



## Hello Everyone!

Hello everyone,

My name is Madhuri Khatri. I'm 25 years old and I'm from Nepal. For the past year I've been living in Miyakonojo, Japan. In my free time I enjoy movies, dancing, and exploring myself. Through living in Miyakonojo I'm able to experience Japanese culture and tradition. I was fascinated by Japanese culture and have a strong interest to learn more. Through learning about such an interesting civilization like Japan, I've come to like describing about my own country's unique traditional culture as well!

Nepal is small and rich in natural beauty. Nepal is also known in the world as the land of Mount Everest and birthplace of Gautam Buddha. The shape of the international flag of Nepal is very unique. It's triangular! Nepal is also multicultural, with over 160 ethnic groups possessing various languages along with festivals. But there is unity and harmony. Nepali cultures and tradition mostly derive from the religions that they follow. Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, etc. are some religions that are found in Nepal. Hindus celebrate different festivals like Dashain.

Dashain is considered the main festival of the Hindus. They receive tika and blessings from seniors. This day is celebrated by flying kites and eating the most delicious

food.

Tika, the red thing painted on our foreheads used during Dashain, is made from rice, yogurt, and red powder. It is said to represent "Bringing Happiness".

During Dashain, people living away from their homes come back for the festivities. Even those who are making money abroad return for this national festival.

Each religious group also has their own unique culture and tradition like music and dance. Art and crafts are also another way of expressing the form of Nepali culture. Although there is cultural diversity, we find peace and harmony. They always respect each other's emotions, cultures, and each other's happiness by attending one another's festivals. Not only that, they also provide help to each other whenever necessary so that people can spread love and kindness.



## Information & Notices

### ◇ Bonchi Matsuri 2024

MIA is getting involved in Bonchi Matsuri's Dance Line once again! Join MIA and dance the Samba Yassa and the Yasuhisabushi together! We look forward to seeing you all there!

\*MIA will be dancing in Happi. These Happi will be provided to all participants.

**Date:** August 3rd (Sat), 5:30pm to 6:10pm

(In the event of postponement to August 4th (Sun) due to wet weather, MIA will not be participating)

**Assembly Location:** Miyakonojo City Center Kominkan Meeting room (This is the practice venue)

**Dance Location:** Chuo-doori, near Nakamachi

**Capacity:** 20 people (must apply in advance)

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### ◇ International Exchange Night! Let's mingle! (Intended for people over 20)



Enjoy a meal while engaging with foreign born people who are living in Miyakonojo!

**Date and Time:** 8/24(Saturday) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Location:** Naka-machi Food Hall (Miyakonojo Naka-machi 17-9 Cine-port Building 1F)

**Content:** The main purpose of this event is to exchange with local residents of the region. There might also be quizzes and games.

**Target Audience:** Over 20 years old

**Attendance Limit:** 20

**Participation Fee:** MIA members: 2,500 yen General 3,500 yen Hors d'oeuvres and a 2 hour all you can drink are included.

There will also be 2 kinds of foreign beers.

※ No reservations in advance. Please buy a ticket beforehand.

As the seating is pre-determined, please purchase a ticket ASAP.

There are no same day tickets.

※ We are also looking for 2 or 3 foreign volunteers who would like to talk with the participants. For more information, please contact MIA.

**Ticket Acquisition:**

By phone, FAX, or email, contact the Miyakonojo International Association (MIA) in order to purchase a ticket.

## Movies In Theaters

C-Plaza Cine-port (Tel: 0986-24-2571) 17-9 Nakamachi, Miyakonojo, Miyazaki

- Planet of the Apes: Kingdom
- Detective Conan Movie 27: 100-man Dollar no Michishirube
- 帰ってきたあぶない刑事 Dangerous Detectives: The Return
- Haikyuu: Battle at the Garbage Dump

- Mad Max Furiosa

Soon to be aired:

- Kingdom: The Taishogun's Return (7/12)
- Despicable Me 4 (7/19)