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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



Plaza Holiday Closing



The International Plaza will be closed on April 29th (Sat) for the national holiday.

A Brief Introduction to What's on at the Miyazaki International Foundation in over the 2023/4 Financial year

The Miyazaki International Foundation is planning to hold the following courses over the coming year. Further information will be posted on our website (<https://www.mif.or.jp/>) and Facebook page, and in Plaza News nearer the time.

[Learning Japanese]

- Japanese Language Course (Carino, University of Miyazaki, Online)
- Regional Japanese Language Classes
- Japanese Practice Sessions
- Follow-up course for Japanese language learning supporters
- Practical training for Japanese language volunteers

[Support for Foreign Residents]

- Disaster Preparedness Seminar for Foreign Residents
- Training Seminar for Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During a Disaster
- Lecture on multicultural coexistence

[International Exchange]

- Chat Sessions (English, Chinese, Korean)
- Traditional Japanese Culture Experience
- International Understanding Classes



[Events, Festivals]

- Miyazaki International Festival – “Friends of the World”
- Art Festival – “Miyazaki – From the Outside Looking in”
- Japanese Speech Contest

[Volunteers]

- Volunteer Japanese Language Teaching (These volunteers help people from overseas living here to study Japanese.)
- Volunteer Interpreters (These volunteers are available to interpret at events and exchange activities)
- Volunteer Host Families (These volunteers accept people from overseas living in Miyazaki for homestays.)
- Volunteers to Assist Foreign Residents During Natural Disasters
- Counter Volunteers at the Miyazaki International Plaza (Terms available: April-September, October-March)



[Dispatch Instructors]

- Advisers on Multicultural Symbiosis (We dispatch lecturers to give courses on international understanding for free)

[Publications]

- South Wind (published twice a year)
- Living in Miyazaki (Published in English in the *Miyazaki Nichinichi Shimbun* newspaper in the last week of every month)
- Plaza News (published monthly)

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

A Brief Introduction to the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

[Consultation]

- Life consultations and Online Consultations by counselors at the Support Center
- Life and legal consultations (Available at any time - lawyers and paralegals can advise people consultations on everyday life in Japan)
- Consultation service by life consultants (Available at any time - Life consultants can give advice to foreign residents on everyday life in Japan and provide interpreting services in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog and Vietnamese for their clients.)
- On-site counseling service at each city in Miyazaki prefecture

[Supported languages]

(We may use machine translation and phone interpreting services for consultations)
English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog, Nepali, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Russian, German, Italian, Burmese, Mongolian, Khmer, Sinhala, Hindi, Bengali

We also respond to consultations from people who support foreign residents.

[Open] Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tel 0985-41-5901 Fax 0985-41-5902
E-mail support@mif.or.jp



Please check our Homepage, Facebook and Instagram for more information.



(Website)



(Facebook)



(Instagram)

Information on Japanese Language Courses for Foreign Residents

The Miyazaki International Foundation offers beginner-level Japanese language courses for people from overseas living in Miyazaki Prefecture. There is no charge for this course. (however, participants will need to buy their own textbooks.) Anyone who wants to learn Japanese is welcome.



★In the Carino Building★

- ◆Date & Time: May 9th (Tue) to August 29th (Tue)
- <Beginner Level1> Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:15am - 12:15pm
- <Beginner Level2> Every Tuesday & Thursday 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- <Beginner Level3> Every Tuesday & Thursday 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- *The course consists of 2 orientation sessions and 30 lessons.

★Online★

- ◆Date & Time:
 - <Beginner Level1> Every Wednesday & Friday 1:30pm - 3:30pm
May 10th (Wed) to August 30th (Wed)
 - <Beginner Level2> Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:15 am - 12:15 pm
May 9th (Tue) to August 29th (Tue)
 - <Beginner Level3> Every Wednesday & Friday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
May 10th (Wed) to August 30th (Wed)
 - <Beginner to intermediate> Every Tuesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
May 9th (Tue) to September 26th (Tue)



*With two orientations, classes for Beginner levels 1, 2, and 3 are all 30 times, and Beginner to Intermediate level is a total of 18 times.

*For more information, please visit our website or Facebook page.

