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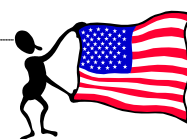
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Previously, Mito International Center had been hosting an year-end party in December every year, but this time, it is going to be a **New Year's Party** instead. The dishes that come out will be all hand-made by our staff, all of whom are wishing that the guests will enjoy eating them. If you come to the party, we would love to know how you think about our foods, or about other delicious & easy-to-make dishes, or about the party dishes that are served in your own country.

Tweet from a foreign resident in Mito

Rebecca Caste <U.S.A>



It is important to try to learn Japanese. But if you're not learning as quickly as you'd hoped or as compared to your classmates, don't put so much pressure on yourself. Everyone learns at a different pace. And some languages may come easier for you than others. If you give yourself permission to learn at a more natural rate, one day you may find that Japanese suddenly clicks.



History of Mito ~ 水戸 city & 敦賀 city ~

Mito

Tsuruga

Mito city and Tsuruga city (Fukui Prefecture) are sister cities. This is related to history. At the end of Edo period, the Tengu-to Party, whose general was Takeda Kouunsai from Mito Domain, left for Kyoto starting a "Revere the Emperor and expel the barbarians" movement. But they surrendered to the shogunate which opposed to the movement and 352 people in the Party were executed at Matsubara Coast in Tsuruga city. The executed people were buried reverently and were enshrined in Matsubara shrine by the people of Tsuruga city. Prompted by Matsubara shrine centennial held in 1964, Mito city and Tsuruga city formed sister-city relationship in 1965. Currently, Mito city and Tsuruga city are maintaining strong ties by mutual tourism and dispatch of trainees.

Mito City

International Association

Tuesday ~ Sunday 9am - 9pm

(closed: Mondays, national holidays, Dec29-Jan3)

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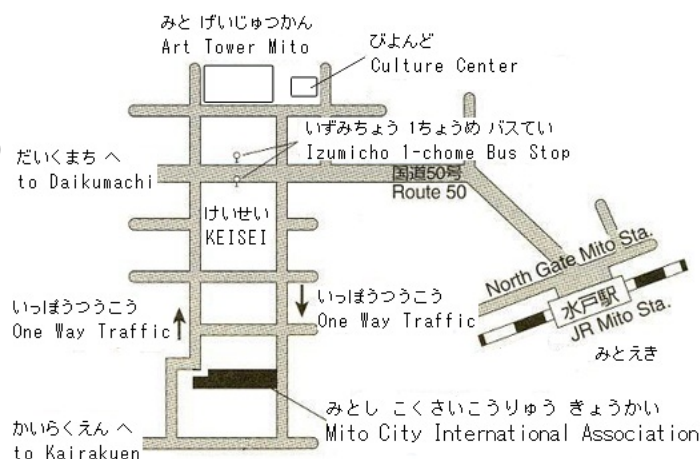
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Please forward us any opinions
or suggestions you may have!





Culture Pot MITO

Due to year-end & New Year holidays,
January issue will come in simplified version.

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▼ Photo: A group enjoying the IGO game (囲碁) every week at Mito International Center



"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.