



# MIA news

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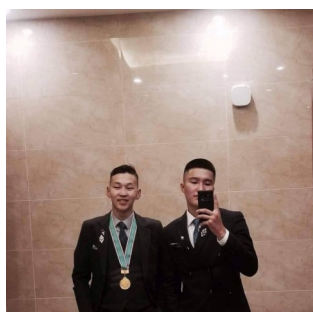
## Our Town, Our People

This corner introduces foreign nationals living in Miyakonojo and Mimata, as well as residents engaged in international projects.

Hello everyone! My name is Nergui Amarbayasgalan. I was born in the province of Orkhon in Mongolia in 2000. Let me briefly introduce my home province. The heart of the province lies in the city of Erdenet, the third biggest city in Mongolia. Erdenet has a particularly prosperous copper mining industry, with operations across the nearby mountains making up over 13% of Mongolia's GDP. In terms of its history, Erdenet city-building projects began back in the 1950's, alongside the construction of the nearby copper mines. Being blessed by verdant nature, the city is also quite beautiful.



In 2013, I enrolled in Mongolia's Technical College attached to the Mongolian University of Science & Technology, which follows the teaching style of Japanese technical college education, and graduated in 2018. After graduating, I began working for Oyodo Kaihatsu in Miyakonojo City. This was my first experience living abroad; not only was there the difference in cultures, but not all things became simple after starting work. It took quite a period of time to become accustomed to and understand everything around me. The lifestyle, manners and culture of Japanese people was a whole new world to me. Even the custom of bowing was challenging in the beginning,



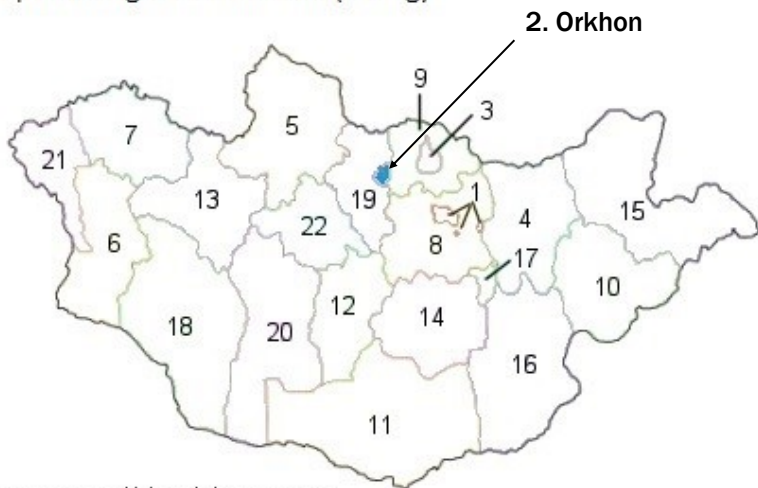
and it was some time until I became accustomed to it. Now, I've gotten used to the majority of these things, but I still feel there are a number of areas in which my studies are lacking. There's certainly a number of ways in which Mongolia's and Japan's cultures are different, but the style of Japanese diligence is something I've taken to heart.

The delivery of the first construction site I've been working on is slated for this October. As this is my first actual site, I'm getting more and more excited, and I'm looking forward to the day. My superiors and co-workers at work, as well as all of the staff on site have all been extremely friendly, and take the time to teach me thoroughly. As such, I've learnt a lot over my time here. There are times that my lack of knowledge in an area has been the cause of inconvenience to those around me. Every day as I learn something new, I take on new challenges, and feel a sense of achievement as I while away my working days.

