



### ~你好 nǐ hǎo!~

Hello and nice to meet you all! (你好 nǐ hǎo).

From April 11<sup>th</sup>, I became Miyakonojo City's Chinese Coordinator for International Relations (CIR). My name is Reika Cho however please just call me Reika!

My hometown is Chongqing, China, where up until I arrived in Japan, I instructed as a Japanese Language professor at Sichuan International Studies University. The first time was through a college study abroad exchange program and the second was at Osaka University for a year and a half as a Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) student studying teaching.



Once I graduated and become a working-adult, I remained on campus I didn't have a chance to interact with those outside the teaching world. Due to this, from interacting with lots of people, widening my perspective, all the way to living a fulfilling life, since college I've wholeheartedly pursued various endeavors.

Several times starting from 2001, I volunteered with the Global Greening Center: Japanese Branch (NGO) as a translator for their afforestation activities. Thereafter, as a translator, I volunteered countless times. I would go together with our university's Japanese Agriculture Specialist (Pomiculture) to Jiangjin District or investigate field sites together with Tokyo University's agriculture majors. Through participating in activities such as these, I became aware of the sister city connection between Jiangjin and Miyakonojo which sparked my interest in international exchange. Because of experiences like this, I want to put full effort towards exchange activities that deepen the friendship between Chongqing City Jiangjing District and Miyakonojo City, and by extension, the connections between

Japan and China.

Furthermore, as a Japanese Language Instructor, I strive to teach both better Japanese and the true Japan to my students. I thought "One day I'll go back to Japan and try lots of different things!" I am elated to be able to work as the Miyakonojo City CIR.

Growing up in the mountain and river surrounded Chongqing, I appreciate mountains and nature. I mountain climb, hike, trek, etc. Actually, even the campus that I worked was built at a relatively high location comparatively to the rest of Chongqing. The stairs that you had to use were so long my every day commute to work felt like climbing a mountain (Of course, there is also a bus).

I also climb mountains here and there with my friends, and take city strolls. However, since Chongqing is so mountainous, walking around the city is akin to climbing it. Up till now I've even climbed China's steepest mountain (Huashan) and I've gotten my fill of thrills at Yunnan Province's isolated Tiger Leaping Gorge. I've also trekked at a mountain 4700 meters above Tibet's sea level and Sichuan's "King of Mountains, Mount Gongga (7556m). I enjoy Mount Gongga's 'Golden Sunlight', referring to the evening summit bathed in gold sparkling light. I had lots of luggage while moving to Miyakonojo but I somehow managed to cram my climbing shoes into my suitcase.

I hope to deepen exchange with Miyakonojo's locals while enjoying its plentiful nature. Before arrival, I tried to learn different aspects of Chinese culture such as Tai Chi Chuan in order to showcase them to you all. I am still green but I hope that I can show them off!

Thank you all for having me!

### Information & Notices

#### ◇ Hinata Nihongo Navi !

"Hinata Nihongo Navi" is a portal site for foreign residents in Miyazaki Prefecture who want to learn Japanese and Japanese residents who want to support their learning. Information for Japanese language courses and learning supporter training courses etc. implemented in each municipality are posted. Please take advantage of it.

<https://hinatanihongo.mif.or.jp/english>

#### ◇ Introduction of Japanese language volunteers

##### Free, Registration Required

Foreigners or Japanese returnees in Miyazaki who wish to study Japanese language will be introduced to registered Japanese language volunteers upon request. Study location, hours, and contents will be decided by the learner and the tutor themselves.

◇Target: Foreign residents of Miyazaki Prefecture

◇Inquiries & Application: Miyazaki International Foundation

### Movies In Theaters

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

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



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| ● Demon Slayer World Tour-Miracle Bonds, Hashira Training | ● Dune Part 2  |
| ● Haikyuu-Battle at the Garbage Dump                      | ● Fly  |
| ● Matching  | ● Meitantei Conan Movie 27: 100-man Dollar no Michishirube |
| ● Doraemon Movie 43: Nobita no Chikyuu Symphony           | ● Sorcerer 0   |
| ● My Home Hero: Film                                      | ● Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes 5/10                   |
| ● Migawari Chushingura                                    |  |