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Open: Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays and December 29 to January 3

Japanese Language Course University of Miyazaki Beginner-Beginner to Intermediate *Registration Required

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: June 1st (Wed) ~

Wednesdays 4:15pm - 6:15pm
30 lessons in total (scheduled)

◇Location: Kibana Campus, University of Miyazaki

◇Target: <Beginner> Those learning Japanese for the first time

<Beginner to Intermediate> Those who can read Hiragana and Katakana

◇Spaces Available: 10 for each level

◇Course Fee: Free

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook

◇Textbook fee : ¥2,640

◇Application: <https://forms.gle/rhahSBHu7M2quezJ9>

◇Inquiries & Application: University of Miyazaki

International Relations and Exchange Students Section

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Online Japanese Language Course Beginner to Intermediate *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.

◇Date & Time: June 6th (Mon) to Oct 3rd (Mon)

Every Monday 7:00pm - 9:00pm
An orientation session and 15 lessons

◇Target: Those who has completed the Beginner Level 2 or 3

Courses held by the MIF, or anyone with JLPT N5 or the equivalent ability in Japanese

◇Spaces Available: 10

◇Textbook fee: ¥2,420

◇Course Fee: Free

*Participants will need to buy their own textbook

◇Application: <https://forms.gle/1hs3QmVh465cauS49>

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, No Registration Required

◇Dates & Times: 10:30am - 11:30am

[Wednesday] 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29
[Friday] 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Information about local Japanese language class

Japanese Language Class Mimitsu *Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!
Anyone can take part. The class is free of charge.

◇Theme: Prepare and Deal with Natural Disasters

◇Date & Time: June 26th (Sun) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

◇Venue: Mimitsu Junior High School Sports hall

◇Space Available: 20

◇How to Apply: Please let us know your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level.

◇Inquiries & Application: Hyuga City Hall TEL: 0982-66-1005
Miyazaki International Foundation TEL: 0985-32-8457



International Chat Sessions First Term Chinese & Korean *Registration Required

Try chatting in Chinese or Korean with the Coordinators for International Relations from the Prefectural Government or volunteers from Korea or Chinese-speaking countries!

<Chinese>

◇Dates & Times: 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/20, 8/27 Saturdays
10:30am - 11:30am 6 sessions in total

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Spaces Available : 5 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to patrons.)

◇Target: Those who can make basic conversation in Chinese

◇Application Deadline: July 5th (Tue)

你好!



<Korean>

◇Dates & Times: 7/7, 7/21, 8/4, 8/18, 9/1, 9/15 Thursdays
6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Spaces Available: 5 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to patrons.)

◇Target: Those who can make basic conversation in Korean

◇Application Deadline: June 28th (Tue)

★Fee: patrons and students ¥1,000 (6 sessions)
non-members ¥3,000 (6 sessions)
middle school students and under ¥500 (6 sessions)

안녕하세요!



*After the application deadline, we will send successful applicants a notice of acceptance and payment details by email. After receiving these, please either bring the tuition fee to the International Plaza in person, or pay by bank transfer.

★To Apply: Apply in person, by phone, or by e-mail and provide your name, address, contact number, and e-mail address.

★Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

*Depending on the status of the COVID-19 situation, classes may have to be held online (using Zoom).

Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required



How about having a chat in Japanese or another language with the Coordinators for International Relations from the Prefectural Government?

- ★A chat with Haejeong from South Korea (Japanese & Korean)
- ◇**Date & Time:** June 16th (Thu) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- ◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇**Deadline:** June 11th (Sat)
- ★A chat with Marsh from England (Japanese & English)
- ◇**Date & Time:** June 17th (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- ◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇**Deadline:** June 14th (Tue)

*We accept applications by phone, E-mail 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. Priority will be given to those who have participated less frequently.
*Please note that this chat may be subject to change or cancellation depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.
◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

International Understanding Lecture -China- *Free, Registration Required

Fujian, towards the south of China, is famous for their local cuisine, one of the eight main classical cooking styles in China, historic buildings such as the Fujian *tulou*, designated under the UNESCO world heritage system, and a wealth of sightseeing spots. How about hearing all about Fujian and China's culture and society from Zhang Jin Heng, originally from Fujian but now living here in Miyazaki? (The class will be held in Japanese)

