

**Miyazaki International Foundation**

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Nihon-Go Mimata***Registration Required, Free**

Learn Japanese phrases for use in daily life!

- ◇**Theme:** "Going out to buy food"
- ◇**Dates & Time:** August. 24th (Tue) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- ◇**Venue:** co-making space CO-ME (Mimata Town)
- ◇**Space Available:** 10
- ◇**Deadline:** August. 20th (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

Nihongo Café in Nichinan***Registration Required, Free**

Learn Japanese phrases for use in daily life!

- ◇**Theme:** "How's life in Nichinan?"
- ◇**Dates & Time:** September. 5th (Sun) 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- ◇**Venue:** Komura Memorial Hall (Nichinan city)
- ◇**Space Available:** 25
- ◇**Deadline:** August. 30th (Mon)
- ◇**How to Apply:** Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Disaster Preparedness Seminar for Foreign Residents *FREE, Registration Required

These days many parts of Japan have suffered damage from major earthquakes and torrential rains that are said to occur once every 50 or 100 years. Through this seminar, you can learn the basics of how to respond to and prepare for disasters. If you know anyone from overseas who might be interested, please let them know!

- ◇**Date & Time:** September.25th(Sat.) 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- ◇**Location:** Miyazaki City Fire Department, Miyazaki Higashimorokata Wide Area Disaster Management Centre
- ◇**Eligibility:** Foreigners and international students of Miyazaki prefecture, and their families About 40 people (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.
- ◇**Deadline:** September.11th(Sat)
- ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Self-Introduction ★

Hello, my name is Yano and I started working for the Miyazaki International Foundation in July. Since I was a student, I have been very interested in other countries and international exchange. I would like to help make the Foundation more and more accessible to both Japanese and foreign residents of Miyazaki. Glad to meet you!

**Online Japanese Language Course :
Beginner Level 1 · 2 *Registration Required**

Learn some essential Japanese to help you be more active in your local community! Anyone who is living in Miyazaki Prefecture and able to use Zoom can take part.

To apply, visit <https://forms.gle/PWKsDpwFvQo1z7N37>

★ Course Fee : FREE

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook(¥2640).

Course①<Beginner1>

- ◇**Target:** Those learning Japanese for the first time
- ◇**Date & Time:** September 1st (Wed.) to December 1st(Wed.)
Every Wednesday and Friday 10:00am - 11:50 am
An orientation session and 25 lessons.

**Course②<Beginner1>**

- ◇**Target:** Those learning Japanese for the first time
- ◇**Date & Time:** September 2nd.(Thu.) to December 7th (Tue.)
Every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 pm - 8:20 pm
An orientation session and 25 lessons.

Course③<Beginner2>

- ◇**Target:** Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana
- ◇**Date & Time:** September 2nd(Thu.) to December 6th (Mon.)
Every Monday and Thursday 10:00am - 11:50 am
An orientation session and 25 lessons.
- ◇**Deadline:** August.19th(Thu)
- ◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions *FREE

- ◇**Dates & Times:** [Wed] 8/4 · 8/18 · 8/25
[Fri] 8/6 · 8/20 · 8/27
※8/11 · 8/13 Holiday
10:30 am - 11:30 am
- ◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Floor
- ◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

**Japanese Language Course : Beginner Level 1**

There will be a Japanese Language Course Beginner Level1 for Foreign Residents held soon!

Please join in and learn some Japanese to further enjoy your daily life in Miyazaki.

Those who are not students of the University of Miyazaki are also welcome to take part.

- ◇**Date & Time:** October.13th (Tue) to January.18th (Tue)
4:00 pm - 5:50 pm

- ◇**Location:** Kibana Campus, University of Miyazaki
- ◇**Target:** Beginners who wish to start learning from Hiragana & Katakana.

◇**Deadline:** October.1st (Fri)◇**How to Apply:** Visit <https://forms.gle/qKEqMUNmjSrtkkDi7>◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

16th Annual Art Festival “Miyazaki 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 “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: October 30th (Sat)

◆Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Talk with the CIRs!

Would you like to talk with Sky from Singapore, Yujin from South Korea, and Marsh from England about life and culture in Japan and their countries?

※In August, Elementary, Middle and High School students will be able to participate.

※We request that the parents or guardians of Elementary School students drop them off and pick them up.

◆Date & Time :

★A chat with Marsh from England (Japanese or English) August.13th (Fri.) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



★A chat with Yujin from Korea (Japanese or Korean) August.19th (Thu.) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

★A chat with Sky from Singapore (Japanese or Chinese) August.17th (Tue.) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

※We accept applications by phone (0985-32-8457) or in person.

※ Everyone is welcome to come along, but in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we have to limit the number of participants to about 4 people.

※Please note that this chat may be subject to change or cancellation depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 9/4 (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 are expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◆Volunteer Period:

October.1st (Fri.),2021 to March.31st (Thu.),2022

*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: 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)

◆Inquiries & Application : Miyazaki International Foundation



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in Vietnamese

Consultations are available in Vietnamese about any problems in your life. Appointments are available on the day.

*Reservation required.

*Consultation may be subject to cancellation due to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

◆Date & Time: Aug 21st (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

◆Location: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents Available by phone, online (using Zoom) or in person.

◆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



An Englishman in Miyazaki



“What's the Secret of Comedy? ...”



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Marsh Graham

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well. I thought it might be interesting this month to ramble a bit about a traditional Japanese performing art that's quite close to my heart: 落語 - Rakugo! It's a form of (usually rambling and comedic) storytelling, using only a folding fan and small piece of cloth as props, while kneeling on a cushion in a kimono - in response to the classic Stand-up comedy, it's often referred to as "Sit-down comedy." Rakugo became popular in the Edo period (1600-1868, but it actually has its origins with 9th Century Buddhist monks, and there's a real art to delivering a good, smooth routine, warming up the crowd with a couple of short jokes beforehand and making the punchline or poignant end to the story stick. It's very difficult to translate rakugo well, but you can find the occasional clip in English online with a bit of searching. There's a particularly famous routine, called "Jugemu," that was the inspiration for a skit in Monty Python's Flying Circus, an iconic British comedy series from the 1960's, in which they raise the poignant question:

"Why is it that, amongst all the great composers such as Mozart, Brahms and Mendelssohn, the world of classical music never remembers the name Johann Gambolputty de von Ausfern-Splendenschlitter-Crass-Crennbon-Fried-Diggerdanger-Dungle-Barstein von Knäckerthrasher-Apfelbänger Horowitz Ticolensic Grandier-k'notty Spellinkle Grandlich-Grumblemeyer Spelterwasser Kurstlich Himbleisen-Bahnwagen Gutenabend-Bitte-ein-Bratwurst-Gespürten-mit-Zweimachel-über-Hundsfoot Guberamber-Schönendanken Kalbsfleisch-Mittler-Aucher von Hauptkopf of Ulm?"

Why indeed? But I digress - if you feel like getting in touch with a rich vein of Japanese culture and history, and enjoying a good story and a sensible chuckle at the same time, as well as deepening your knowledge and understanding of the Japanese language, why not give rakugo a try? You can watch it on TV or online, and there are even classes in Miyazaki if you want to dive in and have a go yourself.