



# 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



## ◎Plaza Holiday Closing

The Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed on November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat).



## International Chat Sessions Second Term \*Registration Required

Let's chat in English, Chinese, and Korean with Prefectural Coordinators for International Relations and foreign volunteers.

### <English>

◇**Dates & Times:** 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15  
Saturdays 10:30am - 11:30am 6 sessions in total

◇**Spaces Available:** 12

◇**Application Deadline:** December 20 (Fri)

### <Chinese>

◇**Dates & Times:** 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/18  
Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

◇**Spaces Available:** 5

◇**Application Deadline:** December 17 (Tue)

### <Korean>

◇**Dates & Times:** 12/5, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20  
Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

◇**Spaces Available:** 5

◇**Application Deadline:** November 20 (Wed)

★**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 first time applicants.

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

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

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇**Theme:** Let's learn bicycle traffic rules

◇**Date & Time:** November 24<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00 noon

◇**Venue:** Shintomi Town West Gymnasium

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

◇**Application Deadline:** November 8<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

Miyazaki International Foundation

Email: [miyacirs@mif.or.jp](mailto:miyacirs@mif.or.jp)



## Multicultural Coexistence Lecture "Creating a future for our community together" - Diversity and the formation of a sustainable society - ※Free / Registration required

Miyazaki faces serious challenges in the formation of sustainable local communities, due to the rapidly aging and declining population. How can we build a future alongside our foreign residents by embracing diversity? We will be exploring answers to this question with the help of a leading expert in the field of multicultural coexistence.



◇**Date & Time:** December 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

◇**Venue:** Kenden Hall (Miyazaki Prefecture Enterprise Bureau Building 1st floor)

◇**Lecturer:** Mr. Taro Tamura  
(Representative Director, Institute for Human Diversity Japan)

◇**Spaces:** 80 (first come first served)

◇**Application:** Please apply through the URL or the 2-dimensional barcode below. Applications are also accepted by phone or email. <https://forms.gle/DQJBVYFKCveqzg1AA>

◇**Application deadline:** November 20<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

\*Applications will close once all slots are filled.

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation



## Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents Participant applications open! \*Application Required

◇**Date & Time:** February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sun) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Topic:** "Miyazaki" (Things you have felt while living in Miyazaki, feelings towards your home country etc.)

◇**Location:** Kenden Hall  
(Miyazaki Prefecture Enterprise Bureau Building 1st floor)

◇**Eligibility:** anyone who meets the following criteria

1. Those residing in Miyazaki prefecture, over the age of 16, whose first language is NOT Japanese
2. Have lived in Japan for LESS than 5 years

◇**Divisions & Available Spaces:**

Student Division - around 5 / Open Division - around 5

\*If there are a large number of applicants, entries will be screened.

◇**Speech Length Limit:** about 3 min

◇**Deadline:** January 9<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

◇**How to Apply:** Please hand in your ①Application form (with a photo of yourself attached) and ②Speech script (romaji is also accepted), by one of the following methods; handed directly into the Foundation, by post, or by email.

\*The application form can be downloaded online from the Miyazaki International Foundation homepage.

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



## Japanese self-learning tools

Online self-learning is available. A website for foreign nationals living in Japan, where you can learn Japanese useful for daily life.



### TSUNAHIRO

This website is for foreign nationals living in Japan to learn the Japanese language in order to communicate in Japanese and be able to use it in daily life. Learning contents can be chosen based on your Japanese level, the situation that interests you, and keywords. Study and use Japanese to connect with society and broaden life's possibilities.

#### This website is intended for:

- People who live in Japan and have no opportunity to study Japanese
- People who have just moved to Japan and are learning the Japanese language for the first time

This website supports multiple languages to help first-time learners of Japanese take up the language smoothly. Supported languages:

Chinese (simplified) • Chinese (traditional) • English • Filipino • French • Indonesian • Khmer (Cambodian) • Korean • Mongolian • Burmese • Nepali • Portuguese • Russian • Spanish • Thai • Ukrainian • Vietnamese • Japanese (Total: 18 languages)

◆ The purpose of this website is to learn basic Japanese phrases and terms.

◆ This website specializes in everyday situations of foreign nationals living in Japan.

◆ Videos are provided as the main contents, which allow you to see in which situations the words you learn are utilized.

◆ You can start learning Japanese by choosing a scene according to your Japanese level and your interest.

◆ You can search for learning contents by scene that interests you or keyword.

[https://tsunagarujp.mext.go.jp/?lang\\_id=EN](https://tsunagarujp.mext.go.jp/?lang_id=EN)



### IRODORI

Free Online course for learning Japanese essential to daily life!

<https://www.irodori-online.jp/go.jp/>



## 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:** ① November 15 (Fri) 3 - 4 pm

② November 29 (Fri) 3 - 4 pm



◇ **Registration Deadline:**

① November 8 (Fri) ② November 22 (Fri)

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

◇ **Date & Time:** November 12 (Tue) 4 - 5 pm

◇ **Registration Deadline:** November 5 (Tue)



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

◇ **Date & Time:** November 21 (Thu) 3 - 4 pm

◇ **Registration Deadline:** November 14 (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

## A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

### Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (Vietnamese) \*Free, Reservation Required

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

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

◇ **Date & Time:** November 16 (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)

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### Confessions of a scaredy-cat

### "Out with the old, In with the new"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Katherine Kessler

The change is gradual, but it is happening. New faces are replacing familiar ones. I am speaking of course about the new yen bank notes that began circulation in July. There's no doubt that some updates were in order, particularly the anti-counterfeiting measures, but having only spent a cumulative year and a half in the country, I still developed a bit of an attachment to the old designs. So, I'd like to commemorate them here.

First, Hideyo Noguchi, or "the hot guy on the 1000 yen note" as I used to refer to him. He was a highly influential bacteriologist, and I'll miss him. In the UK, you get used to seeing Her Majesty's dignified-but-craggy face on all the notes (though one day, she too will be replaced by her far less charismatic successor). I've been fond of this wavy-haired handsome devil since my first trip to Japan.

Next, two legendary women writers, separated by 1000 years: Higuchi Ichiyo on the 5000 yen and Murasaki Shikibu on the 2000 yen (a note so rare it's not accepted by combini ATMs). Murasaki famously wrote the first ever psychological novel in The Tale of Genji, and Higuchi was a pre-eminent writer of the Meiji period. The 2000 yen is sticking around (though good luck finding one!), but as someone who studied modern Japanese women's literature in some depth, the loss of Higuchi Ichiyo is a sad one.

And lastly, Fukuzawa Yukichi who has decorated the 10,000 yen since 1984. He contributed to Japan's development in the widest ranging ways, from education to philosophy to politics, while never holding an official position. Hopefully he continues to be remembered after he leaves our day to day lives.

Which face will you miss seeing in your wallet the most?

