

The 16th Annual "Friends of the World" Miyazaki International Festival

As of the end of December 2020, there are 7,736 people from overseas living here in Miyazaki Prefecture. (Source: *Zairyū gaikokujin tōkei* ("Statistics on Foreign Residents"), published by the



Ministry of Justice). It is becoming more and more necessary for domestic and foreign residents of Miyazaki to understand the differences in each other's cultures, respect each other and live together. Here at the Miyazaki International Foundation, we hold an international festival in Miyazaki once a year, so in this month's *Living In Miyazaki*, we will explain a little more about the "Friends of the World" Miyazaki International Festival, scheduled to be held on Sunday, December 5th:

The 16th Annual "Friends of the World" Miyazaki International Festival



◇Date/Time: Sunday, December 5th, 10:00 – 15:00

◇Venue: *Kenden Hall* and Gallery, 1st Floor, Miyazaki Prefectural Government Public Enterprise Bureau (宮崎県企業局庁舎, *Miyazaki-ken kigyō kyoku chōsha*) – Asahi 1-chome 2-2, Miyazaki City

Festival Content:

Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents: 10:00 – 12:30

People from overseas living in Miyazaki will give speeches in Japanese on the theme of "Japan and I."

Stage Performances: "World's Got Talent!"

Lineup: Chinese *Erhu* (二胡) Performance, Columbian Dance (11:15 – 11:50)

Drum Performance and Experience (14:15 – 14:45)

International Understanding Class – Vietnam: 13:00 – 14:00

Nguyen Van Khanh from Vietnam will give a talk about his home country.

Country Booths: 11:00 – 15:00

People from overseas living in Miyazaki will be available to talk about their home countries at each booth.

Participating countries: UK, Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, and many more!

International Exchange and Cooperation Organization Booths: 11:00 – 15:00

Groups and organizations working to promote international exchange will be available to give information about their activities.

Participating Groups: Miyazaki City International Association, Kiyotake International Association, Miyazaki-Brazil Friendship Association.



Japanese Culture Class – *Furoshiki* Wrapping Techniques: 12:00 – 15:00

The Miyazaki Environmental Supporters Club will be on hand to teach visitors various useful ways to tie up a *furoshiki* (traditional Japanese cloth).

Class hosted by the Miyazaki Environmental Supporters Club (*Miyazaki kankyō sapōtā kurabu*)

JICA International Cooperation Booth: 11:00 – 15:00

Exhibition about SDGs

Times and content may be subject to change. For more details, please see the Miyazaki International Foundation website or Facebook page for the latest information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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