday Closing



The International Plaza will be closed from May 3(Fri) to May 6(Mon) for the national holidays.

A Brief Introduction to What's on at the Miyazaki International Foundation in over the 2024/5 Financial year

The Miyazaki International Foundation is planning to hold the following courses over the coming year. Further information will be posted on our website (<https://www.mif.or.jp/>) and Facebook page, and in Plaza News nearer the time.

[Support for Foreign Residents]

- Disaster Preparedness Seminar for Foreign Residents
- Training Seminar for volunteers to assist foreign residents during natural disasters
- Lectures on Multicultural Symbiosis

[International Exchange]

- Chat Sessions (English, Chinese, Korean)
- Traditional Japanese Culture Experience
- International Understanding Lectures



[Learning Japanese]

- Japanese Speech Contest

We are also planning courses for foreign residents who want to learn Japanese and for local residents who want to support in learning Japanese. For more information, please check Hinata Nihongo Navi.

[Events, Festivals]

- Miyazaki International Festival – “Friends of the World”
- Art Festival exhibiting artworks by foreign residents



[Volunteers]

- Japanese Language Volunteers
(These volunteers help foreign residents to study Japanese.)
- Volunteer Interpreters
(These volunteers are available to interpret at events and exchange activities in public sectors)
- Volunteer Host Families
(These volunteers host people from overseas for homestays.)
- Volunteers to assist foreign residents during natural disasters
- Counter Volunteers at the Miyazaki International Plaza
(Terms: April-September, October-March)

[Dispatch Instructors]

- Advisers on Multicultural Symbiosis
(We dispatch advisors to international understanding lectures held locally for free.)

[Publications]

- South Wind (published twice a year)
- Living in Miyazaki
(published in English in the *Miyazaki Nichinichi Shimbun* newspaper in the last week of every month)
- Plaza News (published monthly)

◆Inquiries: 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: 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13
Saturdays 10:30am - 11:30am 6 sessions in total
- ◆Spaces Available : 10
- ◆Application Deadline: May 25 (Sat)



<Chinese>

- ◆Dates & Times: 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9
Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total
- ◆Spaces Available: 5
- ◆Application Deadline: May 21 (Tue)

<Korean>

- ◆Dates & Times: 5/30, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8
Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total
- ◆Spaces Available: 5
- ◆Application Deadline: May 21 (Tue)

★Target: Those who can make basic conversation in each language.

★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, phone number, email address and preferred language.
*If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to supporting members and first time applicants.

★Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Talk with the CIRs ▶ *Free, Registration Required

How about having a chat in Japanese with the Coordinators for International Relations from the Prefectural Government?

★A chat with Katherine from England

- ◆Date & Time: May 17 (Fri) 3 - 4pm
- ◆Application Deadline: May 10 (Fri)



★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

- ◆Date & Time: May 21 (Tue) 6 - 7pm
- ◆Application Deadline: May 14 (Tue)



★A chat with Haejeong from South Korea

- ◆Date & Time: May 16 (Thu) 3 - 4pm
- ◆Application Deadline: May 9 (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

Now recruiting volunteers for International Chat Sessions in English, Chinese or Korean!

We are currently recruiting volunteers to help with our English, Chinese and Korean International Chat Sessions.

If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch!

◇**Dates & Times:** Please see the previous page.



◇**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

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

Seasonal Flowers

Flower	Best time to see*	Place	Contact / Information
Kyushu Azalea (Miyama Kirishima)	Mid May to Early June	Ebino Plateau (Free entry) Ebino City	EBINO ECO MUSEUM CENTER https://ebino-ecomuseum.go.jp/en/ebino/
Jacaranda	Late May to Early June	Michi-no-Eki-Nango (Free entry) Nichinan City	Nichinan City Tourist Association 0987-31-1134 https://www.kankou-nichinan.jp/

A Brief Introduction to the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents



[Consultation]

- In-person and Online Consultations by counselors at the Support Center
- Consultation service by Daily life consultants on everyday life in Japan (Interpreting services in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Indonesian are available.)
- On-site counseling service at each city in Miyazaki prefecture
- Daily life and Legal consultations (Lawyers and paralegals can advise on everyday life issues.)

[Supported languages]

(We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations)

English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Russian, German, Italian, Burmese, Mongolian, Khmer, Sinhala, Hindi, Bengali

*We also respond to enquiries from people who support foreign residents.

[Open] Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

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Please check our Homepage, Facebook and Instagram for more information.



(Website)



(Facebook)



(Instagram)

"Contemplation on the essence of life"



MIF Volunteer
Sarder Sina

From my childhood, I've always dreamed of living in a place where mountains meet the ocean and fields are adorned with flowers. Then one day, my dream came true as I stepped foot in Japan. I knew that my visit wouldn't just satisfy my wanderlust but also leave an indelible mark on my heart.

I was astonished by the culture of "Omotenashi" a term that confines the spirit of selfless hospitality, kindness, and attentiveness to others' needs. So, I came to believe that being surrounded by the beauty of nature not only enriches the environment but also enhances the beauty of minds.

Recently, I had the privilege of embarking on a journey through the museum on the landscape of Kagoshima prefecture- the Chiran Peace Museum. What I experienced left an indelible mark on my soul and deepened my understanding of the harrowing realities of war and the enduring pursuit of peace. The exhibits within the museum paint a vivid picture of the personal artifacts, letters, and photographs. One of them, I read a farewell letter written by a young Kamikaze pilot to his loved one. Reading those letters, I couldn't help but feel a sense of empathy and sorrow for the young lives cut short by the ravages of war.

It reminds me of the fascinating insects known as cicadas ("semi" in Japanese) only live for a short period. During their short lives, they only focus on mating and laying eggs for future generations' existence. So, reflecting on the short life of the cicada, I'm astonished to think that the young kamikaze pilot had the initiative to sacrifice that, teaching future generations about how horrible wars were, and encouraging everyone to work towards peace and conveying a profound sense of duty, patriotism, and love.

It was a reminder that, even in the darkest of times, there is always hope for a brighter future.

I believe the arrival of spring, "Sakura" cherry blossoms for a brief period symbolizes a new beginning, hope, and renewal.

