



# PLAZA NEWS



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## Kirari - Japanese Language Salon in Shintomi \*Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇**Theme:** Natural Disasters◇**Date & Time:** June 18<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm◇**Venue:** Shintomi Town General Cultural Exchange Center *Kirari*◇**Spaces Available:** 15◇**How to Apply:** Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by email.◇**Application Deadline:** June 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun)◇**Inquiries & Application:**

Shintomi Town General Policy Division

Email: hamamoto-947@town.shintomi.lg.jp



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

◇**Dates & Times:**

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28

[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1F◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

## Information on Japanese Language Courses for Foreign Residents \*Registration Required

★**In Person**★◇**Date & Time & Venue:** May 9<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to August 29<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday

&lt;Beginner Level1&gt; 10:15am - 12:15pm Carino Miyazaki

&lt;Beginner Level2&gt; 1:30pm - 3:30pm Carino Miyazaki

&lt;Beginner Level3&gt; 4:00pm - 6:00pm ATOMIca Miyazaki

\*The course consists of 2 orientation sessions and 30 lessons.

★**Online**★◇**Date & Time:**

&lt;Beginner Level1&gt; Every Wednesday &amp; Friday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) to August 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

&lt;Beginner Level2&gt; Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

May 9<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to August 29<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

&lt;Beginner Level3&gt; Every Wednesday &amp; Friday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) to August 30<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

\*The course consists of 2 orientation sessions and 30 lessons.

\*Please contact us if you would like to apply, as we may reach capacity.

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

## Introduction of Japanese language volunteers \*Free, Registration Required



Foreigners or Japanese returnees in Miyazaki who wish to study Japanese language will be introduced to registered Japanese language volunteers upon request. Study location, hours, and contents will be decided by the learner and the tutor themselves.

◇**Target:** Foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture◇**Inquiries & Application:** Miyazaki International Foundation

## Talk with the CIRs ♪ \*Free, Registration Required

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

◇**Date & Time:** ① June 9<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm② June 30<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

\*①: Priority will be given to students.

◇**Application Deadline:** ① June 6<sup>th</sup> (Tue) ② June 27<sup>th</sup> (Tue)

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

(① Japanese &amp; English ② Japanese &amp; Chinese)

◇**Date & Time:** ① June 13<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm② June 13<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 6:00pm - 7:00pm◇**Application Deadline:** ① June 8<sup>th</sup> (Thu) ② June 8<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

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

◇**Date & Time:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thu) 3:00pm - 4:00pm◇**Application Deadline:** June 17<sup>th</sup> (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

## International Chat Sessions Chinese \*Registration Required

Let's chat in Chinese with Prefectural Coordinators for International Relations and foreign volunteers.

◇**Dates & Times:** 6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1 Tuesdays

6:00pm - 7:00pm 6 sessions in total

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1◇**Spaces Available:** 5 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to patrons.)◇**Target:** Those interested in Chinese.◇**Application Deadline:** June 13<sup>th</sup> (Tue)◇**Fee:** patrons and students ¥1,000 (6 sessions)

non-members ¥3,000 (6 sessions)

middle school students and under ¥500 (6 sessions)

◇**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

## Staff's Tweet

Recently, at a Japanese class I was asked by a foreign resident who works as an IT engineer, "I heard the word *konsensas* at work the other day, what does this mean?" Afterwards he explained that his boss used this word several times during a meeting.

At a separate language class, a foreign resident who is raising her children asked me, "what is *mai-nanba*?" Ah, katakana is difficult! I worked together with them both and eventually managed to get the meaning across. I was able to spend an interesting time exploring various meanings behind words. If you were asked these questions, how would you respond ?

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## Let's try a quiz about the G7 countries!

On April 22nd (Sat) and 23rd (Sun), the 'G7 Agriculture Minister's Meeting' was held in Miyazaki City, and leading up to this event, the Miyazaki Prefectural International Plaza displayed information about the G7 countries from March to April. Now, here is a quiz based on that information! (The answers will be published in the July issue of the Plaza News.)



Q1. Which tooth is known in France as 'the lucky tooth'?

- 1.The high canine
- 2.The gap between the two front teeth
- 3.Wisdom tooth

Q2. In France there is a saying, 'life is like..., the bitterness brings out the sweetness'. What food goes in the blank?



Q3. The language most spoken in the US is English, but what is the second most spoken language?



Q4. When is Mother's Day in the UK?

Q5. How long was the reign of Queen Elizabeth the 2<sup>nd</sup>?



Q6. What did Melitta Bentz, German, invent in 1908?



Q7. What is the dessert 'granita' (sherbet made from fruit juice), from Sicily, Italy, typically eaten with?

- 1.Pasta
- 2.Bread
- 3.Rice

Q8. In Italy there are over 300 different types of pasta. Is this true?



Q9. What famous children's story was set in Prince Edward Island, Canada?

## A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

### Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (English) \*Free, Reservation Required

Consultations are available in English about any problems in your life. Consultations are strictly confidential.  
\*Reservation required. (Appointments are available on the day.)

◇Date & Time: June 24<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

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

◇Date & Time: June 30<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 1:00pm - 3:30pm

◇Venue: Miyakonojo Community Center 2F (Washitsu-3)

◇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.

◇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

## Local Announcements

### <Ebino City>

### English Conversation Class



Hello!

Have fun talking and exchanging with Brian from America.

◇Date & Time: June 21<sup>st</sup> (Wed) to July 19<sup>th</sup> (Wed)  
Every Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm

◇Venue: Ebino International Exchange Center

◇Fee: ¥2,000 (5 sessions)

◇Spaces Available: Maximum 20 \*The class is intended for the general public and high school students, but middle school students can participate if accompanied by an adult.

◇How to Apply: Address, full name, please give you contact phone number.

◇Application Deadline: June 14<sup>th</sup> (Wed)

◇Inquiries & Application: Ebino International Exchange Center  
TEL: 0984-35-3211

## A Scot in Miyazaki

### "Shiga Prefecture – Yamada Farm"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Eilidh Galloway

During golden week I visited a farm in rural Shiga Prefecture for a barbeque. I know what some of you might be thinking, that's an awfully long way to go just for a barbeque. Honestly after the third or fourth train change while waiting for the bus at Shigaraki station I was thinking the same thing. The daughter of the farm owner came to pick us up from the bus stop because even after a 20-minute bus from the train station we still weren't even close. After a further 15-minute drive we arrived at 'Yamada Farm'. 'Yamada Farm' specialises in dairy cows, but there are all kinds of other animals there as well, including peacocks! It's one of the only farms in the area where anyone can go and have a look around without paying an entrance fee. That evening I met all the members of the Yamada family and the workers on the farm. We sat around a massive fire pit and had a barbeque that I think lasted a total of 5 hours.

Recently in Miyazaki we had the G7 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting, and during this event many aspects and challenges that face agriculture were discussed, and I feel like it was the first time I was properly exposed to this industry. However, when I was at the barbeque, talking with those who work directly on-site, I felt like my understanding was deepened. They told me that not only is it important for people to be aware of what they eat and where it comes from, but understanding the process and lives of those who work on farms is how to strengthen your awareness and appreciation for agriculture. I am grateful to have been able to meet such a wonderful family, and hope to expand my understanding of agriculture while living here in Miyazaki going forward.

