



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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International Understanding Lecture : Italy



*FREE, Registration Required

"Encounter with Italian Art ~Living in Tuscany~"

Learn about life in Italy and Italian art with a Tempera-painting class!

Ms. Michiko Kimura, who learned Tempera painting in Italy, will give a talk about her life in Italy and the Italian people she spent her time with. You can also learn how to paint Tempera pictures. If you are interested in Italy and Italian Art, please feel free to take part.

◇Date & Time: February 16th(Sat) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

◇Location: Miyazaki Art Center

◇Instructor: Ms. Michiko Kimura (painter)

◇Limit: 20 participants ◇What to bring: apron, writing utensils

◇To Apply: Apply in person, by phone, or by E-mail and provide your name, contact number, and address. When applying by E-mail or Fax, please include "International Understanding Italy" in the subject line.

◇Application Deadline: February 5th (Tue)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreigners

*Registration Required, FREE



Mr. Yamane, a volunteer firefighter proficient in three languages (Japanese, English and Indonesian) will speak about the importance of community relations in building multicultural society, and how the volunteer fire department helps to support those communities.

◇Date & Time: February 9th (Sat) 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

◇Location: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall

◇Instructor: Mr. Tadayuki Yamane ◇Limit: 10 participants

◇To Apply: Apply in person, by phone, or by E-mail and provide your name, contact number, and address. When applying by E-mail or Fax, please include "Disaster preparedness course 2.9" in the subject line.

◇Application Deadline: February 2nd (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster

*Registration Required, FREE



What would you do if you encountered someone from another country who needed help during a natural disaster? Is there anything we can do to help even if we don't speak the same language? We'd like to hear from anyone interested in volunteer activities, supporting foreigners, or Multicultural Symbiosis. At this seminar, you can learn how to help people from other countries during natural disasters through games and simulation activities.

◇Date & Time: February 23rd(Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

◇Location: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Large lecture hall

◇Instructor: Mr. Yoshihiko Doi /Ms. Oriie Kitamikado
(NPO National Conference of Multicultural Managers
representative director/director)

◇Limit: 40 participants

◇To Apply: Apply in person, by phone, or by E-mail and provide your name, contact number, and address. When applying by E-mail or Fax, please include "Disaster Support" in the subject line.

◇Application Deadline: February 9th (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Life and legal consultations for foreigners *FREE

Professional consultants (lawyers and paralegals) will provide consultations on everyday life in Japan, such as visa, certificate of eligibility, and international marriage. Consultations are 30 minutes long per person. Interpreters are available upon request. Date, time, and location will be decided upon discussion. Please call the Miyazaki International Foundation for more details.



Consultation service for foreign residents by life consultants *FREE

We introduce life consultants to foreign residents in Miyazaki upon request. Life consultants give advice to foreigners on everyday life in Japan and provide interpretation in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and Tagalog for their clients. However, they do not cover legal matters and technical issues. Please call the Miyazaki International Foundation if you are interested in our offering. If you have any legal problems, you can use the free "Life and Legal consultations for foreigners" service advertised above.

Counselors:

English: Michiko Takashima Chinese: Gyokuei Taniguchi

Korean: Reiko Endo

Filipino: Joyce Ogawa

Portuguese: Satomi Nozaki

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation 0985-32-8457

Elementary Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents *Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◇Date & Time: 4/9 (Tue) to 7/18 (Thu)

*No class on 4/25(Thu),4/30(Tue), 5/2(Thu)

Every Tuesday and Thursday

10:10 am - 12:00 pm

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◇Target: Those learning Japanese for the first time, those who wish to start learning from Hiragana and Katakana.



◇Course Fee: FREE

◇Course Materials Fee: ¥2,160 (not including tax)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions

*FREE, No Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: [Wed] 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

[Fri] 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers from within Miyazaki Prefecture, 18 years of age or older, to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff. To apply, interested parties should submit a completed application form by 3/2 (Sat).