The thing that first left a deep impression on me from my everyday life in Japan was the gentle way in which store attendants treat their customers. When I enter a store for the first time, the staff will greet me as if they had always been waiting for me to come, and through these interactions, I experienced first-hand the spirit through which the Japanese Service Industry cares for their customers. From this and other valuable experiences, there are 3 things from Japanese culture that I have taken note of and have listed below. When I return to Mongolia, I hope to be able to spread these ideas further:

- 1) Punctuality and timeliness.
- 2) Taking into consideration the situation of others, and avoiding causing them trouble.
- 3) Cleanliness & Hygiene (the streets of every town are

Map of Mongolian Provinces (Aimag)



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| 1. Ulaanbaatar City | 12. Övörkhanghai |
| 2. Orkhon           | 13. Zavkhan      |
| 3. Darkhan-Uul      | 14. Dundgovi     |
| 4. Khentii          | 15. Dornod       |
| 5. Khövsgöl         | 16. Dornogovi    |
| 6. Khovd            | 17. Govisumber   |
| 7. Uvs              | 18. Govi-Altai   |
| 8. Töv              | 19. Bulgan       |
| 9. Selenge          | 20. Bayankhongor |
| 10. Sükhbaatar      | 21. Bayan-Ölgii  |
| 11. Ömnögovi        | 22. Arkhangai    |

very clean, no one drops their rubbish on the paths, etc.)

As a Mongolian, I would like to work to deepen the relationship between my home and Japan, and bring their sociocultural borders closer together. To that effect, I am honored to have been able to come to Miyakonojo, and furthermore would like to make the most of this chance by giving my all at each and every opportunity

to learn and further these connections. I will, for my future and my personal growth, endeavour to become an upstanding Mongolian.



## General Information

### ◇ Trivia Night Questions!

Here we have a few questions for you that were intended for this year's 'World Beer & Trivia Night'! Try and answer each of the following. The answers will be included in next month's edition of MIA News.

- 1) How many characters are in the Mongolian Cyrillic Alphabet?
- 2) List all seven of the 'Ancient Wonders of the World'. How many of these wonders still remain standing?
- 3) What is the 27th character in the English Alphabet?
- 4) On a standard competition dartboard, what number lies to the right of the number 20?
- 5) Which planet's English name does NOT stem from the name of an ancient Roman or Greek God?

### ◇ Regarding World Festa

As a preventative measure to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus, the 2021 World Festa in Miyakonojo has unfortunately been cancelled for this year.

We are looking to recruit volunteers who can introduce their culture at our various events. If you know of anyone who was not born in Japan and might be able to help, please introduce them to the association! We look forward to hearing from all of our international residents!



### ◇ Recruitment of ALTs for 2021/22FY

The Miyakonojo City Board of Education is recruiting people to assist with the Foreign Language curriculum and English lessons in Miyakonojo's elementary and junior high schools.

- 1) Place of employment: Elementary/Junior High Schools within Miyakonojo (1-4 Schools)
- 2) Work hours: 8.30am to 12.30pm (four hours per day from Mon-Fri, totaling up to 20h)
- 3) Candidates should be non-Japanese citizens living within or around the city, who either: use English as

their native language, use English as their primary communication language, or have an advanced level of English language ability with a knowledge of contemporary standard pronunciation, rhythm and intonation.

- 4) Salary: 2,630 Yen per hour (provisional) plus travel expenses for distances over 2km and bonuses (paid June & December)
- 5) Examination: There will be an interview and candidates will be required to give a mock lesson. The details of the interview and mock lesson will be communicated at a later date.
- 6) Applications are open until Thursday, November 26th. Please bring your CV and a copy of your residence (zairyū) card to the Schools and Education Division (Miyakonojo City Hall South Wing 2F)
- 7) Positions available: Few
- 8) Inquiries: Schools and Education Division. Phone: 0986-23-9544

### ◇ 'Friendship Exchange City' Exhibition

An exhibition is being held in order to increase interest in our two friendship exchange cities, China's Jiangjin District in Chongqing Province, as well as Mongolia's City of Ulaanbaatar. Please come and see it if you have the time!

Date: November 2nd (Mon) - 11th (Wed)  
(Weekdays Only)

Location: Miyakonojo City Hall 1st Floor Lobby

Details:  
Tea tasting, try on traditional clothing, panel displays, etc.  
\* During the above 2 week period, the Chinese & Mongolian CIRs will be present from 2 - 3PM to provide explanations and answer questions. (Please note that tea tasting or traditional clothing experiences may be cancelled at any time due to the effects of the novel coronavirus.)

Inquiries: Miyakonojo City Hall  
Internationalisation Promotion Office  
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## Movies info

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

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- TENET (Japanese Sub)
- Yoake wo Shinjite (Twiceborn) (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)