

## Chapter 2 - What is International Exchange? Multicultural Symbiosis?

### 1 Multicultural Symbiosis

Multicultural symbiosis is when people from different racial, ethnic, or national backgrounds recognize each other's cultural differences and live together as members of the same local community, striving to build equitable relationships with one another. It is a way of thinking in which both Japanese people and foreigners recognize one another as members of the community and, by putting their power together, try to improve society at large.

### 2 Miki International Association's Services

The Miki International Association (MIA) is a place where Japanese people and foreigners can interact with one another. You can also get many handouts and flyers in several languages. Make friends by participating in events like our "GRUTTO World in Miki" (International Festival) and "COOL MIKI – Performance IN Japanese"! Join us at MIA! Membership fees are only 2000 yen a year.

#### ○ Japanese Study

We host free Japanese classrooms (0 yen). Sessions are held once a week.



Mon.	19:00~20:30	Miki City Kyoiku Center
Fri.	19:00~20:30	Jiyugaoka Community Center
Wed.	10:00~11:30	Yokawa Community Center
Thurs.	19:00~20:30	Jiyugaoka Community Center (class-based)

You can also study Japanese at the International Exchange Plaza.

(90-minute sessions, Mon.~Fri. 10:00~17:00)

#### ○ Children's Japanese Classroom (MiKids)

For elementary and junior high school students. Once a week.

Fri. 19:00~20:10 Jiyugaoka Community Center (Materials cost: 2000 yen)

### 3 Information and Resource Corner

There are many kinds of resources and information available in multiple languages at the International Exchange Plaza, including pamphlets about daily life and governmental processes. There are also flyers that you can take home.

#### ○ Resources include:

"Lifestyle Guidebook," "MAEMUKINI," "Miki City Rubbish Sorting and Collection Day Chart," "Hyogo E-net," and lecture, event, and volunteer information from MIA.