



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: Japanese Language Program for Beginners



Petit Japanese



Words that express rain and heat



Here are some words for "rain" and "heat" that are often used in weather forecasts.

kirisame
“霧雨” …Weak rainfall of 1 mm per hour.

doshaburi
“土砂降り” …Strong rainfall of 10 to 20 mm per hour.

geriragou
“ゲリラ豪雨” …A sudden strong downpour.

mousho bi
“猛暑日” …Days with high temperatures exceeding 35°C.

kokusho bi
“酷暑日” …Days with high temperatures exceeding 40°C .



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



Events

【The Mito Komon Festival will begin again!】

This is Mito's most popular summer festival.

August 5 (Saturday) 10:00 AM ~ 9:00 PM

August 6 (Sunday) 10:00 AM ~ 8:00 PM

Location: Mito Station North Exit to Daiku-machi Intersection
(National Route 50)




Trivia

【Here are some more phrases to describe rain and heat】

● Different phrases describe rain differently depending on how much it rains.

The umbrella symbol indicates the amount of rain that falls in one hour

( = 10mm).

sukoshi tsuyoi ame

少し強い雨 (get wet feet)



hageshii ame

激しい雨 (get wet even if you have an umbrella)



mouretsun a ame

猛烈な雨 (umbrellas are of no use)



● There are different sayings to describe the heat depending on the temperature.

Daytime high temperatures

40°C or higher

kokusho b i

酷暑日

35°C or higher

mousho b i

猛暑日

30°C or higher

manatsubi

真夏日

25°C or higher

natsubi

夏日



Lowest temperature at night

30°C or higher

chonettai y a

超熱帯夜

25°C or higher

nettai y a

熱帯夜



Information

The “current situation report” for child allowance is no longer required.

Only those who need to submit a “Genkyo-todoke 現況届” (current situation report) will be notified by Mito City's Children Affairs section.

Those who have received the notice should submit the "current situation report."

【Inquiries】 Kodomo-kaseisakuka “子ども課政策課” Mito City Hall 1F (TEL: 029-232-9176)

Go Traveling ! -Transportation in Ibaraki-



Let's go far using various modes of transportation.

<Train>



- JR Joban Line: South to Tokyo, North to Fukushima and Miyagi
- JR Suigun Line: North to Daigo (for Fukuroda Falls), and Koriyama (in Fukushima prefecture)
- JR Mito Line: West to Kasama (for ceramics), Yuki (for traditional textiles) and Oyama (in Tochigi prefecture)
- Kashima Rinkai Railway: South to Oarai (for the sea and an aquarium) and Kashima (for Kashima Jingu Shrine and Kashima Stadium)

【Special Discount Railway Pass】

- Seishun 18 Kippu (on sale July 10–August 31, valid July 20–September 10) [¥12,050; One-day unlimited rides on JR local trains, valid for 5 days (not necessarily continuous) for one person, or 1 day for 5 persons, etc.]

<Airplane>

From Ibaraki Airport to cities in and outside of Japan.

- Sapporo, Fukuoka, Naha: 1 flight per day
- Kobe: 3 flights per day
- Taipei (Taiwan): Sundays and Thursdays

<https://www.ibaraki-airport.net/>



<Highway Bus>

- Mito (Mito Station)⇔Kyoto/Osaka [¥10,100 - 11,000 one-way] (reservation required, can be made online)

<https://secure.j-bus.co.jp/hon/Route/Highway?gpcd=270304&rocd=0040>^(*)

^(*)Only available in Japanese. Please use Google Translate.

- Mito (Mito Station)⇔Tokyo [¥2,050 - 2,250 one-way]

Available from various bus stops in Mito (Prefectural Office, Daikumachi, Akatsuka, etc.)

http://www.ibako.co.jp/highway/mito-tokyo/to_tokyo_highway.html



<Ferry>

- Oarai (Ibaraki)⇔Tomakomai (Hokkaido) [a 17 to 19-hour sea journey]

<https://www.sunflower.co.jp/>

Please check the web for the latest information!



Japanese Summer Fashion



In Japan, there are traditional summer-style clothes and items to cool your body down.

Yukata ゆかた 浴衣

Yukata are thin-clothed kimono that are made for the summer season. Yukata are mainly worn for fireworks and summer festivals. These days, there are easy-to-wear yukata and many yukata rental shops so you can try it out easily if you don't know how to wear one.



