



# PLAZA NEWS




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## Local Japanese Language Classes \*Free, Registration Required

### <Mimata>

- ◇Theme: Learn about how to separate and put out the garbage!
- ◇Date & Time: August 21<sup>st</sup> (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ◇Venue: Mimata Town Commerce Association  
(Mimata-chō shōkōkai)
- ◇Space Available: 10 ◇How to Apply: 
- ◇Application Deadline: August 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat)
- ◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

### <Shintomi>


- ◇Theme: Japanese Culture Class
- ◇Date & Time: August 28<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 9:00am - 12:00pm (Scheduled)
- ◇Venue: Chashin (茶心) ◇Space Available: 10
- ◇How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

### <Nichinan>

- ◇Theme: Have fun practicing your Japanese!  
-Natural Disasters 
- ◇Date & Time: August 28<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- ◇Venue: Sokyakusojin Center ◇Space Available: 15
- ◇How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by fax or email.
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## International Understanding Lecture – Bhutan “Bhutan - Land of the Thunder Dragon” \*Free, Registration Required

Biswas Rasaily, from Bhutan, will give a talk about his native country's culture, daily life and much more!  
(The talk will be given in English. \*Japanese interpreting will be provided)

- ◇Date & Time: August 27<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2:30pm - 4:30pm 
- ◇Venue: University of Miyazaki San San Maru Hall Convention Hall
- ◇Lecturer: Mr. Biswas Rasaily  
(Exchange student at the University of Miyazaki)
- ◇Spaces Available: 60 (First-come, first-served)
- ◇Fee: Free
- ◇Held with the assistance of: Center for International Relations, University of Miyazaki
- ◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address and phone number by phone, email or in person.
- ◇Application Deadline: August 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed)
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Talk with the CIRs ♪

### \*Free, Registration Required



- ★A chat with Haejeong from South Korea (Japanese & Korean)
- ◇Dates & Times: ①August 4<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
②August 25<sup>th</sup> (Thu) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- ◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza
- ◇Spaces Available: 4 for each (Priority will be given to people who have participated less frequently)
- ◇Deadline: ①August 1<sup>st</sup> (Mon) ②August 22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon)
- \*①is intended for Elementary, Junior and Senior High School students. We request that the parents or guardians of Elementary School students drop them off and pick them up.
- \*We accept applications by phone, E-mail or in person.
- ◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

## Japanese Practice Sessions \*Free, No Registration Required

### ◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 8/3, 8/17, 8/24  
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 8/5, 8/19, 8/26  
[Saturday] 2:30pm - 3:30pm 8/6, 8/27

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster (Miyakonojo) \*Free, Registration Required

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. (The seminar will be given in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: September 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 1:30pm - 3:30pm

◇Venue: MJ Hall

◇Lecturer: Ms. Orié Kitamikado

◇Spaces Available: 30 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)

◇Fee : Free

◇Target: People who look after or live with people from overseas

◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number by phone, fax, email or in person.

◇Application Deadline: August 27<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster (Miyazaki City) \*Free, Registration Required

As of December last year, there are 7,011 people from overseas living here in Miyazaki, but people are concerned that they may not be able to receive necessary information and support during a disaster due to linguistic and cultural differences. Through this course, participants can learn methods and things to be aware of when assisting people from overseas during a disaster, and also about how to register as a volunteer to assist residents of Miyazaki from overseas during a natural disaster. (The seminar will be given in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: September 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 1:00pm - 4:15pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall Large Meeting Room

◇Lectures containing: Information about volunteering to support people during a disaster, how to assist residents from overseas during a disaster or at an evacuation shelter, workshop with people from overseas.

◇Lecturer: Ms. Asuka Iwaki

◇Spaces Available: 10 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)

◇Fee : Free

◇Target: People who look after or live with people from overseas

◇To Apply: Please let us know your name, address, phone number by phone, fax, email or in person.

◇Application Deadline: August 30<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents \*Free, Registration Required

Japan gets a lot of natural disasters, such as earthquakes and typhoons – attend this seminar to learn how to prepare for a disaster and protect yourself and the people around you!

◇**Date & Time:** September 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 1:00pm - 4:15pm

◇**Location:** Miyazaki City Central Public Hall  
Large Meeting Room

◇**Target:** Foreigners living in Miyazaki prefecture

◇**Lectures containing:** Information about natural disasters, how to call 119, learn about evacuation shelters, workshops with Japanese people

◇**Spaces Available:** 20 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will choose participants at random.)

◇**Fee:** Free

◇**To Apply:** Fill in your name, address and contact details on an application form and send it to the Miyazaki International Foundation by post.

◇**Application Deadline:** August 30<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

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



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Festival Exhibition “Miyazaki-From the Outside Looking in” Now Accepting Entries!



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.

◇**Theme:** “Miyazaki”

◇**Divisions:** Photography, Paintings/Drawings, Calligraphy, Hand made Crafts (Except Videos)

◇**Submission Limit:** Up to 2 entries per person in each division

◇**Size:** Up to 50 cm by 50 cm

◇**Submission Deadline:** November 5<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇**Submission Method:** Submit by post, in person, or by E-mail. When submitting an entry, please attach an application form to your art piece. The application form should include your name (with furigana), home country, contact information, the title of your entry, a 50 word or less description of your entry, and a specification of the division of your piece.

◇**Where to Submit:** Miyazaki International Foundation

◇**Display Period:** November 15<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to November 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun)  
10:00am-9:00pm

\*Display opens 1:00pm on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

◇**Entries will be displayed at:** Miyako City Shopping Center  
2F Gulliver square

◇**Awards:** Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces as chosen by visitors. \*There will be an award ceremony held at the Ajisai Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Miyako City Shopping Center on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>, at which awards and certificates will be presented to the winners.

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

## An Englishman in Miyazaki

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Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Graham Marsh

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I'm certainly going to miss everything about this wonderful prefecture - the perfect skies, azure sea and lush green mountains here are like a dream to someone like me who comes from a grey and drizzly town in a grey and drizzly country, and thanks to the kind, warm-hearted people here, I've never felt more welcome anywhere else in the world. Don't go changing, Miyazaki - I love you just the way you are!

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Thank you so much for an amazing few years. Take care out there - お元気で!

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## 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> August 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
<Chinese> August 20<sup>th</sup> (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 Nobeoka \*Free, Reservation 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.

\*Reservation required. (Appointments are available on the day.)

\*Online consultations (using Zoom) will be available.

◇**Date & Time:** August 26<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 1:00pm - 3:00pm

◇**Venue:** Shimin Gallery, 2nd Floor, Nobeoka City Hall

◇**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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## Local Announcements

<Tano Town>

The 30<sup>th</sup> Tano Taiko Festival

~Love Taiko Drumming? Love Festivals? Then in  
Summer, it has to be Tano! ~ \*Free



At this event, spectators can enjoy some impressive taiko drumming performances, such as Tano's famous local *Amadaiko*. Make sure to check it out!

◇**Date & Time:** August 27<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 4:00pm - 9:00pm

◇**Location:** Multipurpose Plaza, Tano Sports Park

◇**Inquiries & Application:** Tano General Branch Office,  
Community Welfare Division Tel: 0985-86-1111

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