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Miyazaki International Festival "World Terrace in 2024"

On 21 September (Saturday), we are hosting the Miyazaki International Festival: World Terrace 2024 at Miyazaki Municipal University!

In addition to an exhibition displaying artworks by our foreign residents on the theme of "Miyazaki", there'll be plenty of chances to engage with a range of cultures at our "Friends of the World" area, a live stage with music and dance from around the world and a lot more! It's a great opportunity to connect with the world, and we hope to see you all there!

◇Date & Time : September 21(Sat) 11:00am~4:00pm

◇Venue : Miyazaki Municipal University

★For details, please see our Miyazaki International Foundation Homepage.



Art Festival Exhibition "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking in" at Carino Miyazaki

We are holding an exhibition of the photographs, calligraphy, paintings/drawings and handicrafts created by foreign Miyazaki residents on the theme of "Miyazaki"! They are on display in the basement of Carino Miyazaki. The prize for the best artwork will be decided by popular vote.



◇Date and Time : Sep 4(Wed) - Sep 18(Wed) 10am-7pm

*Closed: Sundays, Mondays, and National Holidays

◇Venue : Carino Miyazaki B1F Communal Space

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop in Shintomi - Yukata wearing tutorial and local festival experience -

*Registration Required, FREE

◇Date and Time : October 20 (Sun) 3:00pm - 5:00pm

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

◇Capacity : 15 (10 women/5 men, first come, first served)

◇Target : Foreign Residents of Miyazaki ◇Cost : Free

◇How to apply: Please apply through the URL or the 2-dimensional barcode below. Applications are also accepted by phone or email.

<https://forms.gle/ZXSnZLaLr1caVdZ9>

◇Application due : October 4 (Fri)

NB: Applications will close once all available places are filled.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki international Foundation



Hinata Japanese Classes (In-Person / Online)

The Miyazaki International Foundation offers beginner-level Japanese language courses for people from overseas living in Miyazaki prefecture. There is no charge for this course. Learn some essential Japanese to help you be more active in your local community!

*For more information, please visit our website or Facebook page.

★In person★

<Introductory level>

◇Date & Time: October 15 (Tue) to February 6 (Thu)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
30 lessons in total

◇Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time

◇Class Size: 10 people



★Online★

<Introductory level>

◇Date & Time: October 16 (Wed) to February 7 (Fri)

Every Wednesday and Friday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
30 lessons in total

◇Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time

◇Class Size: 7 people



<Beginner 1>

◇Date & Time: October 15 (Tue) to February 13 (Thu)

Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
30 lessons in total

◇Target: Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana

◇Class Size: 7 people

<Beginner 2>

◇Date & Time: October 16 (Wed) to February 7 (Fri)

Every Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
30 lessons in total

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

◇Class Size: 7 people

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

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

★A chat with Katherine from England (Japanese & English)

◇Date & Time: ①September 13 (Fri) 3:00 - 4:00 pm

②September 27 (Fri) 3:00 - 4:00 pm



◇Registration Deadline:

①September 6(Fri) ②September 20(Fri)

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

◇Date & Time: September 10 (Tue) 4:00 - 5:00 pm

◇Registration Deadline: September 3 (Tue)



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

◇Date & Time: September 19 (Thu) 6:00 - 7:00pm

◇Registration Deadline: September 12(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/Registration: Miyazaki International Foundation

Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster (Ebino City)

***Free, Registration Required**



Let's practice scenarios for supporting foreign residents in the event of a disaster, and using simple Japanese to send out information! If you're interested in contributing to the support of foreign residents and multicultural coexistence, this course is for you.

◇**Date & Time:** October 19(Sat) 1:00pm - 2:45pm

◇**Venue:** Ebino City International Exchange Center
〒889-4243 Ebino City, Enokida 388-1

◇**Lecturer:** Ms. Minako Takagi

◇**Details** (Course schedule):

- Volunteering to support foreign residents during disaster
- Practice scenarios for supporting foreign residents during disasters and "simple Japanese"
- Workshop

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

◇**Spaces Available:** 30 (First come, first served)

◇**To Apply:** Please apply via the URL or the 2-dimensional barcode. Applications are also accepted by phone or email.

<https://forms.gle/QzubpebtGzSMSe8QA>



◇**Application Deadline:** October 5 (Sat)

◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents (Ebino City)

***Free, Registration Required**

Let's learn what to do in the event of and how to prepare for natural disasters in this seminar!

◇**Date & Time:** October 19 (Sat) 3:00pm - 4:40pm

◇**Location:** Ebino City International Exchange Center

◇**Target:** Foreigners living in Ebino City

◇**Lectures covering:** Natural disasters, How to prepare for them and How to evacuate in the event of them etc.

◇**Spaces Available:** 30

◇**Organized:** Ebino City / Miyazaki prefecture
Miyazaki International Foundation

◇**To Apply:** Ebino City Civic Collaboration Division
TEL:0984-35-1118
Email: kyodo@city.ebino.lg.jp



Introduction of Japanese language volunteers

***Free, Registration Required**



If you live in Miyazaki Prefecture and want to learn Japanese, we have Japanese volunteers who can help you.

Schedules, meeting places, and contents of study are all arranged between the student and volunteer.

◇**Target:** Miyazaki residents who want to learn Japanese

◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (Korean) ***Free, Reservation Required**

Consultations are available in Korean about any problems in your life. Consultations are strictly confidential.

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

◇**Date & Time:** September 28 (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

◇**Spaces Available:** 4

◇**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:**

• September 8 (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00noon / Prepare for Disaster 1

• September 22 (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00noon
/ Prepare for Disaster 2 (Evacuation Drill)

◇**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



Confessions of a scaredy-cat

"How to Survive a Miyazaki Summer"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Katherine Kessler

Do you remember a time when you looked forward to summer? When summer was the time to soak up the sunlight and eat ice cream, not stay indoors and wait for it to be cool enough to tolerate a trip to the shops? That cheerful Beatles classic "Here Comes the Sun" is less of a hopeful prayer and more of a threat these days. As summers get hotter each year, the problem of natsu-bate – falling ill due to summer heat – only becomes more prevalent. There are plenty of ways to stave off natsu-bate, but it's hard not to feel frustrated at the thought that somewhere along the way, summer went from a season to enjoy to a season to survive.

But we're relatively lucky. Miyazaki is by the sea, cooled by a coastal breeze. Consider the concrete jungle of Tokyo. And there's one aspect of Japanese summers that always makes being outside a bit more enjoyable, at least for me: the cicadas. We don't have cicadas in the UK, and even if we did, I can't imagine they'd have the personality of Japanese ones. The soundscape they provide is overwhelming, and their relentless cries seem to defy the notion of natsu-bate. When all is sluggish and overheated, the cicadas are vibrantly alive – until they're not, and their bodies fall unceremoniously out of the trees.

As we move through summer, you'll hear the variety of songs they sing: there's the oil-frying crackle of abura-zemi, the vaguely annoyed sounding min-min, the whimsical chirrup of tsuku-tsuku-boshi. And as we approach the end of summer, on warm dozy evenings you'll hear my personal favourite, the higurashi, plaintive but strangely consoling. As the sweat cools on your skin, listen out for them.

