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Plaza Holiday Closing

The Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed on
September 23rd (Tue) .



Hinata Japanese Classes Online Starter · Elementary 1 · 2 *Free, Registration Required

Come learn Japanese on Zoom!
Hinata Japanese Class Online (Autumn course)

Sign up to learn useful Japanese for your everyday life in Miyazaki! Anyone who is living in Miyazaki Prefecture and able to use Zoom can take part. All you need is an internet connection at home and a PC, tablet, or smartphone! A qualified Japanese language teacher will teach you.

【Starter / Nyumon】

This course is for people who are learning Japanese for the first time, and who can read and write hiragana and katakana to some extent.

- Dates: Oct 15 (Wed)-Feb 4 (Wed) (The course consists of 30 lessons.)
- Days: Wednesday & Friday
- Time: 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Class size: 7 people



【Elementary 1 / Shokyu 1】

This course is aimed at people who have studied a bit of Japanese, and who can already read and write hiragana and katakana.

- Dates: Oct 14 (Tue)-Feb 3 (Tue) (The course consists of 30 lessons.)
- Days: Tuesday & Thursday
- Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Class size: 7 people

【Elementary 2 / Shokyu 2】

This course is aimed at people who can already read and write hiragana and katakana and make simple conversation in Japanese.

- Dates: Oct 15 (Wed)-Feb 4 (Wed) (The course consists of 30 lessons.)
- Days: Wednesday & Friday
- Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Class size: 7 people

Please see the following URL for class details and how to apply.
<https://hinatanihongo.mif.or.jp/english/>

◆ **Inquiries** : Miyazaki International Foundation
If you are inquiring by email, please include "About Hinata Japanese Class" in the subject line.
TEL:0985-32-8457 E-mail:miyaiinfo@mif.or.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 Sep 5 (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

② Sep 19 (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

◆ **Registration Deadline**: ① Aug 29 (Fri) ② Sep 12 (Fri)



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

◆ **Date & Time**: Sep 16 (Tue) 4:00pm - 5:00pm

◆ **Registration Deadline**: Sep 9 (Tue)



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

◆ **Date & Time**: ① Sep 18 (Thu) 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

② Sep 25 (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◆ **Registration Deadline**: ① Sep 11 (Thu) ② Sep 18 (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

International Understanding Lecture - Kyrgyzstan

*Free, Registration Required

"The Unknown Stories and Culture of Kyrgyzstan"

We invite two exchange students from Kyrgyzstan to speak to us about their home country of the silk road, where diverse peoples and cultures exist in harmony with a nomadic society born from rich natural surroundings.



◆ **Date & Time**: Oct 11 (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◆ **Venue**: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Small Meeting Room

◆ **Lecturer**: Mr. Mars, Mr. Adilet (Exchange student)

◆ **Spaces Available**: 24 (First-come, first-served)

◆ **Fee**: Free

◆ **To apply**: Please apply through the URL or the 2-dimensional barcode below. Applications are also accepted by phone or email.

<https://forms.gle/Pg6xs1LdawWGK1bT6>



◆ **Application Deadline**: September 30 (Tue)

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

20th Annual Art Festival Exhibition "Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking in" Now Entries are open!

We encourage foreign residents and any citizens with roots overseas living in Miyazaki prefecture to enter.

◆ **Theme**: "Miyazaki"

◆ **Categories**: Photography, Painting/Drawing, Calligraphy, Handicraft (Except Videos)



◆ **Entry Limit**: Up to 2 entries per person in each division

◆ **Size**: Up to 50 cm by 50 cm ◆ **Entry Deadline**: Sep 10 (Wed)

◆ **How to enter**: Please enter your artworks along with the Submission form to the Miyazaki International Foundation.

*The submission form can be found and downloaded on the following page.

<https://www.mif.or.jp/english/news-and-topics/4778/>



*All entries will be displayed.

◆ **Display Period and Venue**:

1. Sep 27 (Sat) 11am - 4pm at Miyazaki Municipal University Library Cross Lounge

2. Oct 2 (Thu) - Oct 25 (Sat) 10am-7pm at Carino Miyazaki B1F

*Closed: Sundays, Mondays, and National Holidays

3. Jan 7 (Wed) - Jan 16 (Fri) 8:30am-6:00pm at Miyazaki Prefectural Government Hall, Disaster Prevention Hall Ground Floor

*Closed on weekends and National Holidays

4. Pieces will be exhibited in other areas of the prefecture

◆ **Awards**: Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces in the first two exhibitions, as chosen by visitors.

