



Information & Notices

☆World Festa 2025

We are actively recruiting groups and individual volunteers for the 13th World Festa in Miyakonojo 2025 event! (Those living in either Miyakonojo or Mimata.) We ask you all for your cooperation.

Date and Time : January 26th 2025 (Sunday) 12:00~17:00

Location: (MJ Hall) 都城市総合文化ホール

Event Details: Introductions of Overseas Countries and Regions, etc.

Recruitment Targets: International Exchange/Cooperation, Interculturalism, and items in line with the World Festa's goals.

Recruitment Details:

①Country and Region Introduction Booths

Hands-on experiences. Not JUST panel exhibitions.
 (Excluding Mongolia, China, and America)

②International Exchange/Cooperation Organization Activity

Introduction Booths
 Panel Exhibition.

③Individual and Group Stage Performances

Songs, dances, etc. From 3 to 10 minutes.

④Volunteer Staff

- Setting up the location the day before. (Carrying equipment/supplies and setting up panels)
- Setting up booths on the day of the event, cleaning up after the event ends.
- Aiding the international booths, stage reception and guidance.
- Supporting behind the stage, etc.

Precautions:

* We will adjust accordingly in the event that there are lots of applicants so please understand in advance.

* Each booth's size will be adjusted according to the number of participants.

Application Deadline: November 8th 2024 (Friday)

Applications/Inquiries: All applicants must apply in advance.

Please send your organization name, applicant name, and participation details (booth type, etc.) by phone or email to the MIA office.

Introducing Myself and Brisbane, Australia

My name is Nicholas Hudson, a 26-year-old from Brisbane, Australia. I arrived in Miyakonojo at the end of July and am excited to immerse myself in its rich culture and history. Recently, I enjoyed my first Japanese festival, Bonchi Matsuri, and plan to participate in the dance next year.

I have studied Japanese for six years at university, so please say hello if you see me around; I appreciate every opportunity to practice my conversational skills. I'm also happy to help anyone practice their English.

Brisbane, my hometown, is part of a diverse and multicultural nation. Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, with varied landscapes from rainforests to deserts. It's also home to the largest number of Japanese learners per capita outside Japan. While Japan has a long and storied written history, Australia has a rich oral tradition through its First Nations peoples. I find the cultural nuances between our countries fascinating.

I've only visited Japan twice before, focusing on central Honshu tourist spots. I'm eager to explore Kyushu, starting with Miyazaki and Kagoshima. Although I haven't seen the Sakura bloom yet, I plan to follow the blossoms

across Japan someday. I also look forward to climbing the mountains around Miyakonojo, inspired by my previous mountain climbing experiences in Canada.

While I was born and raised in Brisbane, I spent the last four years on my family's farm in the Australian countryside, growing fruits and vegetables and raising animals like pigs, sheep, and chickens. In my spare time, I enjoy reading books and manga, and watching anime. Like many Australians, I was first introduced to Japanese culture through anime and food. My goal is to deepen my understanding of Japanese culture and history during my stay.

I look forward to meeting you all and sharing our cultures!

Best regards,
 Nicholas Hudson



Movies In Theaters

C-Plaza Cine-port (Tel: 0986-24-2571) 17-9 Nakamachi, Miyakonojo, Miyazaki

- Inside Out 2
- Natsume Arata no Kekkon (Arata Natsume's Marriage)
- Alien: Romulus
- Let's Go! Anpanman (Baikinman to Ehon no Lulun)
- Despicable Me 4
- Kingdom: (Taishogun no Kikan)