



# 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 International Plaza will be closed for the end and beginning of year holidays from December 29th(Sun) to January 3rd(Fri), 2025. \*We will be reopening from January 4th(Sat), 2025.



## International Chat Sessions Second Term

### \*Registration Required

Let's chat in English and Chinese 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)

★**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

## Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop "The world of incense: Kodo experience and scent-bag making" \*Registration Required, FREE

We invite you to experience one of Japan's traditional arts in kodo: the art of burning incense and appreciating aromas. You'll also get to choose your favourite scents and create your own nioi-bukuro, scent-bags!

◇**Date and Time :** January 25 (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki City Youth Plaza (1-2-27 Jingu-Higashi)

◇**Lecturer:** Mr. Hiroyuki Tada / Mrs. Harumi Tada  
(FOUATONS Aroma & Herb/Incense School)

◇**Capacity:** 12 (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.

<https://forms.gle/NnSzC4PXPcENiaN88>

◇**Application due:** January 16 (Thu)

◇**Inquiries & Application:** 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:** December 6 (Fri) 3 - 4 pm

◇**Registration Deadline:** December 4 (Wed)



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

◇**Date & Time:** December 10 (Tue) 4 - 5 pm

◇**Registration Deadline:** December 6 (Fri)



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

◇**Date & Time:** December 19 (Thu) 3 - 4pm

◇**Registration Deadline:** December 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

## 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:** up to 5 minutes

◇**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

## Disaster preparedness / crime prevention Information mail service (available in multiple languages)



Information on Disaster Preparedness is available in multiple languages in Miyazaki Prefecture. Information is sent to mobile phones and PCs by email. It is free to register and receive messages (however, any mobile data-related charges are the responsibility of the user). Please check the Miyazaki Prefecture website for more details.

Please check out the website of Miyazaki prefecture.  
<https://www.pref.miyazaki.lg.jp/kiki-kikikanri/bosai/chishiki/20220714104100.html>



< Flyers in multiple languages >



English



Chinese  
(Simplified)



Chinese  
(Traditional)



Korean



Vietnamese

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

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

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

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

◇Date & Time: December 21(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



### < Miyazaki City >

#### Kosodate Café "Flower Arranging" \*Free, Registration required

A gathering for mums, dads, and expecting parents. Come along to try some flower arranging while enjoying a friendly chat. A public health nurse will also be available to answer any questions about raising children.

◇Date & Time: December 20 (Fri) 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

◇Venue: The Miyazaki Center for Gender Equality ("Palette")

◇Target: Parents/Expecting parents with roots overseas

\*If you have childcare needs, please let us know when you sign up.

◇Registration/Inquiries: Text "kosodate" to the official LINE account below. We will respond with further information.

Miyazaki City International Association

TEL: 0985-44-1770

Email: miyazaki-mcia@miyazaki-catv.ne.jp



### < Miyakonojo City >

#### World Festa in Miyakonojo in 2025

Miyakonojo International Association (MIA) invites everyone to come along to the World Festa in Miyakonojo in 2025.

◇Date & Time : January 26<sup>th</sup>(Sun) 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm

◇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.
- Stage performances showcasing songs and dances from overseas.

◇Contact : MIA by E-mail or Phone:

Phone: 0986-23-2295

E-mail: mia@btvm.ne.jp



Confessions of a scaredy-cat

### "Stardom Comes to Miyazaki"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Katherine Kessler

As anybody who has spent more than fifteen minutes talking to me is probably aware, I'm a bit of a professional wrestling fanatic. Luckily for me, Japan is home to some of the most talented wrestlers out there, and I was excited to go to live shows when I moved to Miyazaki. But after checking out a calendar with every upcoming wrestling show across the country, I was presented with a problem. While they visit cities all the way from Aomori to Kagoshima, the touring wrestling promotions seem to miss out Miyazaki every time. All I could find in Miyazaki for months was a smattering of free shows from a local promotion.

But finally in November, Miyazaki was graced with the presence of arguably the top women's wrestling promotion worldwide: Stardom Joshi Puroresu. I immediately got myself a ticket, and spent the intervening weeks unsuccessfully exhorting any of my friends to come and join me. I had seen a Stardom show once before in Tokyo, surrounded by roaring fans while I knew none of the performers; this time I came prepared and brushed up on all the appearing wrestlers and their backstories.

The audience were rather quieter than I was expecting for wrestling, especially such a high-profile promotion. But the show was still a blast, full of spectacular athleticism and tight contests. One of the wrestlers was from Miyazaki, and I had fun chanting her name especially loudly with everyone else. And it's the strangest thing, but doing that, I had that proud, blessed feeling that you only get when the stars come to visit you in your own hometown. It may be a while before the Stardom ladies visit Miyazaki again – but it'll be all the more special for it when they do.