*Participation prizes will be given to those who submit their works.

◆ **Inquiries**: Miyazaki International Foundation



Art Exhibition: "Miyazaki: from the Outside Looking In"

Part of the Miyazaki International Festival (World Terrace 2025)

We are holding an exhibition of photographs, calligraphy, paintings, drawing and handicrafts created by foreign Miyazaki residents on the theme of "Miyazaki", to be displayed at the International Festival "World Terrace 2025" (organized by Miyazaki Junior Chamber International). The prize for the best artwork in each category will be decided by popular vote. In addition, the MIF along with collaborators from the Miyazaki-Brazil Friendship Association, JICA and Vanuatu will be running booths in the same venue. We hope to see you there!

※ Artworks will also be exhibited in October in the MIF community area (Carino Miyazaki basement).

◇ **Date and Time** : Sep 27 (Sat) 11:00am – 4:00pm

◇ **Venue** : Miyazaki Municipal University Library Cross Lounge

◇ **Inquiries**: Miyazaki International Foundation



A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Notice for 2025 National Census

The census is the most important statistical survey. It covers all people living in Japan and their households.

The census is an important survey that can be used for improving the living environment, disaster prevention planning, and various other administrative measures indispensable to our daily lives.

○ Who is counted in the census

All people (including non-Japanese people) living in Japan as of October 1, 2025 and their households will be counted in the survey.

From late September 2025, census takers will visit each household and distribute census documents. You can respond either online or by completing the printed census questionnaire and mailing it or handing it to the census taker. (The census will be conducted according to the process in the diagram below.)

<Statistics Bureau of Japan>
<https://www.kokusei2025.go.jp/about/en/>



Introducing KOREA FESTIVAL 2025 in Miyazaki!!

To strengthen ties between Miyazaki Prefecture and Korea, we are holding KOREA FESTIVAL 2025 in Miyazaki, an experiential event that will allow people across the prefecture to get a taste of Korean culture, deepen their understanding of the country, and enjoy some of its unique delights. It's a chance to discover Korea while in Miyazaki. Don't miss out!!

◇ **Date & Time**: Oct 11(Sat) 11:00am-5:00pm

◇ **Venue**: Miyakonojo General Cultural Hall
 (Miyakonojo-shi Kitahara-cho 1106-100)

◇ **Program**:

① Stage performances (1:00pm~3:30pm)

Come and enjoy performances on traditional Korean instruments, and the K-POP Dance Show!!

② Korean culture workshops

We will be running six culture workshops, including traditional Korean handicrafts and trying on hanbok.

◇ **Inquiries**: International and Economic Exchange Division

TEL: 0985(44)2623

More information here (Japanese) →



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- 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



Confessions of a scaredy-cat "Why You Should Go To A Wrestling Show In Japan"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Katherine Kessler

It's been a while since I subjected you to my favourite topic in this column, but I have a mission this time! I'm determined to convince at least one of you to try something new and go to a wrestling show. To clarify, I mean the professional (read: fake) kind of wrestling, known as puro resu in Japanese.

Some of you may have grown up watching American professional wrestling, with its oiled and spray-tanned musclemen playing cartoonish heroes and villains. The fundamentals of puro are the same: good guys will often face bad guys, bad guys will try to cheat, sometimes chairs are involved. But the in-ring action is more realistic and hard-hitting. The wrestlers tend to be smaller and lither than the Hulk Hogan archetype and often perform jaw-dropping aerial maneuvers. Matches are dynamic and thrilling to watch live, with action frequently spilling out into the crowds, meaning you might have to scramble out of the way of a heated melee among the folding chairs.

Wrestling is as much about the storytelling as the action, and even if it's your first time watching, you'll find yourself joining in with other people in the audience cheering on their oshi, and booing with outrage at the heels. Puro also often has a quirky humour to it, so you can expect to see dancing, wacky costumes and physical comedy thrown in with the athletic showcases. If you're in Tokyo looking for something different to do, I recommend checking out a show at Korakuen Hall, a small and vibrant venue with a long tradition of wrestling shows, where fans get especially raucous.

Or to put it another way: if you like any combination of martial arts, theatre, idols, or anime, go check out a wrestling show! You won't regret it.

