



# MIA news

Miyakonojo International Association

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## Life Abroad — Bat-Erdene, Mongolia

Hi everyone! My name is Bat-Erdene. In 2014, I entered a Japanese technical college that was established in Mongolia that very same year, and I was amongst the first graduates from that college in 2019. In Mongolia, there are a total of 3 colleges currently operating in the style of Japanese technical colleges. The one that I graduated from is known as the Mongolian technical college. I began looking into, and decided that I would enroll in the Mongolian technical college while I was in middle school. As to why, I felt that entering into this college after graduating middle school, studying engineering, technology & mechanics at a technical level, having specialist knowledge by the age of 20 and graduating as an engineer had a wonderful appeal to it. After graduating, thanks to the cooperation between our Mongolian technical college and our partnered Japanese technical college, I managed to gain employment with Ōyodo



Bat-Erdene, graduating from Technical College in Mongolia.



Kaihatsu in Miyakonojo City. At the Mongolian technical college, we undertook classes run by not only Mongolian teachers, but Japanese teachers as well. All the things that we were taught by those Japanese teachers back when I was a student are now being put to good use while I'm working in a Japanese company.

I came to Miyakonojo back in March with another friend who also graduated from the same technical college. There were a lot of new experiences such as starting a new job or coming to unknown lands, but thanks to the warm reception we received from all of the staff of Ōyodo Kaihatsu, as well as all of their advice about everything from parts of our daily life to rules around the workplace and details about Japanese culture, our initial trepidation quickly faded as we adjusted to our new environment. Not only our chief, but our supervisor from the HR department and all of the staff at our current site are all bright and cheerful, and have a really fun way of teaching us all sorts of things. Mr. Shimizu, the business section assistant head, has

taken us to a number of beautiful places, as well as introducing us to delicious Japanese cuisine and guiding us around numerous landmarks. He also took us to see some wild horses. To we Mongolians, horses make for the best of friends, so nothing made me happier than being able to see some horses in Japan as well.



Heading out to see some wild horses

Working in a construction company in Japan, one of the biggest differences between construction in Mongolia and Japan that I've come to realise is that of the seasons. Because of how cold Mongolia can get in the winter, most construction companies will be closed. There are only a few of the major construction companies that will have works continuing throughout the winter months. In Japan, construction is possible year-round, and the newest technology is being steadily introduced. Additionally, there are a number of companies that are expanding their business overseas. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of Japanese companies operating in Mongolia. I have a dream of opening a branch of the company I currently work at in Mongolia in the future, and want to keep striving to learn what I can from developments in Japanese construction while I'm here.



## General Information

### ◇ Let's Go Miyakonojo!

#### Hometown Support Vouchers

Hometown Support Vouchers have been developed in response to the impact of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak, in order to support everyone's daily lives. They will be sent out to all citizens of Miyakonojo City by the end of September.

Each person will receive 1 book of vouchers worth 5,000 Yen (5 vouchers \* 1,000 Yen). In addition, there will be an additional 1 book of vouchers worth 5,000 Yen for each child. These vouchers can be used at registered stores throughout the city (these stores will have a poster on display as a symbol of being registered). These vouchers can be used until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please be aware that once this date has passed, these vouchers will expire and can no longer be used.

If you have any inquiries, please contact the Internationalisation Promotion Office, located on the second floor of City Hall.

**Phone:** 0986-23-2295  
**Availability:** Mon-Fri, 8:30AM - 12:00PM & 1:00PM - 4:30PM

### ◇ MIA Members Page

Our homepage has recently been updated to include a members page. Further details regarding this page have been included on a separate notice attached to this month's MIA News. Please see this notice for further details.

### ◇ Updating Your Details

If your address or phone number has changed since joining the association, or should you wish to register or withdraw from volunteer activities, please let the association know.

### ◇ Information Regarding The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Department of Health, Welfare and Labour has developed posters and leaflets regarding the novel coronavirus and how to protect yourself from it in various languages, all of which are available on their home page.

#### Languages:

\*Simple Japanese \*English  
 \*Portuguese \*Chinese  
 \*Korean \*Spanish  
 \*Vietnamese \*Tagalog  
 \*Indonesian



### ◇ National Census

From the 14th of September, all residents of Japan, including those who hail from overseas, will be required to respond to the National Census Survey delivered to their household. There are a total of 27 languages in which you may respond to this survey:

*Chinese	*Korean	*Portuguese
*English	*Filipino	*Vietnamese
*Spanish	*Thai	*Nepalese
*French	*Bengali	*Malaysian
*Hindi	*Myanmar	*Russian
*Sinhalese	*German	*Mongolian
*Arabic	*Indonesian	*Italian
*Turkish	*Khmer	*Lao
*Persian	*Romanian	*Urdu

In addition, you may respond online in any of English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish or Vietnamese.

#### Miyazaki Prefecture Multilingual National Census Leaflet

More information regarding this census can be found on the following pamphlet (contains Simple Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, English, Indonesian, Korean & Nepalese):



[https://www.pref.miyazaki.lg.jp/tokeichosa/kense/toke/kokusei2020/documents/45360\\_20200820110135-1.pdf](https://www.pref.miyazaki.lg.jp/tokeichosa/kense/toke/kokusei2020/documents/45360_20200820110135-1.pdf)

#### Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication National Census 2020 Multilingual Support

This year, Japan will be holding a National Census. All residents, including international residents, are expected to partake in this census, providing valuable insight into the current state of Japan and its residents. By the end of September, all households should have received their census forms, and submissions are required by October 7th, whether by mail or online. A direct link to the ministry's multilingual support, available in a total of 28 languages including English, and with further details regarding this census, is included below.

<https://www.kokusei2020.go.jp/household/language.html>



**Movies info** C-Plaza Cine-port (Tel: 0986-24-2571)  
 17-9 Nakamachi, Miyakonojo, Miyazaki Map-Code (GPS): 117 488 540\*55



- Tenet (Japanese Sub)
- Gran Blue (Japanese)
- Confidence Man JP Princess Edition (Japanese)
- Kyo Kara Ore Ha! The Movie (Japanese)
- Doraemon: Nobita's New Dinosaur (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)