



PLAZA NEWS



Miyazaki International Foundation

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Open: Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays and December 29 to January 3

◎Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed for the public holiday on February 11th (Thu) and 23rd (Tue).

*The International Plaza will be temporarily closed until February 8th (Mon), 2021, to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreigners

***Registration Required, Free**

The Kumamoto Earthquake Experience Project (KEEP), a group of international students from Kumamoto University who experienced the Kumamoto earthquake, will share their experiences.

*The lecture will be given in simple Japanese, with some parts in English.

◇Date : Feb. 20th (Sat) 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

◇Venue: Hosted online Lecturer

◇Tutor: 熊本地震体験プロジェクト
Kumamoto Earthquake Experience Project (KEEP)

◇Limited : 20

◇How to Apply : Please send us your name, telephone number, e-mail address, and nationality by fax or e-mail. If applying by e-mail, please write "Disaster Preparedness Course for Foreigners" in the subject line.

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster

***Registration Required, FREE**

This course aims to help people acquire the knowledge necessary to support foreign residents in the event of a natural disaster. The course is designed to teach how to support foreign residents, such as things to be aware of, and how to effectively provide information.

◇Date & Time : Feb.13th (Sat) 10:00 am - 12:00 am

◇Location : hosted online Lecturer

◇Limit : 30 participants

◇To Apply : Please send us your address, name, telephone number, and e-mail address by fax or e-mail. If applying by e-mail, please write "Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster" in the subject line.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Practice Sessions

***FREE, No Registration Required**

◇Dates & Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

[Wed] 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

[Fri] 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: 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.

Japanese Language Class in Tsuno and Nichinan

***Registration Required, Free**

<Tsuno>

◇Theme: "Learn the rules for garbage separation in Tsuno!"
"Learn some useful phrases for cheering on your favorite sports team!"

◇Dates & Time: Feb. 13th (Sat) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

◇Venue: Tsuno Central Community Center

◇Space Available: 15 (First come first served)

◇Deadline: Feb. 5th (Fri)

<Nichinan>

◇Theme: "Let's try asking people in Japanese!"
~ Exploring Obi ~

◇Dates & Time: Feb. 20th (Sat) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

◇Venue: International Center Komura Memorial Hall

◇Space Available: 15 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)

◇Deadline: Feb. 12th (Fri)



*How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.

*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 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 Ma.6th (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:

Apr.7th (Wed) to Sep.30th (Thu) *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: Mar.6th (Sat)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



15th Annual “Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking In” Art Festival Traveling Exhibit

The art exhibition “From the Outside Looking In,” which was held on the 1st basement floor of the CARINO building in Miyazaki City from November 18th to December 5th 2020, will be displayed in Nobeoka and Takanabe. Be sure to check it out!

[Nobeoka]

◇**Date & Time:** Feb. 8th (Mon) to Feb. 22nd (Mon)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

◇**Location:** *Shimin Space*, 1F Nobeoka City Hall

◇**Inquiries:** Nobeoka City International Exchange Promotion Office
Tel:0982-22-7006



[Takanabe]

◇**Date & Time:** Mar. 6th (Sat), Mar. 21st (Sun)
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

◇**Location:** Takanabe Museum Of Art

◇**Inquiries:** Takanabe Town Board of Education *Shakai Kyōiku ka*
Tel:0983-23-3326



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in TSUNO

Staff 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.

※Consultation may be subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.

Date & Time: Feb. 13th (Sat) 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Venue: TSUNO Central Community Center
(Tsuncho-cho, Kawakita 4874-2)

How to Apply: Please make an appointment by e-mail or FAX by February 6th (Sat) and let us know your name, phone number, a brief description of your matter and your language.

Inquiries & Application:

Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

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Local Announcements «Miyazaki City»

「Korean Class lower-intermediate」

◇**Dates:** Every Wednesday from Feb. 10th, 6 sessions in total

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 4F

「Chinese Class intermediate」

◇**Dates:** Every Wednesday from Feb. 10th, 6 sessions in total

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Citizen's Plaza 4F

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki City International Association

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A Tweet from the Staff

◎Three-Year Calendar

On the wall of my room, there is a three-year calendar for the years 2021 to 2023. This was inspired by an Instagram post by American make-up artist Kazuhiro Tsuji. The total size of the calendar is 4×9 sheets, so when I looked at it that way, I realized that 3 years is a very short period of time.

At the end of each day, I draw a diagonal line through it on the calendar, and if I have plans or goals, I write them in.

By representing the days visually, it showed me that each day is a valuable continuation of my life, even though I tend to just bumble along, and so I started to think more seriously about how I should spend my days. I would like to put more care into how I spend each day, and I hope that I will have changed and grown even a little bit in the next three years.
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February Event



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Getchibai Ume Matsuri	2/6(Sat) – 2/21 (Sun)	Miyazaki City Getchibai Kōen	Miyazaki Municipal Government, Takaoka General Branch Office, Community Welfare Department 0985-82-1111

An Englishman in Miyazaki



“Thirty Days Hath
September, April, June and November...”



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! Hope you're keeping well. Have you heard the above phrase before? It's largely irrelevant, since nobody needs to remember how many days a month has any more – our phone calendars do it for us! Much as I love the externalisation of memory (it's had an amazing impact on the traditional pub debate – what used to degenerate into a heated exchange of words now results in a frenzied dive into pockets to pull out smartphones and confirm facts, like some parody of the Old West), old mnemonics and the way we memorise things are always fascinating to me. The one above, or rather the version of it they taught at my school, continues; “... All the rest have thirty-one. Except February. Which has twenty-eight days clear. ...And twenty-nine in a leap year.” Usually, mnemonics should have a catchy rhythm, metre, rhyme or familiar theme to appeal to our audio-kinesthetic sides and fire some synapses, and indeed the correct version of the poem does (albeit with some questionable rhyming), but if you read my school's one aloud, you'll feel how awkward it is! Even so, I was taught it just once, well over thirty years ago, and didn't have to look it up to recall it here – it turns out that the more ridiculous and convoluted an association is, the better you remember it; so next time you're having trouble memorising something, try and come up with something a bit daft-sounding to associate it with! That, or just reach for your phone like Quickdraw McGraw. If you remember any interesting mnemonics from your own country, please let me know - I'd love to hear them! I just wish I had the space here to share the song my school used to teach us the periodic table...