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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 Miyazaki International Plaza will be closed on November 3rd (Fri) and 23rd (Thu).

Miyazaki International Festival

~Friends of the World~

On Saturday 11th November, the '18th Miyazaki International Festival – Friends of the World' will be held. There will be an art exhibition with pieces submitted by foreign residents on the theme of 'Miyazaki', 'World Country Booths' where you can interact with people from various countries, and 'World Culture Exhibition' with activities that include playing a traditional Chinese 'erhu' and trying 'Capoeira' from Brazil. There will also be a stamp rally where you can win sweets and more. We look forward to seeing you there!

◇Date & Time : November 11th (Sat)
10:00am - 4:30 pm

◇Venue : B1, 1F, 2F Carino Miyazaki

★For details, please see our Miyazaki International Foundation Homepage.



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 person★

◇Date & Time: October 3rd (Tue) to January 30th (Tue)

<Beginner Level1> Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:15am - 12:15pm

<Beginner Level2> Every Tuesday & Thursday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

November 2nd (Thu) to February 29th (Thu)

<Beginner Level3> Every Tuesday & Thursday 4:00pm - 6:00pm

*The course consists of 31 lessons.

★Online★

◇Date & Time:

<Beginner Level1> Every Wednesday & Friday 1:30pm - 3:30pm

October 4th (Wed) to February 2nd (Fri)

<Beginner Level2> Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

October 3rd (Tue) to February 6th (Thu)

<Beginner Level3> Every Wednesday & Friday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

October 4th (Wed) to February 7th (Wed)

<Beginner to intermediate> Every Tuesday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

October 24th (Tue) to March 5th (Tue)

*Classes for Beginner levels 1, 2, and 3 are all 31 times, and Beginner to Intermediate level is a total of 19 times.

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

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



International Chat Sessions Second Term

*Registration Required

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

<English>

◇Dates & Times: 2024 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

Saturdays 10:30am - 11:30am 6 sessions in total

◇Spaces Available : 10 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to first time applicants.)

◇Target: Those who can make basic conversation in English.

◇Application Deadline: December 21st(Thu)

<Chinese>

◇Dates & Times: 2024 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

Tuesdays 18:00am - 19:00am 6 sessions in total

◇Spaces Available: 5 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to supporting members and first time applicants.)

◇Target: Those interested in Chinese.

◇Application Deadline: December 26th(Tue)

<Korean>

◇Dates & Times: 2023 12/7, 12/21, 2024 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15

Thursdays 18:00am - 19:00am 6 sessions in total

◇Spaces Available: 5 (If there are more applicants than spaces, we will give priority to supporting members and first time applicants.)

◇Target: Those who can make basic conversation in Korean.

◇Application Deadline: November 16th(Thu)

★Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1

★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.

★Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation



Traditional Japanese Culture Workshop

"Let's make soba!"

*Registration Required, FREE



Let's make the traditional Japanese dish 'soba' together!

◇Dates & Times : December 16th(Sat) 10:00~13:00

◇Place : Miyakonojo City Mallmall,

Machinaka Exchange Center 1st floor Machinaka Kitchen

◇Limit : 10 (first come, first served)

◇Target : Foreign Residents of Miyazaki

◇Cost : Free

◇Application deadline : November 29th(Wed)

◇How to apply:

<https://forms.gle/DtDX8c1UTszLRP4P6>

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki international Foundation



Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

- ◇**Date & Time:** ①November 14th (Tue) 3:00pm - 4:00pm
(Japanese & English)
②November 14th (Tue) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
(Japanese & Chinese)



◇**Application Deadline:** November 7th(Tue)

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

- ◇**Date & Time:** November 30th(Thu) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
◇**Application Deadline:** November 23rd(Thu)



- ★A chat with Eilidh from the U.K. (Japanese & English)
◇**Date & Time:** ①November 10th(Fri) 3:00pm - 4:00pm
②November 24th (Fri) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
*②Priority will be given to students.