In the case of multiple applicants, potential volunteers will undergo a screening process.

*Nationality will not play a role in choosing applicants.

However, volunteers expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◇Volunteer Period:

4/9(Fri) to 9/28 (Sat) *Excluding Holidays

◇Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tue to Sat from;

A. 10:15 am - 12:45 pm **B.** 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Volunteers will work on the same day and during the same time period from week to week.

◇**Tasks:** Assisting Plaza visitors, assist in lending out and checking in library materials sending out documents, organizing library materials, arranging and forwarding used stamps, etc.

◇**Other:** Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (*however, volunteer's insurance will be covered by the International Foundation and parking vouchers will be issued to volunteers making use of the CARINO Miyazaki Parking Lot)

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



13th Annual "Miyazaki -From the Outside Looking In" Art Festival Traveling Exhibition (Nobeoka City)

The art exhibition "Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking In," which was held on the 9th floor of CARINO Miyazaki in December, 2018, will be displayed in Nobeoka City.

◇**Date & Time:** 2/18 (Mon) to 2/22 (Fri) 8:30 am - 5:15 pm
*2/18 10:00 am - 5:15 pm, 2/22 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

◇**Location:** Nobeoka City Hall 2nd Floor Citizen's Gallery

◇**Inquiries:** Nobeoka International Exchange Promotion Office, General Affairs Department Tel: 0982-22-7006

English- and Korean-speaking Chat Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to participate in chat sessions in English or Korean. If you would like to take part, please get in touch with us.

◇**Dates & Times:** February and March
Saturday or Thursday 1hour~1.5hours
*Please enquire about the volunteer timeslot.

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki 9th floor

◇**Requirements:** Ideally, participants should have a good level of proficiency in English or Korean.
*Open to both native and non-native speakers.

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



February Events(Chasing plum blossoms) *The dates shown are just a rough guide.

Place	Best time to see plum blossoms	Area	Contact
Midorigaoka Park	Late January~Early February	Hosono Kobayashi	Kobayashi Tourism office 0984-22-8684
Zaronbai	Late January~Early February	Yunomiya Shintomi	Shintomi Industrial Promotion Division 0983-33-6029
Korinbai	Late January~Mid-February	Kaeda Miyazaki City	Aoshima Nature Recreation Village Center 0985-65-1921
Hachimanoka Park	Mid-February	Harada Ebino	Ebino Tourism Office 0984-35-3838
Kaigon Tower	Mid-Late February	Mizushidani Nango district Misato	Misato Town Agriculture Forestry Promotion Division Nango Branch 0982-59-1603

An Englishman in Miyazaki

“晴耕雨読 – Seikō udoku ”



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! How's winter treating you? Just a little more to go and it'll start getting warmer, I promise!

A recent trip out into the countryside to farm daikon radishes reminded me of one of my favourite Japanese 四字熟語 – *yoji jukugo*, four-character idioms: 晴耕雨読 (*seikō udoku*). It's used to mean "carefree" or "without worries," but the more literal meaning is "to be working hard in the fields when it's sunny, and inside reading when it's raining." I think they've got a point - feeling the fresh air and warm sunshine under the almost-impossibly blue Miyazaki sky while working up a little sweat uprooting Japan's most popular root veggie was wonderful, and, coming from a country where it rains most of the time, I can certainly attest to the value of a roof over your head and a good book. If you get the chance, I really recommend giving daikon farming a try! Incidentally, the freshly harvested daikon are then dried on a special A-frame rack made of bamboo called a *yagura* and pickled, so next time you have pickled radish with your lunch, there's a chance it was harvested by a strange Englishman! Be afraid. Be very afraid...

[PS: It's peak daikon-drying season right now - they even held an exhibition on it at the airport! If you were wondering what that enormous rack of plastic radishes in the entrance hall was all about, now you know.]

