



Culture Pot MITO

By our newsletter "Culture Pot MITO,"
we provide useful Information for foreign residents living in Mito.
It is our goal to build a happy and safe community for every citizen
with a different nationality, culture and language.

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Photo: World Kids Seminar ~Germany~
at Mito International Center on May 21st.

Petit Japanese



Japanese words with foreign origins



Did you know some Japanese words come from other country or languages?

The common potato was brought into Japan from Jakarta city of Indonesia.

As a result, the potato came to be known as the “ジャカルタから来たいも”

jakaruta kara kita imo
(The common potato from Jakarta city of Indonesia).

in Japan them it came to be called “じゃがたらいも” to “じゃがいも” for short.

Pumpkin is also one of Japanese words which origin of a country's name.

It was brought from Cambodia and it came to be called “かぼちゃ” in Japan.

kabocha

There are more Japanese words with country or language of origins.



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【Online version】 <https://mitoic.or.jp/en/archive/culture.html>



Events



【Welcome summer! Let's go to the beach!】



Oarai Sun Beach

Oarai Sun Beach is a popular beach in Oarai. The massive beach has shallow waters that stretch for a long distance. Parking, public toilets, and shower facilities are available. The beach is expected to be open from mid-July to mid-August.

<https://www.oarai-info.jp/page/page000008.html>

Information



Cooperation Wells for Domestic Use in Times of Disaster



Water supply may be cut off in the case of disasters. If the water supply is not restored, well water may be available. If you find this signboard read as

Saigaiji Seikatsu Yosui Kyoryoku Ido
“災害時 生活用水 協力井戸”, there is a well that will be offered in case of disaster. Please check if there are wells near your house.

<https://www.city.mito.lg.jp/000271/000273/000284/000335/p025328.html>

Trivia



What is this?

- Made of glass or metal
- Is often hung near a window
- Rings when the wind blows



Answer: 風鈴 (Wind Chime)
A small bell that rings with a high tone when the wind blows, giving a cool and fresh feeling in hot summer.

What is this?

- A set of "Daruma" dolls made of wood with a hammer.



Answer: "Daruma-Otoshi!"
A set of toys. The game is to hit the daruma's body with the hammer to make his head fall

Enjoy “TOKUSATSU” spots in Mito!



“Tokusatsu(特撮)” is a genre of television drama or film characterized by the use of special effects, including hero franchises of the TV show very popular among children, like “Kamen Rider” series and “Super Sentai” series. In Mito, there are many spots have been used for film making. We will introduce some impressive sites and scenes.

Ibaraki Prefectural Office (Kasahara-cho) is very famous as a shooting spot for recent TV dramas. On the 25th floor, there is an observation deck.

- **Avataro Sentai Donbrothers** (2022) Opening movie (ep. 1-)

The heroes dances on the parking deck beside the Prefectural Office building.



- **Kikai Sentai Zenkaiger** (2021) ep. 42

There appears many “kotatsu” tables around the building, but for what !?



Art Tower Mito (Goken-cho) is a complex of facilities includes an art museum, a concert hall, a theater and a tower.

- **Kamen Rider Gaim** (2013) ep.1-

The open space in front of the tower was used as the stage for the protagonist’s dance team.



Ashiyama Water Purification Plant (Watari-cho) is an old facility that is no longer in use and recently is a popular spot for shooting of drama and film. (But usually, ordinary people are not permitted to enter.)

- **Ultraman R/B** (2018) ep.17

A sister of protagonist brothers has a Halloween party with aliens.

- **Kamen Rider Amazons season 2** (2017) ep. 9

A hide-out for a very important personage.



Shinrin Koen (Abokke-cho) is a forest park where there are many statues of dinosaurs.

- **Kamen Rider Build** (2018) ep.4 : A battle scene.



Prefectural History Museum (Midori-cho) has a beautiful ginkgo tree street.

- **Kamen Rider Saber** (2020) ep. 12 : A scene of childhood flashback.

Nanatsudo Koen (Shimo-Kunii-cho) is a British garden park with a flower garden.