- ◇**Date & Time:** July 9th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 - ◇**Location:** CARINO Miyazaki B1F
 - ◇**Lecturer:** Mr. Zhang Jin Heng
 - ◇**Spaces Available:** 15 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will have to select participants at random.)
 - ◇**Fee:** Free
 - ◇**To Apply:** Apply in person, by phone, by FAX or by e-mail and provide your name, address, contact number, and e-mail address.
 - ◇**Application Deadline:** July 1st (Fri)
 - ◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation
- *Depending on the status of the COVID-19 situation, classes may have to be held online (using Zoom).



June Event



Event	Date & Time	Venue	Contact
Jacaranda Festival 2022	May 28 th (Sat) - June 19 th (Sun)	Nichinan Roadside Station – Nango	Nichinan Tourism Association 0987-31-1134
Best time to see the Hydrangeas (ajisai)	Early June - Mid-June	Awakigahara, Miyazaki City <i>Shimin-no-mori</i>	Shimin-no-mori Administration Office (<i>Shimin no mori kanri jimusho</i>) 0985-39-7308
		Yamanokuchi, Miyakonojo <i>Ajisai Kouen</i>	Yamanokuchi Local Government Office (<i>Yamanokuchi sōgō shisho</i>) 0986-57-1312

An Englishman in Miyazaki

"To Infinity... And Beyond!"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Graham Marsh

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping well. Yes, I know the Toy Story quote I used for the title this month is a little old (27 years old, to be precise. Boy did realising that make me feel young!), but please bear with me, because I've been harbouring a deep, dark secret: Eagle-eyed readers of this column may well already know, but a long time ago, I used to be an experimental physicist. I always remember that admitting it to people back in the bar at university would invariably open up far more space around me on the dance floor than current social distancing rules require (...that might actually come in handy during the pandemic, now that I think about it!). Although, I must be honest – after that had happened enough times, I eventually just started lying and told people I was a geographer. The reason I bring it up, though, is because of an idiom that's particularly pervasive in the English language: when someone wants to point out that something is simpler than it might look and doesn't need worrying about, they typically say "it's not rocket science." Presumably because the first image that comes to mind about rocket science is the thought of a lot of white coat-wearing, complicated equations on chalkboards and the occasional explosion. The reality of it is, however, that the maths isn't actually all that complicated – most of the principles used have literally been around for centuries if not millennia, and as long as you take your time and don't make any careless mistakes, you'll get the right numbers just fine. Let's face it – if an idiot like me can do it, anyone can. The real difficulty lies in the actual building of the thing, simply because the tolerances and margins for error are so small. But isn't that more in the realm of engineering and fabrication? Maybe the idiom should instead be "It's not aerospace engineering and manufacture."
... Doesn't quite roll off the tongue so well, though, does it?
Do you know any other interesting idioms that sacrifice accuracy in the name of making them scan better? I'd love to hear them!



A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents



Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (English & Chinese) *Free, Reservation Required

Consultations are available in English and Chinese about any problems in your life.

*Reservation required. (Appointments are available on the day.)
*Consultation may be subject to cancellation due to the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ◇**Date & Time:** <English> June 11th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
<Chinese> June 25th (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents
(Online Consultations (using Zoom) are also available.)

◇**Spaces Available:** 4 each

◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Carino Miyazaki B1F) TEL: 0985-41-5901
FAX: 0985-41-5902 E-mail: support@mif.or.jp

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in Sadowara *Free, Registration Required

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. Online consultations (using Zoom) are also available.

- ◇**Date & Time:** June 17th (Fri) 1:00pm - 3:30pm

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki City Sadowara Culture Center
Kensyu-shitsu(nishi)

◇**How to Apply:** Priority will be given to advance reservations. You can also come in person (up to 30 minutes per appointment). Please send us an email or fax at least one day in advance containing: ① your name, ② contact details (telephone number), ③ what you would like to discuss, and ④ what language you would prefer to use for consultation.

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