Jinbei じんべい 甚平

Jinbei are traditional Japanese two-piece summer clothing. They're very comfortable and easy to wear. The top half is like a kimono with short-sleeves, and the bottom half is like a pair of long shorts. Jinbei are traditionally worn by men and children. However, these days women have started to wear jinbei, too.



○ Fashionable items to match your yukata or jinbei ○



Sensu (Folding fan) せんす 扇子

Sensu can be used to create a breeze. It can be folded into a compact size and is convenient for carrying around.



Kanzashi かんざし

Kanzashi are traditional Japanese ornamental pins placed in women's hair when wearing a kimono or yukata.

Mito City International Association (MCIA)

Tuesday-Sunday, 9am-9pm

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

Add 〒310-0024 Mito-shi Bizen-machi 水戸市 備前町6-59
Mito International Center

Tel 029-221-1800

Fax 029-221-5793

Email mcia@mito.ne.jp

H P <https://mitoic.or.jp>

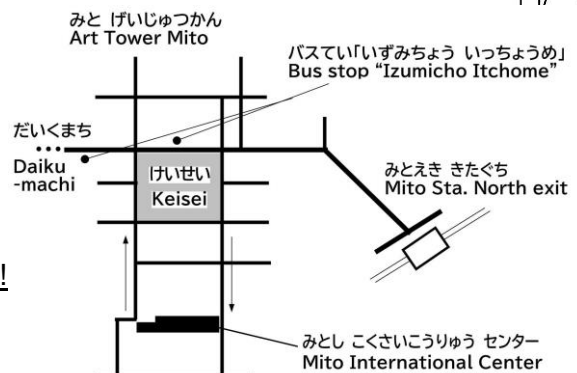


Our website!!

Please forward us any opinions or suggestions you may have!



Feel free to drop by!



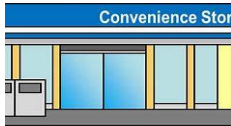
Municipal and Prefectural Tax

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 a bank or convenience store and pay your tax.

【Payment deadlines】

Payments are to be made four times in total, each with a deadline as follows.

- ① **June 30** ② **Aug. 31** ③ Oct. 31 ④ Jan. 31, 2024



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) (the 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's tax office (^{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 next May. In such cases, your resident tax is paid to the government via your company, so you do not need to make any payments 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 are the office procedures.

Health Insurance

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

Foreign nationals residing in Japan for more than three months (as listed below) are also required to do so.

◇Medium to Long Term Residents

(Basically, those with visas that are for three months or longer, such as students from overseas, company employees, technical intern trainees, spouse of a Japanese national, Japanese descendents, 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 fees 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, Kokuho zeigakari 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 **July 31** ② **Aug. 31** ③ Sept. 30 ④ Oct. 31 ⑤ Nov. 30
⑥ Dec. 25 ⑦ Jan. 31, 2024 ⑧ Feb. 28, 2024

 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 directions written on the reverse page (Municipal and Prefectural Tax).

日本語プレ初級クラス

日语入门课程

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM for Beginners

日本語教室「プレ初級」クラス
日本語を はじめて 勉強する 人のための クラスです。
プロの 日本語の 教師が 教えます。



Japanese language program “Pre-Beginners Class”

This program is for true beginners.
Professional Japanese language instructors
Studying basic and simple Japanese for daily life

日语课程“Pre 基础班”(日语入门)

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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



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

●7月～9月の予定

午前のクラス:7月19日～8月31日 水曜日と木曜日 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

※8月16日と8月17日はクラスがありません。

夜間のクラス:8月22日～9月27日 火曜日と水曜日 6:30 PM ~ 8:30 PM

※9月19日はクラスがありません。

●Class schedule for July through September:

Morning Class: July 19 ~ August 31 (No class on August 16 & 17)

Every Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Evening Class: August 22nd ~September 27th (NO class on September 19)