◇**Application Deadline:**

- ①November 3rd (Fri) ②November 17th(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

Disaster Management Seminar for Foreign Residents *Free, Registration Required

Let's learn what to do in the event of and how to prepare for natural disasters in this seminar and protect yourself and the people around you!



- ◇**Date & Time:** December 9th (Sat) 10:30am - 12:00pm
◇**Location:** University of Miyazaki Library
◇**Target:** Foreigners and international students living in Miyazaki prefecture
◇**Lectures containing:** ①Learning how to use disaster prevention tools (products and food supplies).
②Hazard maps and evacuation quiz
③Learn how to use an AED

◇**Spaces Available:** 40

◇**Fee:** Free



◇**To Apply:** You must complete the google form.

◇**Application Deadline:** November 25th(Sat)

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation, University of Miyazaki Centre for International Relations

◇**Sponsors:** Miyazaki International Foundation, University of Miyazaki Centre for International Relations, Miyazaki City, JICA Kyushu

Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, Registration Required



◇**Dates & Times:**

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 11/1, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29
[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 11/10, 11/17, 11/24

◇**Venue:** CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇**Inquiries:** Miyazaki International Foundation

A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Daily Life & Immigration Consultations for Foreign Residents

*Free, Reservation Required



You can consult a member of staff at the Immigration Bureau Miyazaki Branch regarding questions about status of residence and immigration procedures. Consultations are strictly confidential. *Reservation required. (Walk-Ins welcome - if consultant is available)

◇**Date & Time:** November 11th(Sat) 1:00pm - 4:30pm

◇**Venue:** Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Miyazaki International Festival ~Friends of the World~ Immigration Bureau Booth)

Daily Life Consultations for Foreign Residents in Miyazaki city *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.

This time it will be held at the old Japanese houses by the Museum. You will also be able to enjoy the museum, so please do come along. *Reservations required. (Walk-Ins welcome - if consultant is available)

◇**Date & Time:** November 25th(Sat) 2:00pm - 4:00pm

◇**Venue:** : "Shiiba" traditional folk house, Miyazaki Prefectural Museum of Nature and History (2 Chome-4-4 Jingu, Miyazaki)



◇**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: ①your name, ②contact details (telephone number), ③what you would like to discuss, and ④what 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

A Scot in Miyazaki

"Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot!"



Miyazaki Prefecture CIR
Eilidh Galloway

I am sure many will agree that the summer season is characterised in Japan by the many festivals and fireworks. As we enter the later months of the year, there are fewer of these festivities, however, it is quite the opposite in the UK. Although we do not have summer 'matsuri', every year, in the first week of November, the skies are lit up with bonfires and fireworks, as the UK celebrates 'Guy Fawkes Night'.

This festival, despite being one of the more famous annual celebrations back home, seems to be little known across the world. Every year, on the 5th of November, known as 'Guy Fawkes Night' or 'Bonfire Night/ Fireworks Night', the people of the UK commemorate a failed assassination attempt from more than 400 years ago. On November 5th, 1605, a man named Guy Fawkes, who was a member of the group known as 'the Gunpowder Plot', was arrested while guarding explosives that had been placed under Parliament's House of Lords in an attempt to assassinate King James 1st. In celebration of the King surviving, people lit bonfires around London. Months later, the 5th of November was made an annual public day of thanksgiving for the plot's failure and has remained so ever since! Typically, on this day bonfires and effigies of Fawkes (or more often now, modern political leaders or societal villains) are burned while fireworks burst in the sky. Traditionally, people feast on baked potatoes and toffee apples, and often families and friends will go out together to see fireworks displays. Admittedly it is a bit colder at this time of year than the Japanese summer fireworks festivals, but it is a unique holiday deeply rooted in the history of the UK and is an event that I would recommend to anyone who can be in the UK at this time. Don't worry if you don't know where to go, because I guarantee on this day you will be able to let the fireworks guide your way!

