



Hi everyone!

Hello! Nice to meet you everyone! My name is Phung Thi Dai Trang! Everyone around me calls me Dai-chan. Chan is an actual part of my name but in Japanese "chan" is often attached to cute girl's names. Therefore, I've taken a liking to the name and I want all of you to call me Dai-chan as well!

Now then, I'm Vietnamese. When you think of Vietnam, what comes to mind? For food, probably pho and fresh spring rolls right? But in Vietnam we also have so many other delicious foods like Bún bò Huế or bún bò and Bánh xèo. Bún bò is made with rice-based noodles and tonkotsu soup that you put boiled beef into. Bánh xèo is Vietnamese okonomiyaki. Rice flour is used as dough; sandwiching your preferred ingredients. They are both delicious, so if you go to either a Vietnamese restaurant or Vietnam, please try them! By the way, in the past I've actually taught classes on Vietnamese cuisine to Miyakonojo residents through the MIA's "Cooking Classroom". If I get the chance I'll participate again so everyone please come!

When you think of Vietnam you might think of the northern city Hanoi (the capital) or the southern city Ho Chi Minh. However, I am from a small town in the middle part of Vietnam named Qui Nhon. Since Qui Nhon is a coastal town, lately, resorts are steadily being developed. The seafood is also delicious, so please visit! Since the atmosphere is similar to Miyazaki-ken, sometimes when I look at the sunny open sea I remember my hometown. FYI, even though I was born on the coast I'm a bad swimmer lol.

I was raised in Qui Nhon until I graduated high school but then I moved to Ho Chi Minh for college. There, I studied fashion and sewing. After graduating college I worked at a sewing company but since being able to speak a foreign language is

financially beneficial, I decided to study Japanese. I picked Japanese because I heard Japan was a safe country (sorry for it not being a super deep reason!). 3 months after resolving to study, I moved to Japan. Then, I entered Miyazaki City's Miyazaki Information Business Medical College and studied Japanese for 3 years. During which, I often exchanged with all sorts of people from various countries and went to Miyazaki's famous tourist spots. At first I came here for the mediocre motivation that it's a safe country but I've come to thoroughly love Japan.



After finishing vocational school, I began work at a company in Miyakonojo as a translator. I've worked there for 5 years. During these 5 years I've traveled to so many places. Since I grew up in a coastal town, I love nature. Additionally, since I studied fashion in college, when I go sightseeing I like to take pictures posing as a model. Of course, not just modeling but actually sightseeing is fun too! Lol. I also do instagram so if you see my profile please send me a message!

Lately, I feel like the Miyakonojo Vietnamese population is rising. At my company I translate as a Vietnamese technical intern trainee but from now on as well I want to help my country's people. I will go to great effort if bridges of cross-cultural connection between Vietnam and Japan are built.

From hereafter as well, I want to contribute to Miyakonojo. If you see me around town please call out!

Information & Notices

Regarding: Switching from mailing the newsletter to receiving it via email attachment.

Due to the rise in Japanese Mail prices starting from October 2024, the cost to send the MIANEWS newsletter also rose from 84 yen to 110 yen per copy. Therefore, in efforts to reduce costs, we are attempting to incrementally switch from mail to email. For those of you who are receiving the newsletter by mail but would be okay with switching, please write your name and send an email to the office address.

mia@btvm.ne.jp

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Miyakonojo 2024 World Festa Recruiting Volunteer Staff!

Recruiting group and individual volunteer staff to assist with the upcoming World Festa (limited to those residing in Miyakonojo or Mimata-cho). We look forward to everyone's coop-

eration!

Date and Time: 3/2/2024 (Saturday) 12:00 to 16:00

Location: MJ Hall 都城市総合文化ホール

Recruiting Information:

1) Country or world region introduction booth
 Something for a "hands" on experience. Exhibition only is not possible.

(Recruiting countries and regions outside of Mongolia, China, and America)

2) International Exchange and International Cooperation Group Introduction Corner

Panel Exhibition

3) Volunteer Staff

Application Deadline: 2/4/2024 (Monday)

Application and Questions: Direct towards the Miyakonojo International Association (MIA) by phone or email.

Phone: 0986-23-2295

Email: mia@btvm.ne.jp

Movies In Theaters

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

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



- Flying Saitama 翔んで埼玉
- Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom
- Let's go to Karaoke!
- Wonka
- Wish
- SPY X FAMILY CODE: WHITE Theatrical Version
- Godzilla -1.0
- How do you live?