



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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©Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on March 20th (Fri).

Elementary Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

*Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Foundation will be hosting beginner level 1&2 Japanese courses for foreign residents.

◇**Date & Time:** Apr. 14th (Tue) to Jul. 9th (Thu), 2020
Every Tuesday and Thursday (25 sessions in total)

Level 1 & 2 : 10:10 am - 12:00 pm

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Target:**

Level 1: Those learning Japanese for the first time.

Level 2: Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana.

◇**Course Fee:** FREE

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

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



Saturday English Chat First Term Beginner

*Registration Required

Beginners are welcome!

Start your Saturday morning with some fun English conversation! *(English chat sessions are not eikaiwa lessons. Also, not all volunteers are native English speakers)

◇**Dates & Times:** 4/11, 4/25, 5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27
Saturdays 10:30 am - 11:30 am (6 sessions in total)

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Spaces:** 15

◇**Fee:** patrons and students 1,000yen (6 sessions)
non-members 3,000yen (6 sessions)

◇**To Apply:** Let us know your name, contact number, and e-mail address by phone, email or in person. If applying by e-mail, please include "English Chat Beginner" in the subject line.

◇**Application Deadline:** March 23rd (Mon)

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



I have a dream and I believe that it will come true if I make the effort toward it. I have a dream and I believe that my efforts will surely pay off. It is important for us to have a dream or goal - it makes our everyday life more enjoyable. That dream or a goal, even if it is a small one, can be a reason for living.

Let's enjoy the journey while we chase our dreams!

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Saturday English Chat First Term Intermediate & Advanced

*Registration Required

Practice your English with foreigners from around the world! *(Not all volunteers are native English speakers, you can enjoy various kinds of English.)

◇**Dates & Times:** 4/18, 5/9, 5/23, 6/6, 6/20, 7/4

Saturdays 10:30 am - 11:30 am (6 sessions in total)

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Spaces:** 15

◇**Fee:** patrons and students 1,000yen (6 sessions)
non-members 3,000yen (6 sessions)

◇**To Apply:** Let us know your name, contact number, and e-mail address by phone, email or in person. If applying by e-mail, please include "English Chat Intermediate & Advanced" in the subject line.

◇**Application Deadline:** March 23rd (Fri)

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

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International Session (Chinese) First Term - Starts in April!

*Registration Required

◇**Dates & Times:** 4/7, 4/21, 4/28, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26

Tuesdays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (6 sessions in total)

◇**Location:** Carino Miyazaki B1

◇**Spaces:** 15

◇**Application Deadline:** March 25th (Wed)

◇**Fee:** patrons and students 1,000yen (6 sessions)
non-members 3,000yen (6 sessions)

◇**To Apply:** Let us know your name, contact number, and e-mail address by phone, email or in person. If applying by e-mail, please include "Chinese Chat" in the subject line.

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



Japanese Practice Session

In order to reduce the potential spread of Coronavirus, we have had to suspend Japanese Practice Sessions for the time being. We apologize for any inconvenience.



A Message From the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents

Staffs will be available for consultations concerning everyday difficulties.

You can consult with us in your native language. (We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations.) Consultations are strictly confidential.

【Miyakonojo City】

◇Date & Time: March 8th (Sun),2020 1:30pm – 4:30pm

◇Venue: Miyakonojo Community Center

【Kobayashi City】

◇Date & Time: March 22nd (Sun) 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

◇Venue: Kobayashi chuo kominkan

◇How to Apply: Please make an appointment by e-mail or FAX and let us know your desired venue ([Miyakonojo](#) or [Kobayashi](#)), name, phone number, a brief description of your matter and your language.

◇Inquiries & Application:

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

TEL:0985-41-5901 FAX:0985-41-5902

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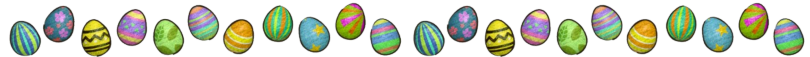
We are recruiting patrons!

Annual membership fee

Individual:2,000yen Group:10,000yen



《March Event》



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Miyakonojo Mochio Sakura Matsuri	Late March – Early April Main event will be held on March 3/28 - 3/29 (Sat/Sun)	Mochio-koen Miyakonojo	Miyakonojo Tourism ssoication 0986-23-2460
Bamboo Lantern Festival (Take Tōrō Matsuri)	3/1(Sun) - 3/31(Tue)	Hotel J's Nichinan Resort Nichinan	Hotel J's Nichinan Resort 0987-55-3333

An Englishman in Miyazaki



**Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham**

“Pancakes, Buns and... More Chocolate?!”

Hi again everyone! It's finally starting to warm up again! Around the end of March or start of April in the UK (it's based on the old lunar calendar), we celebrate Easter, which is technically a religious holiday based around rebirth and the removal of evil spirits, but nowadays is more about chocolate and, oddly enough, pancakes. Traditionally, people would fast for Lent, which is the 40-day period leading up to Easter, and so the night before, it was popular to use up all the luxury items like milk, eggs and butter that would spoil otherwise, and make pancakes (technically crepes, but that's what we call pancakes in the UK!). This is why the UK calls Shrove Tuesday “Pancake Day.” Similarly, Easter is originally a religious festival, but nowadays people are more interested in exchanging chocolate eggs and eating Hot Cross Buns – sweet currant buns with a cross marked in the top. It is also now a popular practice to entertain children at Easter by hiding decorated eggs and getting them to go and search for them – because of this, the term “Easter Egg” is often used to refer to a hidden feature, particularly in films or video games – has anyone found any interesting Easter Eggs lately? Let me know!



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 3/7 (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:

4/7(Tue) to 9/30 (Wed) *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.

◇Others: 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)

◇Dead Line: 3/7(Sat)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