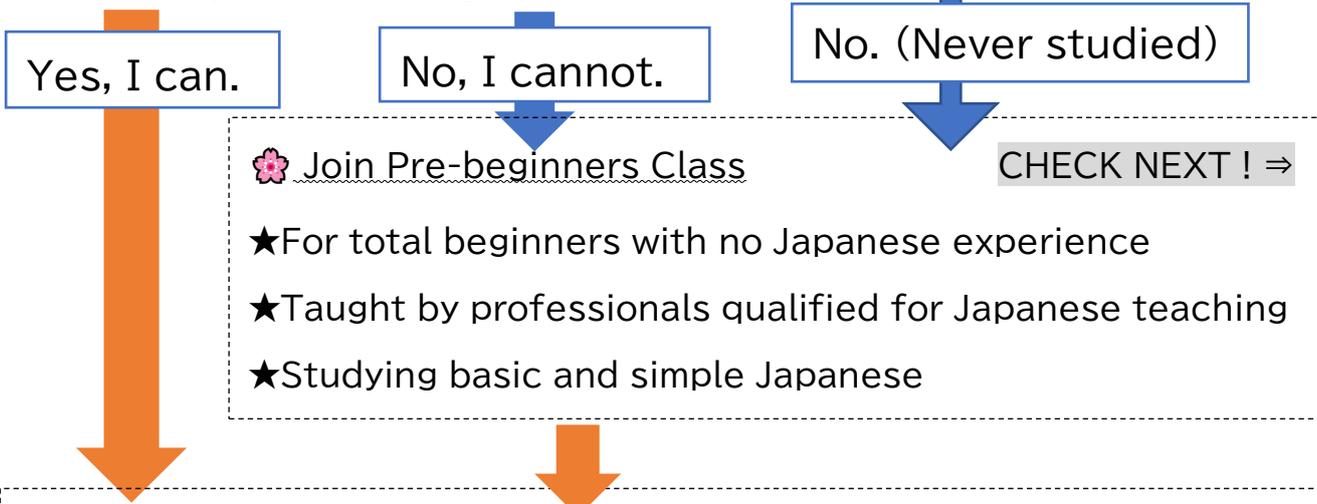
- **Kamen Rider Blade** (2004) ep. 42 : A battle scene.



Japanese language class at Mito International center

Check below first! !

- Q1. Have you studied Japanese before?
- Q2. Can you greet others or introduce yourself?
- Q3. Can you read Hiragana?
- Q4. Can you write Hiragana?



🌸 Join Pre-beginners Class

CHECK NEXT ! =>

- ★For total beginners with no Japanese experience
- ★Taught by professionals qualified for Japanese teaching
- ★Studying basic and simple Japanese

🌸 Study in Japanese language classes run by citizen volunteers!

- ★Taught by volunteers with skills and experiences
- ★For beginners to advanced learners
- ★Conversation practice and Kanji, too
- ★Inform us of your first visit in advance
- ★Each classes have 1 to 3 learners per teacher
- ★You can join the class at any time and at your own pace



●SUMMMER SCHEDULE●

6月 JUNE

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			①	②	③	④
5	6	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩	⑪
12	13	⑭	⑮	⑯	⑰	⑱
19	20	⑳	㉑	㉒	㉓	㉔
26	27	㉕	㉖	㉗	㉘	

7月 JULY

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					①	②
3	4	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨
10	11	⑫	⑬	⑭	⑮	⑯
17	18	⑰	⑱	㉑	㉒	㉓
24	25	㉖	㉗	㉘	㉙	㉚
31						

※28(Thu.)→ 放課後&夜のみ
(Night Class Only)

8月 AUG.

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	④	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	㉕	26	27
28	29	30	31			

※4・25(Thu.)→放課後&夜のみ
(Night Class Only)

○ Class open

■ No class

にほんご しよきゅう
日本語プレ初級クラス 日语入门课程
JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM for Beginners

Mito International Center

にほんごきょうしつ しよきゅう
日本語教室「プレ初級」クラス

にほんご はじめて べんきょう する ひと のための クラスです。

プロの にほんご きょうし おし
プロの日本語の教師が教えます。



Japanese language program “Pre-Beginners class”

This program is for the super beginner.

