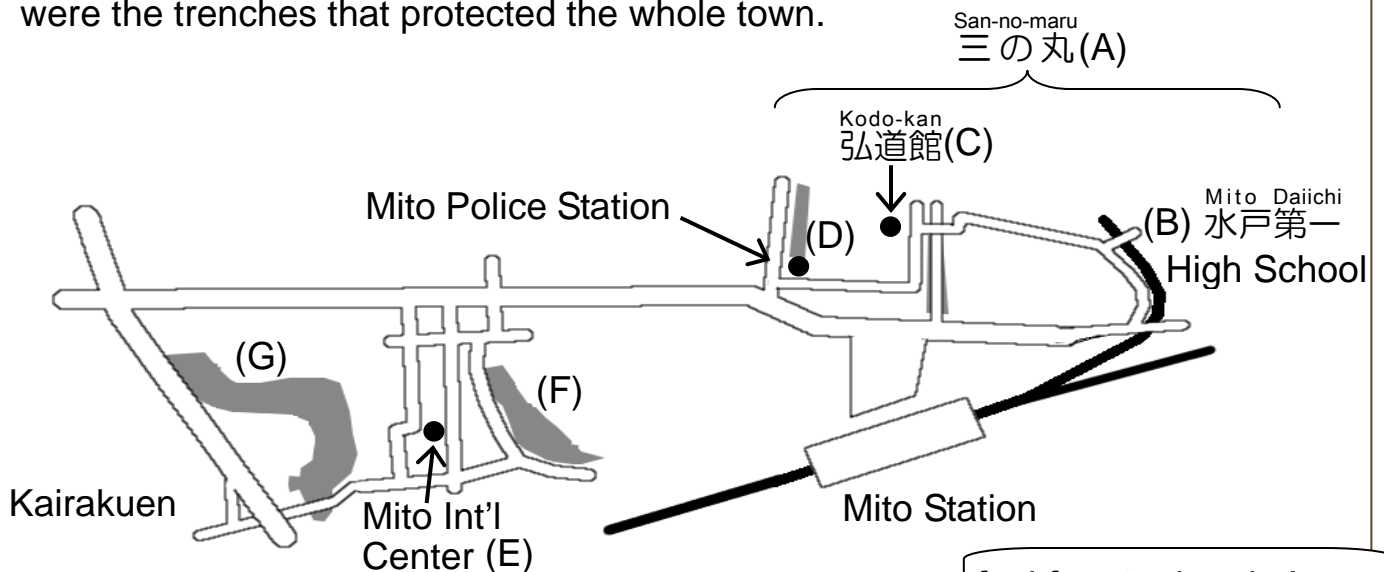


A Stroll in Mito ~Mito Castle~

The Tokugawa family who ruled Mito during the Edo Period (1603-1867) resided in a castle called ^{Mito-jo} 水戸城 (Mito Castle). This castle had burnt down at the time of World War 2, but there are still traces of the compound here and there.

Mito castle was located in the area where it is now called ^{San-no-maru} 三の丸 (A). There remain ruins such as the castle's gate near the entrance of ^{Mito Daiichi} 水戸第一 High School (B), and the school for samurais, ^{Kodo-kan} 弘道館 (C), as seen on the map.

The rectangular depression beside Mito Police Station (D) is part of the trenches that were dug in the aim of protecting the castle from enemies. On the outer side, there used to be shops and residence of samurais. The place where Mito International Center is located now (E), also used to be the residence of a samurai. The valleys on its east (F) and west (G) side, which are now parks, were the trenches that protected the whole town.



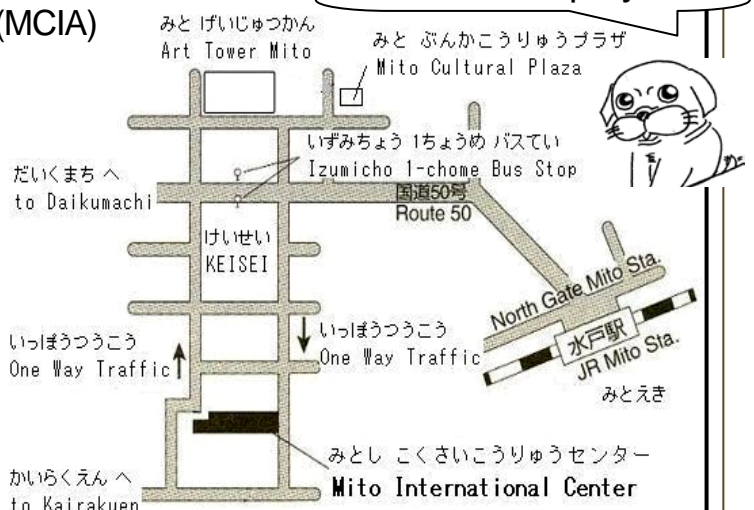
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