


Miyazaki International Foundation

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Japanese Language Course for Beginners in Nichinan **Registration Required*

This course is for people who want to start studying Japanese and those who want to learn Hiragana and Katakana.

- ◇**Date & Time:** Sep 2nd(Wed) to Dec 4th(Fri)
Every Wednesday and Friday 10:00am ~11:50am
Total 25 lessons *No class on 9/11, 11/4, 11/6
- ◇**Location:** Nango Heartful Center
- ◇**Fee:** Free

*Participants will have to buy their own textbook.

- ◇**Textbook:** 「いっぽにほんごさんぽ 初級1」
- ◇**To Apply:** Please fill out an application form and send it to the Miyazaki International Foundation by any of following methods by August 20th.

①Email (miyainfo@mif.or.jp) ②Post ③FAX

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

Japanese Language Course for Beginners in Nobeoka **Registration Required*

This course is for people who want to start studying Japanese and those who want to learn Hiragana and Katakana.

- ◇**Date & Time:** Sep 3rd(Thu) to Dec 10th(Thu)
Every Monday and Thursday 9:30am ~11:20am
Total 25 lessons *No class on 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 11/23
- ◇**Location:** Nobeoka Social Education Center
- ◇**Fee:** Free

*Participants will have to buy their own textbook.

- ◇**Textbook:** 「いっぽにほんごさんぽ 初級1」
- ◇**To Apply:** Please fill out an application form and send it to the Miyazaki International Foundation by any of following methods by August 21st.

①Email (miyainfo@mif.or.jp) ②Post ③FAX

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

Japanese Language Course for Beginners 1 **Registration Required*

This course is for people who want to start studying Japanese and those who want to learn Hiragana and Katakana.

- ◇**Date & Time:** Sep 24th (Thu) to Dec 22nd (Tue)
Every Tuesday and Thursday 10:10 am - 12:00 pm
Total 25 lessons
- ◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1
- ◇**Fee:** Free

*Participants will have to buy their own textbook.

- ◇**Inquiries & Application:**
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Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents **FREE, Registration Required*

Japan is a country that frequently experiences natural disasters like earthquakes and typhoons. Hence, it is important to always be prepared and clear of what to do when disaster strikes. Feel free to bring your family!

- ◇**Date & Time:** 10/24 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- ◇**Location:** Miyazaki City Fire Department, Miyazaki Higashimorokata Wide Area Disaster Management Centre
- ◇**Eligibility:** Foreigners and international students of Miyazaki prefecture, and their families (Participants may bring Japanese guests)
*Interpretation in English, Chinese and other languages (scheduled) is available. Those who do not speak Japanese are welcome too!

◇**Lectures containing:** presentation on natural disasters, earthquake simulation, smoke simulation, a brief presentation about disaster preparedness apps, etc.

◇**To Apply:** Fill out our application form and return it by fax, post, or E-mail. When applying by mail, write "bousai" in the subject line.

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

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15th Annual Art Festival "From the Outside Looking in" Art Gallery Confirmed!

We are now collecting entries in the categories of photography, calligraphy, paintings & drawings, handicrafts from foreign residents and citizens with roots overseas for this year's art festival.



◇**Submission Requirements:**

In principle, individuals submitting entries to the gallery should be foreigners living in Miyazaki or individuals with roots in a foreign country.

◇**Divisions:** Photography, Paintings, Calligraphy, Hand made Crafts(Except Videos)
(Theme for the work is "Miyazaki")

◇**Submission Limit:** Up to 2 entries per person.

◇**Size:** Up to 50 cm by 50 cm

◇**Awards:** Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces chosen by visitors.

◇**Submission Deadline:** 10/31(Sat)

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



Japanese Practice Sessions

**FREE, No Registration Required*

◇**Dates & Times:** [Wed] 8/5, 8/19, 8/26 [Fri] 8/7, 8/21, 8/28
10:30 am - 11:30 am *No meeting on 8/12, 8/14

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents(Korean)

Consultations are available in Korean about any problems in your life.

*Reservation required.

(Appointments are available on the day.)



◇**Date & Time:** Aug 22nd(Sat) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

◇**Location:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

◇**Spaces Available :** 4

◇**Inquiries & Application:**

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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

E-mail:support@mif.or.jp

Saturday English Chat Second Term

*Registration Required

◇**Dates&Times:**

Beginner:10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/19, 1/16

Intermediate & Advanced: 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9
10:30 am - 11:30 am

◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1

◇**Limit:** 15 each

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

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

◇**Application Deadline:**

Beginner:9/19(Sat) **Intermediate & Advanced:**9/26(Sat)

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

Depending on the status of the COVID-19 situation at the time, the event may have to be altered or cancelled. Please visit our website and Facebook for the latest information.



International Chat Sessions (Korean) Second Term

*Registration Required

Let's enjoy chatting with Korean volunteers.

◇**Dates & Times:**9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3

Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 6sessions in total

◇**Location:** Carino Miyazaki B1

◇**Limit:** 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 "Korean Chat" in the subject line.

◇**Application Deadline:** Sep 5th (Sat)

◇**Inquiries & Application:** 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 apply, interested parties should submit a completed application form by 9/5 (Sat).

*Nationality will not play a role in choosing applicants. However, volunteers are expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◇**Volunteer Period:**

Oct. 1st (Thu) to Mar. 31st (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.

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



An Englishman in Miyazaki



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

"Wetterfühlig (und vielleicht ein bisschen langweilig.)"

Hi everyone! How's everything going? It looks like the rainy season is finally ready to call it a day, and the long, hot summer stretches before us like a blank canvas (albeit one we may not be able to use all of our favourite colours on due to the current situation, but that doesn't mean we can't paint something great!). The recent change in weather reminded me of a study I saw a while back that showed how the weather can have a marked effect on people's moods and actions. Some states in America have reported an increase in crime during particularly cold winters, for example. Interestingly, German has a great word to refer to someone who is particularly sensitive to changes in the weather - "wetterfühlig." I've often thought it would be handy if English had an equivalent! They say that languages change and evolve to reflect the needs of the people that use them, which is why you hear about things like native American languages that use different verb endings to indicate whether animals or humans broke something accidentally or on purpose, how Japanese has different versions of the word "that" to reflect relative physical or emotional distance, or how British people can use any noun as an adjective to mean "drunk." The vocabulary and structure of a language can tell us a great deal about the history and culture that have led to its development. If you're after something to get your synapses firing while dodging the summer heat or to help reboot after a *kakigōri* brainfreeze, why not have a think about what unique words and grammar exist in your language, and where they came from?