◆Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions

*Free, No Registration Required



◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 4/12, 4/19, 4/26
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore (Japanese & English)

◇Date & Time: April 11th (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: April 6th (Thu)



★A chat with Eilidh from the U.K. (Japanese & English)

◇Date & Time: April 14th (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: April 11th (Tue)



★A chat with Haejeong from South Korea (Japanese & Korean)

◇Date & Time: April 27th (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Application Deadline: April 22nd (Sat)



◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1 Miyazaki International Plaza

◇Spaces Available: 4(Priority will be given to people who have participated less frequently)

*We accept applications by phone, email or in person.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Consultations available online

*Free, Reservation Required

The Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents provides a 'Zoom consultation' service for those who are unable to come to the center directly. Please send you enquire to support@mif.or.jp and be sure to include the following information from 1-4.

1. Your name
2. Your email address
3. The date or time you would like to meet
4. What it is you would like to discuss (child rearing, work, school/education, medical care, divorce, Japanese language learning, status of residence in Japan etc.)

◇Discussion reception desk opening hours:

Tuesday – Saturday (morning) 10:30am-12:00pm,
(afternoon) 2:00pm-5:00pm

*Closed Sunday, Monday and on National holidays

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Carino Miyazaki B1F)

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The G7 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting in Miyazaki will be held in Miyazaki City in April on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd. In connection with this meeting, we asked people from G7 countries the following questions about food.

① Please tell us a dish you would recommend from your country.

② Please tell us your favourite Japanese food.

*These interviews were posted on the Association's Facebook page between February and March.



Maggie
From North Carolina, USA.



① My favourite dish, which I would definitely recommend, is 'Tuna Salad'. As long as you have a can of tuna and mayonnaise, you can add in whatever else you like. Popular fillings include pickles, onions, boiled eggs, and celery. You can also sweeten it with cut grapes, apples, nuts, etc.

② I like all Japanese food! I especially like fish dishes and Japanese tea. I also like foods that are gently seasoned, and there are many such dishes in Japan, like sushi and seafood bowls – I think they are very delicious!



Dean
From Manchester, England.



① The dish I would recommend is 'Chicken Tikka Masala'. It is a curry dish that originated in India and is eaten with rice, naan, and pita. I eat it once a week! I also recommend trying an 'English Breakfast', which includes crispy bacon, sausage, fried eggs, grilled tomatoes, beans, black pudding, mushrooms, and toast enjoyed with your drink of choice.

② My favourite Japanese food is 'Chicken Nanban'! Japanese mayonnaise is different from British mayonnaise, and the tartar sauce used in the dish is very delicious!



Paola
From Rome, Italy.



① My recommendation is 'Carbonara'. As a dish it is common in Japan but is often made using fresh cream. An authentic Roman carbonara is creamy with eggs and cheese without any heavy use of cream. I want you to try the real thing! It is surprisingly light and easy to eat, and is commonly made with short pasta. Children love it too!

② When it comes to my favourite Japanese food, the one that comes to mind is oden, which my father-in-law makes in the winter. Oden, takes three days to make from the time the soup stock is made and has a strong taste, but it's also very gentle. You don't ever tire from eating it and it really warms you up!

A Scot in Miyazaki

“ April 1st, how foolish! ”



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Eilidh Galloway

April 1st is often associated with the start of the new fiscal and/ or academic year, but in many countries this day is also full of jokes and pranks, yes that's right I'm talking about April fools! What started out as a way to mock those who had not yet accustomed to the switch from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar in the late 1500s, has now very much solidified itself as a pranking tradition in the modern day.

Over the years there have been many notorious pranks on April fools. In 1957, the BBC (the British equivalent to NHK), reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record-breaking spaghetti yield and showed actual footage of people harvesting pasta from trees. This was of course, an April fools! In 1996, Taco Bell announced it had purchased the 'Liberty Bell' in Philadelphia and was renaming it the 'Taco Liberty Bell'. This was again, another April fools! In 1998, Burger King advertised its 'Left-handed Whopper', after which many customers lined up to order the non-existent, fake burger. Yet again, another April fools!

From flying penguins and Pac-man on google maps, to tartan paint and the digitalisation of the clock on Big Ben, there have been many iconic pranks that have made headlines the last few years. I wonder if any of us will fall for an April fools this year?