Every Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30 PM ~ 8:30 PM

問い合わせ Inquiries

水戸市国際交流センター Mito International Center

水戸市備前町 6-59 6-59 Bizen-machi, Mito City

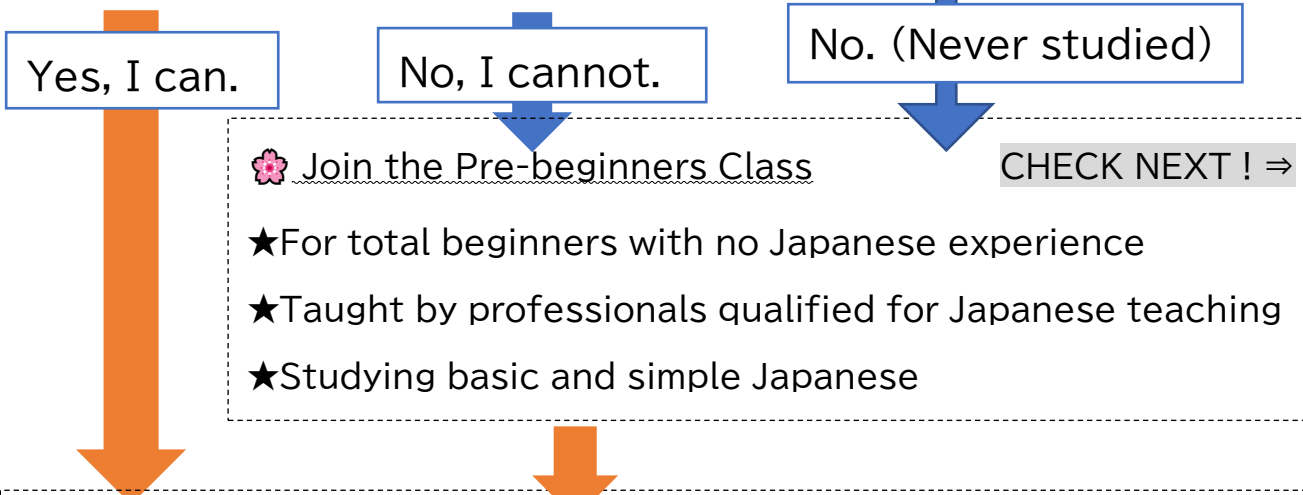
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Japanese Language Class at Mito International Center

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 the 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 & experience
- ★For beginners to advanced learners
- ★Practice speaking and/or study kanji
- ★Inform us of your first visit in advance
- ★Each class has 1 to 3 students per teacher
- ★You can join at any time and work at your own pace



●SUMMMER SCHEDULE●

6月 JUNE							7月 JULY							8月 AUG.						
日	月	火	水	木	金	土	日	月	火	水	木	金	土	日	月	火	水	木	金	土
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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25	26	㉗	㉘	㉙	30		23	24	㉕	26	27	28	㉙	27	28	29	30	⑳		
							30	31												

※27(Thu.)→ 放課後&夜のみ (Night Class Only)

※3・24・31(Thu.)→ 放課後&夜のみ (Night Class Only)

○ Class open

 No class

July 2023 Grand Opening!

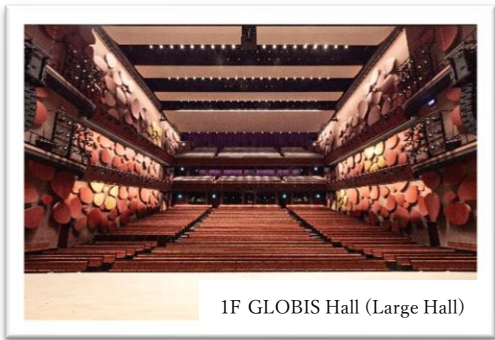
MITO CITY CIVIC CENTER



MITO CITY CIVIC CENTER will be opened on July 2nd, 2023. There are many exciting features located within the facility, including galleries, conference rooms, and the largest hall in Ibaraki prefecture. You can use the civic center for a wide variety of activities. Please check the website for more details.



<https://www.mito-hall.jp>
1-7-1, Izumicho, Mito-city, Ibaraki
TEL: 029-303-6226



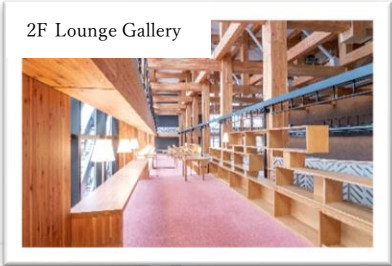
1F GLOBIS Hall (Large Hall)

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- GLOBIS Hall (Large Hall)
- Yagura Plaza
- Entrance Plaza
- Information

