



# MIA news

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## Life After JET (Introducing Sydney) - Frank Miao (Former Miyakonjo ALT)

I was an ALT in Miyakonojo between 2015 and 2018. During those three years, I truly enjoyed every second of my time, and even now, consider Miyakonojo to be like a second home. However, it is only after some time has passed and in further reflection, do I realise just how much I learnt on both a macro level in terms of Japanese culture and language, and also on a micro level in terms of the local community of Miyakonojo city and Miyazaki prefecture.



Australia is a multicultural country and Sydney is perhaps one of the best examples of this. You can see iconic landmarks such as the awe-inspiring Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. Just a short walk away is the "Chinese Friendship Garden" where you can walk through an authentic Classical Chinese style garden. For lunch you can choose from the myriad authentic cuisine available from all over the world, whether it be Thai, Nepalese, British, French, Italian or whatever else you fancy. You can then enjoy the spectacle of an AFL or rugby game or even get involved yourself and try some Australian sports such as beach cricket or lawn bowls. This variety and the authenticity of everything is what truly makes Sydney unique and different to every other major city I have been to and I want



to share this with everyone.

I realised that I want to introduce my home country of Australia, and my hometown of Sydney to Japanese students and hopefully give them an unforgettable cultural trip while helping them achieve their English language goals. To this end, I have partnered up with a fellow previous Miyakonojo ALT, Corey Morton, and together we have set up a company that seeks to provide study tours for Japanese students.



My second goal is to help students gain confidence in their English ability and this is a continuation of my work as an ALT. I strongly believe that the best tool for learning language is immersion, and while I tried to provide this as much as possible

in schools, it is of course no match for travelling and experiencing using English in real world scenarios. Corey and I would like to do what we can do help Japanese students achieve their language goals. If you are interested in Australia, or if you want to visit, or if you just want to catch up with Corey and I, please email me at [frank@ddcegroup.com](mailto:frank@ddcegroup.com) or check out Corey's Instagram "cmormorton". Hopefully we hear from you soon!

## Recruitment of Interpreters by the Miyakonojo BoE

There are a number of foreign Elementary and Junior High School students and children at the various schools in the Miyakonojo region that cannot fluently understand Japanese. To this end, the city is seeking to recruit staff to interpret for these students and assist them in leading and enjoying a regular school life. Recruitment Conditions, etc.:

- 1 Location of Employment: City-run Elementary/Junior High Schools
- 2 Work Hours: M/Tu/Th/F - 7:50AM to 4:20PM (45m break included)  
Wednesday - 7:50AM to 3:05PM (45m break included)
- 3 Recruitment Target: Those who can interpret between Japanese and English

- 4 Remuneration: Fixed hourly salary of 1,158 to 1,242 Yen (Dependent on consecutive years employed)  
\*An additional allowance is made for commuting to work

- 5 Application Period: Until March 18th (Wednesday) 12PM. Please send your CV (Résumé) to the Schools and Education Division.

\*For foreign residents, please also submit a copy of your residence card.

- 6 Positions Available: Few (Upon recruitment, an interview will be held. This interview is scheduled for March 19th (Thursday)

- 7 Inquiries: Schools and Education Division. Phone - (0986) 23-9544



### Movies info

C-Plaza Cine-port (Tel: 0986-24-2571)

17-9 Nakamachi, Miyakonojo, Miyazaki Map-Code (GPS): 117 488 540\*55



- A.I. Houkai (Japanese)
- Cats (Japanese Sub/Dub)
- Frozen 2 (Japanese Dub)
- Parasite (Japanese)
- The Call of the Wild (English)
- Kamen Byoutou (Japanese)

- Goodbye ~Uso Kara Hajimaru Jinsei Kigeki~ (Japanese)

\*The 1st of every month is ¥1,100 for everyone.

\*Every Wednesday is 'Ladies' Day', all ladies ¥1,100.

\*The cinema is closed every Tuesday.

\*For session times visit: <http://movie.walkerplus.com/th286/schedule.html> (Japanese)