Professional Japanese language Instructors

Studying basic and simple Japanese for daily life

日语课程“Pre 基础班”（日语入门）

本课程适合第一次学日语的人。

专业的日语老师指导。

学习日常生活中的基本和简单的日语



2022-2023^{ねん}年

第1期 (1st term) 4月 April & 5月 May

第2期 (2nd term) 7月 July & 8月 August

第3期 (3rd term) 10月 October & 11月 November

第4期 (4th term) 2月 February & 3月 March

すいようび もくようび しゅうかん けい かい
水曜日と木曜日 10:00~12:00 (6週間 計12回)

Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 (6 weeks Total: 12 times)

ひょう かね えん きょうかしょ えん けい えん
費用(お金) 1,000円 + 教科書1,650円 計2,650円

Fee - ¥1,000 for all Lessons + Textbook ¥1,650 Total ¥2,650

Health Insurance

Every resident of Japan needs to join a health insurance program.

Foreign nationals residing in Japan exceeding three months as below are also required to do so.

◇Medium to Long Term Residents

(basically, those with a visa of more than three months duration, such as students from overseas, company employees, technical intern trainees, those who are married to Japanese, Japanese descents, permanent residents, etc.)

◇Special Permanent Residents

◇Persons granted permission for temporary refuge or provisional stay

◇Persons within 60 days of having lost Japanese nationality (= persons entitled to stay in Japan transitionally)

◇Babies within 60 days of birth

Newly born babies should also join a health insurance program. Please apply soon after birth.

Having health insurance means...

- You will need to pay premiums.
- The insurance will cover a large portion (70 to 90%) of your medical fee in case of illness and injury.

Types

(1) National Health Insurance (NHI)

(2) Health insurance of the company that you or your spouse works for.

If you are not enrolled in your company's health insurance program (2), sign up for NHI (1).

Application for National Health Insurance

Mito City Hall “Kokuho nenkin-ka 国保年金課, Kokuh o ze i-gakari 国保税係” TEL: 029-232-9526

WHERE: Hon chosha 本庁舎 1F (Address: Mitoshi chuo 水戸市 中央 1-4-1)

【Payment procedure】

When you receive this year's tax notice (Nozei-Tsuchisho 納税通知書) in July, you need to take this tax notice to bank counters or convenience stores and pay your tax.

【Payment deadlines】

The yearly amount of tax is separated into eight payments, each with a deadline as follows.

- ① **Aug. 1** ② **Aug. 31** ③ Sept. 30 ④ Oct. 31 ⑤ Nov. 30
⑥ Dec. 26 ⑦ Jan. 31, 2023 ⑧ Feb. 28, 2023

 There will be overdue charges if you miss the deadlines.

Automatic deduction service

If you wish to have the tax deducted automatically from your bank account, follow the direction written on the reverse page (Municipal and Prefectural Tax).

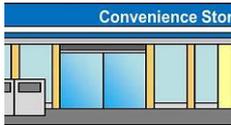
Municipal and Prefectural Tax

If the address shown on your residence card is **Mito City** as of January 1 this year, you are required to pay the **Municipal and Prefectural Tax** (often called

^{Jumin-zei}
住民税 = resident tax) for the year to Mito City.

The amount of payment depends on your net income (^{Shotoku Kingaku}所得金額) of last year.

【Payment procedure】



In June, you will receive this year's tax notice called ^{Nozei Tsuchisho} "納税通知書". You need to take this tax notice to bank counters or convenience stores and pay your tax.

【Payment deadlines】

Payment is to be made four times in total, each with a deadline as follows.

- ① **June 30** ② **Aug. 31** ③ Nov. 1 ④ Jan. 31, 2022



There will be overdue charges if you miss the deadlines.

Automatic deduction service: You can choose to have the tax deducted automatically from your bank account. Take the tax notice, your bank passbook and your personal seal (^{Inkan}印鑑) (one that you used upon creating the account) to the bank counter, and fill out necessary documents.

Leaving Japan? : If you are planning to leave Japan, consult Mito city office's ^{Shiminzei-ka} "市民税課" as you will need to decide how to complete the payments.

(See below for contact number.)

※Those who are currently employed

Have a look at your pay slip; if there is any deduction in the name of "^{Jumin-zei}住民税" or "^{Shimin-zei}市民税", it means that the company is collecting 1/12 of your annual resident tax every month starting from this June and ending in next May. In such a case, your resident tax is paid to the government via your company, so you do not need to make payment by yourself.

Department in charge: Mito City Hall ^{Shiminzei-ka} "市民税課" (TEL: 029-232-9138)

WHERE: ^{Hon chosha} 本庁舎 2F (Address: ^{Mito-shi} 水戸市 ^{Chuo} 中央1-4-1)

※ Please note the contact numbers shown here are available only in Japanese, as well as the office procedures.