2F

- GLOBIS Hall (Large Hall)
- Exhibition Room
- Studio, Kitchen, Workshop (7 rooms in total)
- Lounge Gallery
- Children's Gallery



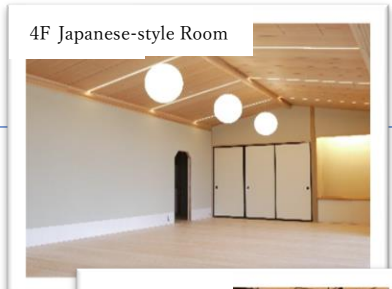
2F Lounge Gallery



2F Kitchen

3F

- GLOBIS Hall (Large Hall)
- Conference Hall
- Conference Rooms (4)
- Meeting Rooms (4)
- Executive Meeting Rooms (2)



4F Japanese-style Room

4F

- GLOBIS Hall (Large Hall)
- UDOM Hall (Medium Hall)
- Small Hall
- Japanese-style Rooms (2)
- Green Plaza



4F Small Hall



Fireworks Festivals around Mito 2023

●Mito Komon Matsuri Firework Festival

Mito

Date: July 29 (Sat)

Time: 7:30-8:30 PM

Place: Senba Lake

Contact: Mito Tourism & Convention Association

Tel: 029-224-0441



●Tokai Matsuri Firework Festival

Tokai

Date: August 11 (Fri)

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: Akogi-ga-ura Park

Contact: Tokai Matsuri Executive Committee

Tel: 029-287-0855



●Oarai Firework Festival

Oarai

Date: September 23 (Sat)

Place: Oarai Sun Beach

※Pay-to-view events and special seats will be available.

See webpage for details.

HP / <https://oaraihanabi.com/>



Other Firework Festivals:

●Hitachi Kwarago Firework Festival

Hitachi August

●Hitachinaka Matsuri Firework Festival

Hitachinaka August

●Nakaminato Kaijo Firework Festival

Hitachinaka September

※Festivals may be canceled or schedules may be changed. Please check beforehand.

Coastal Swimming Areas

○ Oarai Sun Beach **Oarai**

Place: 10 minutes from Oarai Station by bus

Contact: Oarai-machi Commerce and Tourism Division

Tel: 029-267-5111

○ Ajigaura Beach **Hitachinaka**

Place: 5 minutes from Ajigaura Station on foot

Contact: Hitachinaka City Tourism Association

Tel: 029-273-0116

○ Hiraiso Beach **Hitachinaka**

Place: 10 minutes from Hiraiso Station on foot.

Contact: Hitachinaka City Tourism Association

Tel: 029-273-0116



Summer Festivals around Mito 2023



●Mito Komon Matsuri

Mito Parade of lanterns, decorated floats, portable shrines & much more to enjoy!

Date: August 5 (Sat) ~ August 6 (Sun)

Place: North Exit Avenue of JR Mito Station

Contact: Mito Tourism & Convention Association

Tel: 029-224-0441

●Tokai Matsuri

Tokai

Date: July 23 (Sun)

Time: 2-8 PM

Place: East Exit Avenue of JR Tokai Station

Contact: Tokai Matsuri Executive Committee

Tel: 029-287-0855



●Oarai Hassaku Matsuri

Oarai Shinto rituals, portable shrines, decorated floats, and many other events

Date: August 25 (Thu) – Shinto rituals

August 27–28 (Sat & Sun) – festival

Place: Oarai Isosaki Shrine, Oarai Shopping Street

Contact: Oarai Tourism Association

Tel: 029-266-0788



●Matsuri Tsukuba

Tsukuba “Nebuta” parade, traditional performances, etc.

Date: August 26th (Sat) – 28th (Sun)

Place: Around the TX Tsukuba Station

Contact: Tsukuba City Tourism Division

Tel: 029-883-1111

Site: <https://www.matsuri-tsukuba.com/>

● Naka Sunflower Festival

Naka Stage events, fireworks, etc.
250,000 sunflowers in bloom!

Date: August (TBD)

Place: Naka Sogo Park

Contact: Naka Sunflower Festival
Executive Committee

Tel: 029-298-0234



Other Festivals:

●Uchihara Shoko Summer Festival

Mito August

●Hitachinaka Matsuri

Hitachinaka August

●Ishioka's O-matsuri

Ishioka mid-September

※Festivals may be canceled or schedules may be changed. Please check beforehand.