

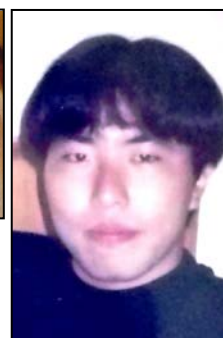
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I recently took my summer vacation and visited Taiwan. The trip included visiting a couple of historical sites, but basically it ended up being an eating tour. Everything we ate tasted just great, especially the Xiaolongbaos (soup dumplings). When I put the dumpling into my mouth, the wrapper tears and the hot soup runs out of dumpling. It could almost burn my mouth, but the taste is so good that you would want to eat it again and again. If anyone is planning to go to Taiwan, please feel free to ask me where to go for delicious dishes !



Tweet from a foreign resident in Mito

Pragasen Chetty <South Africa>

I marvel at how the Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring are so distinct in Japan. What has especially touched me is how people find something beautiful to celebrate in each of the seasons. The challenges of mother nature and the sometimes extreme weather do not dim the strong and optimistic spirit of people.



History of Mito ~ Tokugawa Nariaki and the Kou-dou-kan

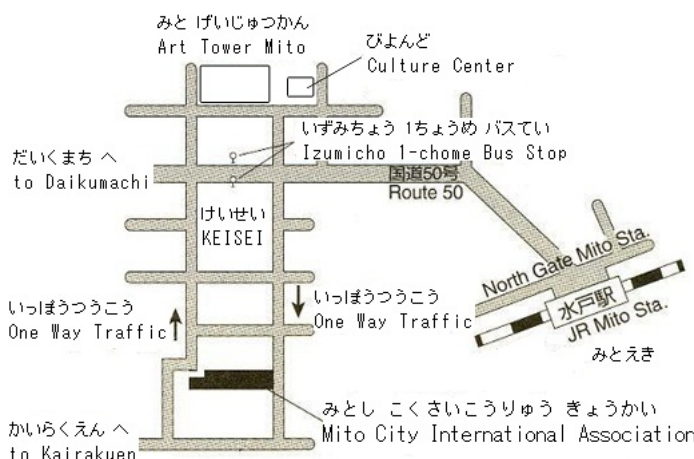
Previously we have introduced the second lord of Mito Domain, ^{Mito-Kohmon}水戸黄門 (also known as ^{Tokugawa Mitsukuni}徳川光圀). Although he was planning to build a school to educate the samurais in Mito Domain, he was too busy compiling the "Great History of Japan" to make it come true. It was the ninth lord of Mito Domain, ^{Tokugawa Nariaki}徳川斉昭, who carried out Mitsukuni's wish and built the "^{Koudoukan}弘道館". The school was one of the largest in Japan at that time, such that can be called university nowadays. ^{Nariaki}斉昭's son ^{Yoshinobu}慶喜, who later became the fifteenth ^{Shogun}将軍 (warlord) of Edo Shogunate, used to go there to receive the special education since he was 5 years old.

"^{Koudoukan}弘道館" is located next to an elementary school ^{Sannomaru-Shogakkou}三の丸小学校 which is about 8 mins walk from Mito station. Unfortunately it does not accept visitors inside due to the effects of the earthquake. 【INQUIRIES: ^{Koudoukan}弘道館 office 029-231-4725】

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▼Photo: Mito Kohmon Festival, Minami-machi Free Square - about to eat takoyaki



"Culture Pot MITO" is a monthly newsletter published by the Mito City International Association which aims to share various living information with the city's foreign residents. In its title, Mito city is likened to a pot stuffed with various cultures which resembles a multicultural city loved by every citizen. We are hoping that this newsletter will be useful in your daily life and that you will feel more attached to Mito City in the near future.