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Plaza Holiday Closing

The International Plaza will be closed on March 20th (Wed) for the public holiday.



18th Annual Art Festival - Traveling Exhibitions - Kawaminami & Nobeoka - *Free viewing "Miyazaki - From the Outside Looking in"

There are 39 art works on display submitted by the foreign residents who live in Miyazaki on the theme 'Miyazaki'. Please take the time to appreciate how our foreign residents see Miyazaki.

Kawaminami

◇Display Period: March 1st(Fri) to March 13th(Wed)

◇Venue: Kawaminami Town Library 1F



Nobeoka

◇Display Period: March 15th(Fri) to March 28th(Thu)

◇Venue: Nobeoka station encross, kids space

◇Works on display:

photos, paintings/drawings,
Japanese-calligraphy, and handmade crafts

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation

Japanese Practice Sessions *Free, Registration Required

◇Dates & Times:

[Wednesday] 10:30am - 11:30am 3/6, 3/13, 3/27

[Friday] 10:30am - 11:30am 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

◇Venue: CARINO Miyazaki B1F

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Talk with the CIRs ♪ *Free, Registration Required

★A chat with Yu Ding from Singapore

◇Date & Time: ①March 26th (Tue) 3 - 4pm (Japanese & English)

②March 26th (Tue) 6 - 7pm (Japanese & Chinese)

*①Priority will be given to students.

◇Application Deadline: March 19th (Tue)



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

◇Date & Time: ①March 21st (Thu) 3 - 4pm

②March 21st (Thu) 6 - 7pm

*①Priority will be given to students.

◇Application Deadline: March 14th (Thu)



◇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

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

Miyazaki International Plaza Introducing the library corner

At the Miyazaki International Plaza located in the basement of Carino, there is a library corner where you are able to borrow two books for up to two weeks for free.

You can choose from multi-cultural books to books written in languages including English, Korean, and Chinese, and textbooks for the Japanese language proficiency exam. Also, you can use the multi-purpose space next to the International Plaza to read newspapers written in English or study. Please feel free to utilise these resources.

【Miyazaki International Plaza】

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Miyazaki International Plaza Counter Volunteer Recruitment

We are currently looking for volunteers within Miyazaki Prefecture, 18 years of age or older, to work at the front counter of the Miyazaki International Plaza and assist Plaza staff.

*Volunteers expected to speak some basic Japanese.

◇Volunteer Period:

April 9th (Tue) to September 28th (Sat) *Excluding Holidays

◇Volunteer Time:

One day a week from Tuesday to Saturday from;

A. 10:15 am - 12:45 pm **B.** 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Volunteers will work on the same day and during the same time period from week to week.

◇Tasks: Assisting Plaza visitors, assist in lending out and checking in library materials sending out documents, organizing library materials, arranging and forwarding used stamps, etc.

◇Others: Transportation expenses not covered; no monetary rewards (*however, volunteer's insurance will be covered by the International Foundation and parking vouchers will be issued to volunteers making use of the CARINO Miyazaki Parking Lot.)

◇Application dead Line: March 2nd (Sat)

◇Inquiries: Miyazaki International Foundation



Staff's Tweet



Every year, a lot of marathon events are held within the prefecture. At the Aoshima Taiheiyo Marathon held in December, approximately 10,000 runners took on the challenge of running a full 42km marathon. An American acquaintance of mine also successfully completed the race.

In the world of marathons, there is something even longer than the full marathon – the ultramarathon. I once competed a 100 km race outside the prefecture, and it was a grueling race that took all day from early morning to late evening. Apparently, there are races abroad that take more than a month to complete a distance of about 5,000 km. This distance is equivalent to travelling from Japan to Alaska in a straight line. Since there is also a time limit, the runner must run approximately 100 km every day to complete the race. Even though I am not sure if I would like to compete at this level, I would like to experience various competitions. How far would you be willing to go for a challenge? (Staff: S)

We are recruiting patrons! Annual membership fee Individual:2,000yen Group:10,000yen



If you become our patron...