にほんご放課後の部屋

にほんごほうかごのへや

にほんご べんきょう こま
日本語で勉強することに困っている
しょうがくせい ちゅうがくせい こうこうせい
小学生、中学生、高校生のみなさん

にほんじん こうこうせい だいがくせい しゅくだい がっこう べんきょう てつだ
日本人の高校生や大学生が、宿題や学校の勉強を手伝います。
にほんご べんきょう にほんご じょうず
日本語で勉強しながら、日本語が上手になりましょう。



まいしゅう もくようび
いつ：毎週 木曜日 4：00～5：30PM

みとしこくさいこうりゅう センター
どこ：水戸市国際交流センター

むりょう
いくら：無料（¥0）

しゅさい みと へや
主催：にほんご水戸の部屋

だいひょう いいのれいこ とくわだいがくにほんごきょういん
代表：飯野令子（常磐大学日本語教員）

とくわだ いんこうりゅうきょうかい みとしびぜんまち
問い合わせ：水戸市国際交流協会（水戸市備前町 6-59）

TEL：(029) 221-1800 / E-mail：mcia@mito.ne.jp



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にほんご夜の部屋

みとし みとし ちか
水戸市と水戸市の近くに ★
す がいこくじん
住んでいる外国人のみなさん

にほんじん にほんご はな
日本人と日本語で話しましょう！ ★

にほんご じょうず
そして日本語が上手になりましょう！

いつ

まいしゅう もくようび
毎週 木曜日
6:30~8:00PM

どこ

みとしこくさいこうりゅうせんたー
水戸市国際交流センター

いくら

むりょう
無料 (¥0)



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LINE

This is Mito City International Association Official LINE account

Please add us on LINE!



ID: @067bkxvk

Through our LINE, we will deliver
information and updates on our events.

Enjoy Japanese summer foods

It's hot and muggy everyday again this summer. To help you endure the humid summer weather, we recommend you try some classic Japanese summer foods.

Somen...Somen are very thin noodles made from wheat flour. Somen is very similar to udon, but not as thick. Somen is thinner than 1.3 mm. After boiling the noodles, chill them in water or on ice. Somen is eaten cold, dipped in a special sauce made from soy sauce and bonito stock.



Tennengori(Natural ice)-no-Kakigori...Tennengori is made by drawing water from the mountain into a pond which freeze during the winter. It takes time for the ice to form. Tennengori is transparent and clean ice. The tennengori is not as cold as the ice in your freezer. Kakigori made from tennengori has a fluffy texture. It is served with assorted toppings such as fruit or syrup.



Mugicha(Barley tea)...Mugicha is a tea made by boiling roasted barley. Another type is made by immersing the tea in water. Mugicha has a deep roasted grain flavor and it is very aromatic. It contains a lot of minerals and is caffeine-free. Drinking it over ice will help cool you down. Mugicha is a perfect summer refreshment.



Mito City International Association (MCIA)

Tuesday-Sunday, 9am-9pm

(Closed: Mondays, **National Holidays**)

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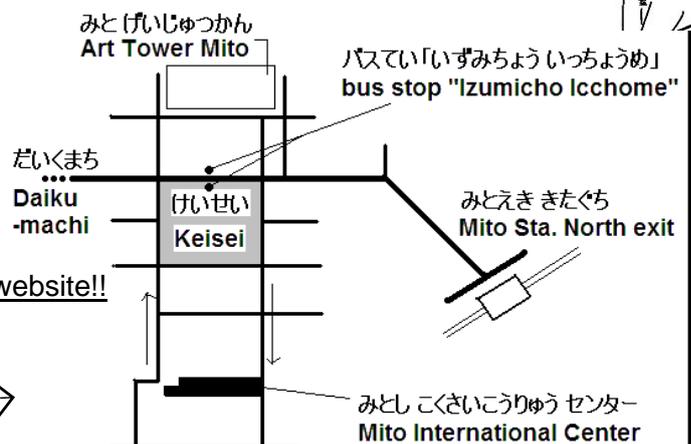


Our website!!

Please forward us any opinions or suggestions you may have!



Feel free to drop by!



Take a bus from Mito station North exit, bus terminal #4~7 ⇒ 5mins ⇒  "Izumicho Icchome" (泉町一丁目)