



# PLAZA NEWS



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## Plaza Holiday Closing

The Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed on September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sat).



## Japanese Calligraphy (*shodou*) Workshop \*Free, No Registration Required

The Miyazaki International Plaza has arranged a calligraphy corner for those who are interested in calligraphy but do not own calligraphy tools. Foreigners are welcome to visit and give it a try.

◇Dates & Time: September 12<sup>th</sup> (Tue) - October 7<sup>th</sup> (Sat)  
10:00am - 7:00pm

\*Closed on Sundays, Mondays and National holidays.

◇Location: CARINO Miyazaki B1 floor,  
Miyazaki International Plaza

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



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

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇Theme: Garbage separation

◇Date & Time: September 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 9:30am - 11:30am

◇Venue: Shintomi Town General Cultural Exchange Center  
Kirari

◇Fee: Free ◇Application Deadline: September 4<sup>th</sup> (Mon)

◇How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by email.

◇Inquiries & Application:

Shintomi Town General Policy Division

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



## Mimata Nihon-Go (Japanese Language Class) \*Free, Registration Required

Have fun practicing your Japanese with local residents!

◇Theme: Let's go shopping

◇Date & Time: October 8<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 1:00pm - 3:00pm

◇Venue: Mimata Town 6th District Annex  
(2295 Tadeike, Mimata)

◇Spaces Available: 10 ◇Fee: Free

◇How to Apply: Please send us your name, phone number, nationality and Japanese language level by email.

◇Inquiries & Application: Chikyujin Base

Email: chikyujin.base@gmail.com



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

◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



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

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

◇Date & Time: ①September 12<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
(Japanese & English)

②September 12<sup>th</sup> (Tue) 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
(Japanese & Chinese)

◇Application Deadline: September 5<sup>th</sup> (Tue)



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

◇Date & Time: September 21<sup>st</sup> (Thu) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

◇Application Deadline: September 14<sup>th</sup> (Thu)



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

◇Date & Time: ①September 8<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm

②September 29<sup>th</sup> (Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm

\*①Priority will be given to students.



◇Application Deadline:

①September 1<sup>st</sup> (Fri) ②September 22<sup>nd</sup> (Fri)

◇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

## 18<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: October 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

◇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 1<sup>st</sup> (Wed) to November 16<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

10:00am-7:00pm \*Closed: Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays

◇Entries will be displayed at: Carino Miyazaki B1F

◇Awards: Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top pieces as chosen by visitors.

\*Participation prizes will be given to those who submit their works.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



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

In the workshop, you will thoroughly learn about efforts to support foreigners in times of disaster and the provision of information in simple Japanese. (The seminar will be given in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: September 30<sup>st</sup> (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: Miyazaki City Central Public Hall  
Middle Research Room

◇Lecturer: Mr. Akinori Yadomi  
(The Saga Prefecture International Relations Association)

◇Spaces Available: 30(First come, first served)

◇Fee : Free

◇Target: Those with interest in supporting foreign residents and multiculturalism.

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

◇Application Deadline: September 16<sup>th</sup> (Sat)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



## Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents Participant applications open! \*Application Required

District Meetings

- ①Western Prefecture Regional Meeting
- ②Central and Southern Prefecture Regional Meeting
- ③Northern Prefecture Regional Meeting

◇Date & Time:

①Nov 12<sup>th</sup>(Sun) ②Nov 19<sup>th</sup>(Sun) ③Dec 17<sup>th</sup>(Sun)

①②③ 1:00pm - 3:00pm

◇Topic: "Miyazaki" (Things you have felt while living in Miyazaki, feelings towards your home country, dreams for the future, etc.)

◇Location: ①Miyakonojo City Central Public Hall, Large Meeting Room ②Building No.5 Room 521 ③Culture Plaza Nobeoka Research room 1

◇Eligibility: anyone who meets the following criteria

- 1.Those residing in Miyazaki prefecture, over the age of 16, whose first language is NOT Japanese
2. Have lived in Japan for LESS than 5 years

◇Divisions & Available Spaces:

Student Division - 5 / Open Division - 5

\*If there are a large number of applicants, entries will be screened.

◇Speech Length Limit: 3~5 min

◇Deadline: ①Oct 21<sup>st</sup>(Sat) ②Oct 28<sup>th</sup>(Sat) ③ Nov 25<sup>th</sup>(Sat)

◇How to Apply: Please hand in your ①Application form (with a photo of yourself attached) and ②Speech script (romaji is also accepted), by one of the following methods; handed directly into the Foundation, by post, or by email.

\*The application form can be downloaded online from the Miyazaki International Foundation homepage.

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



## International Understanding Lecture England \*Free, Registration Required



Eilidh Galloway, from England, will give a talk about her native country's culture, daily life and much more!  
(The talk will be in Japanese.)

◇Date & Time: October 21<sup>st</sup> (Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F Meeting Room

◇Lecturer: Ms. Eilidh Galloway (CIR)

◇Spaces Available: About 15 (First-come, first-served)

◇Fee: Free

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

◇Application Deadline: October 12<sup>th</sup> (Thu)

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

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

### Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents (Chinese)

\*Free, Reservation Required



Consultations are available in Chinese about any problems in your life. Consultations are strictly confidential.

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

◇Date & Time: September 16<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

## Local Announcements <Kobayashi City>

### Local Japanese Class "KIZUNA"

\*Free, Reservation Required



A class where you can speak, read, and write Japanese. It is a class where you can enjoy speaking with the Japanese language teacher and people of Kobayashi. Children can participate with you. (Childcare is also available)

◇Date & Time / Theme:

•September 17<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm / Preparations for the bus tour

•October 1<sup>st</sup>(Sun) 10:00am - 12:00pm / Bus tour

◇Venue: TENAMU building (Kobayashi City Hosono 1897)

◇Target: Foreign residents interested in taking classes.

◇Fee: Free

◇Application:

◇Inquiries: Kobayashi City Regional Revitalisation Division TEL:0984-23-1148



## A Scot in Miyazaki

*"September, a month to celebrate literature"*



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR  
Eilidh Galloway

September is a busy month in the UK, not just because it is when schools go back after the summer holidays, but there are many days to celebrate, specifically to do with literature. This month I thought I would introduce some of the fun dates in September that maybe people in Japan don't know.

Firstly, September 1st, also known as 'Harry Potter return to Hogwarts day', is a day when Harry Potter fans celebrate the day that students return to Hogwarts School. Many people gather at King's Cross Station in London or watch livestreamed events via the Wizarding World website. September 6th is 'Read a Book Day', a day that encourages reading among people of all ages and is a reminder to all that reading is a great way to stimulate the mind and can also slow down the mental effects of age and dementia. September 8th is 'International Literacy Day', a day to bring attention to the promotion of literacy as an integral part of lifelong learning. Supported by UNESCO, it aims to tackle the fact that one in five adults around the world are still not literate and that two-thirds of them are women. The 13th of September is 'Roald Dahl Story Day' and marks the birthday of famous British children's author Roald Dahl. This day is used to promote reading and raise money for children's charities. And finally, the 22nd of September is known as 'Hobbit Day' as it is the birthday of the hobbit characters Bilbo and Frodo Baggins in J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, another famous British author whose works have now been turned into films and television shows.

This month I hope to be able to make more time for reading. I keep finding new things I want to read but struggle to make the time, but this month there's no excuse really! What will you read this month?