- You will receive "International Plaza News," our monthly newsletter
- You will receive "South Wind," our semiannual magazine
- You will be given discounts for our lectures and workshops
- (Only available for Groups) Website will be linked to our homepage

◆Inquiries : Miyazaki International Foundation

A Message from the Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents

Consultations available online *Free, Reservation Required



The Miyazaki Support Centre for Foreign residents provides a 'Zoom consultation' service for those who are unable to come to the centre directly. Please send us your enquiry including the following information.

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

◆Discussion reception desk opening hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10:30am-12:00noon, 2:00pm-5:00pm

*Closed on Sundays, Mondays and National holidays

◆Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki Support Center for Foreign Residents (Carino Miyazaki B1)

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♪South Korea Travel Tips♪



Asiana Airlines resumed regular flights between Miyazaki and Seoul in last September, making trips to South Korea more accessible again. Here we asked the prefecture's CIR, Ms. Yang Haejeong about her recommendations for sightseeing spots in Seoul and Korean food!

Where to visit (in Seoul)



- Naksan Park:
This park has a beautiful night view. Good for a night walk.
- Tongin Market:
It is a place I would like to visit. At the popular "Obento cafe, you can buy your favorite side dish with old-fashioned copper coins.
- Seoul Forest:
A large park where you can feel the seasons of Korea. In the neighboring area called "Seongsu", there are many cute cafes and stores!
- National Hangeul Museum & National Museum of Korea:
It is an interesting place for those studying the Korean language. The adjacent National Museum of Korea is one of the most famous museums in Korea. It may be a good idea to visit the museums together. The merchandise of the National Museum of Korea are very popular, full of cute and traditional items and suitable for souvenirs.

What to eat



- Dak-bokkeum-tang: Spicy Korean Chicken Stew
- Gamja-tang: Pork bones and Potato soup
- Clam Kalguksu: Korean noodle soup with Clams
- Bean Sprouts Kukpap: Rice porridge with bean sprouts (A dish from my hometown of Jeonju!)
- Budae-jjigae: Spicy hot pot with sausage/spam
Japanese people seem to like this flavour.

Unique Korean dish (Not everyone's taste!)



- Dakbal: Spicy Chicken feet
- Sundae: Korean sausage
- Beondegi: Boiled and seasoned silkworm pupae

My hometown, Jeonju City, is called the "Food Capital" and has many delicious cuisines. I encourage everyone to visit ♪

Please check the official website for information on timetables and making reservations for Asiana Airlines' Miyazaki-Seoul route. Phone inquiries are also available.

Asiana Airline website: <http://flyasiana.com>

Reservation: Tel 0570(082)555/03(5812)6600



The Problem of Talking about Canada in Japan



Intercultural Adviser
Michael Guest

It's always difficult to answer Japanese people's questions about Canada. Unlike Japan, we don't have a Canadian language, Canadian dance, Canadian cuisine, Canadian traditional costume, Canadian music, or any such things.

Therefore, questions such as "What is Canadian food?" are almost impossible to answer.

There are several reasons for this. One is that Canada's history as a country is just over 150 years, hardly enough time to develop national traditions. Second is the size of the country. The atmosphere and daily lives of people who live in the Atlantic region, or French-speaking Quebec, are a world away from the Pacific Coast of my native Vancouver.

Third is that the Canadian population is made up of immigrants from numerous ethnic and linguistic backgrounds (I, myself, was born in England and moved to Canada as an infant). Many immigrants keep cultural ties to the 'old country', at least for a generation or two.

I think our lack of deep traditions makes it easier for Canadians to relocate to other parts of the world. We are less bound by habit and are therefore usually able to adapt to new cultures. In fact, I'd say that many Canadians seek out older, more established cultures precisely because we don't really have that at home.

Finally, I'd like you to know one thing that Canadians generally dislike: That is, automatically being thought of as Americans. Of course, we share some cultural features with the U.S., much of the landscape might look similar, and to untrained ears, we often sound like Americans. But this is not because Canadians dislike our southern neighbours, as we have so much in common, but rather, because we identify as something different, even if that something is often difficult to pin down.