

**Tweet from Mito City International Center**

**Tweet from staff**  NOHARA



At the beginning of every year, I always write down in my diary the goal I hope to achieve that year, but always end up forgetting what I wrote. My goal this time is to at least keep remembering what I wrote and make it a good year.

**Tweet from a foreign resident in Mito**  
**Huang Lei <China>**

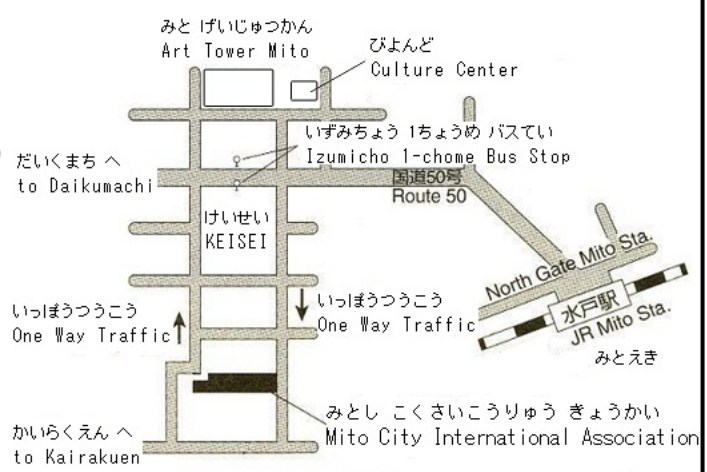
Since the opening of Ibaraki Airport, Ibaraki has been attracting many foreign tourists and international businessmen, especially from China, bringing a big wave of globalization. The Chinese class I'm currently holding contains a variety of generation such as youths in their 20s or businessmen in their 40s as well as the elderlies, which indicates how language interest is spreading to people regardless of age. I feel people's lifestyle being greatly affected as Ibaraki continues to globalize.




**National Health Insurance; Deadline for 2011\* January payment is Jan 31, 2012.**  
Please take the payment notice to a nearby bank or a convenience store and make the payment.  
In Japan, every resident is required to have health insurance. If you do not belong to a workplace health insurance program, you should sign up for the National Health Insurance. Foreign residents who have made the alien registration and are entitled to stay in Japan for one year or longer are applicable.  
029-232-9166 (Mito City office kokuhō-nenkin-ka 国保年金課)

**Municipal and Prefectural Tax; Deadline for 2011\* fourth phase payment is Jan 31, 2012.**  
Please take the payment notice to a nearby bank or convenience store and make the payment.  
If you are registered as a resident of Mito city on your alien registration card as of January 1st 2011, you are required to pay the Municipal and Prefectural Tax (Resident Tax) for the year to Mito city.  
029-232-9138 (Mito City office shi-min-zei-ka 市民税課)

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Please forward us any opinions or suggestions you may have! 

\*2011 : in fiscal year (April 2011 to March 2012)



# Culture Pot MITO

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

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▼ Photo: Japanese cooking class for foreigners, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (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.