

●Introduction of Agricultural Products Representing Misato in Each Season

A lot of carefully selected agricultural products are cultivated just in Misato City, where suburban agriculture thrives. Please enjoy tasting fresh seasonal produces.

Spring (Mar. to Jun.)

Misato Juicy Asparagus

～ Key Points ～

- ★They are grown under the guidance of Vegetable Horticulture Laboratory, Department of Agriculture, Faculty of Agriculture, Meiji University using a new cultivation method 『採りっきり栽培®』 “Whole harvest cultivation method for one-year-old plants”.

- ★Thick but tender, fresh, sweet and juicy!



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Summer (Jul. to Aug.)

Misato Melon

～ Key Points ～

- ★With the keywords “Community revitalization” and “Exchange among producers”, female farmers in the city started the cultivation.
- ★They are growing the melons in the greenhouses that were originally used to grow other agricultural products under field tours by a cultivation instructor.



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Autumn (Sept. to Nov.)

Misato autumn Green soybean

～ Key Points ～

- ★Green soybeans condense the flavor and turn tasty in autumn due to the difference of temperature between day and night time.
- ★They are sold mainly at producer's farm stands or supermarkets in the city not to lose taste as days pass.



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Winter (Dec. to Feb.)

Komatsuna

～ Key Points ～

- ★Though *Komatsuna* (Japanese mustard spinach) is shipped throughout the year, it is in season in winter when the leaves become softer and sweeter.
- ★It is very nutritious with not only iron, vitamin C, calcium but β -carotene that boosts immune system and is effective in preventing colds.



Inquiries: Agriculture Promotion Division,
Department of Community Affairs and Economy
Phone: 048-930-7722

A Collection of MISATO's Folk Tales

April 16 to 30 is a period of Misato Children's Book Reading Week.

A book of eight folk tales from Misato City is available also in e-book edition. The paper editions are distributed at the Book Reading Promotion Division for a fee (of 500 yen per book).

Why not read those stories related to our region as a tool for learning Japanese?



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'A collection of Misato's folk tales came out as an e-book.'

'A paper book is also available for a fee.'

<MISATO LIBRARY User Registration>

<https://www.lib.misato.saitama.jp>

◇Register your user identification at a library in the City.

(Register the user number and password of your library card.)

- Shiritsu Library (618-1 Yaguchi)
- Waseda Library (5-6-15 Waseda)
- Hokubu Library (3-364 Hikonari)
- Community Center Library Room (2-654 Togasaki)
- Hikonari-chiku Bunka Center Library Room (1-161 Hikono)
- Towa-higashi-chiku Bunka Center Library Room (3-261-2 Shinwa)
- Takasu-chiku Bunka Center Library Room (3-60-1 Takasu)
- Misato Chuo NIODORI Plaza 'Reservation Book Receipt Counter' (1-14-2 Chuo)

You can read the folk tales at Misato Digital Library.

*You can read the folk tales without log-in.

[Access from here.](#) ➡

Please tap the mark,



『読む』 to read the e-book.



MISATO LIBRARY
Library card

(Sample)

Folk Tales in the Book

「こくぞうさま」・・・

Kokuzo-sama

(Akasagarbha Bodhisattva):
A story of Buddha helping the villagers.

「こくぞうさまとうなぎ」・・・

Kokuzo-sama to unagi

(Akasagarbha Bodhisattva and an eel):
A story of an eel helping the villagers.

「さくぞうとうなぎ」・・・

Sakuzo to unagi

(A man called Sakuzo and an eel):
A story of a villager who ate an eel.

「かっぱとむらびと」・・・

Kappa to murabito (Waterside monsters and villagers):

A story of a parent and child of waterside monsters and the villagers.



「おおかみづか」・・・

Okami zuka (A wolf's mound):
A story of naughty wolf and villagers.

「じろうと弁天さま」・・・

Jiro to Benten-sama (A man called Jiro and Sarasvati):
A story of human parent-child and Buddha.

「ごろうところすけ」・・・

Goro to korusuke (A man called Goro and a dog called Korusuke):
A story of a puppy helping a village child.

「きつねの嫁とり」・・・

Kitsune no yome tori (A bride of a fox):
A story of a fox who tried to get married with a human girl.

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Inquiries: Book Reading Promotion Division

Phone: 048-930-7818

Information on Housing for Foreigners (Rental Housing)

Saitama Prefectural Government provides foreigners with information regarding how to rent housing and the rules for living.

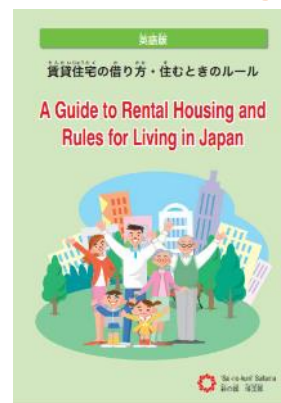
A Guide to Rental Housing and Rules for Living in Japan

It is a guidebook which provides information on how to make a contract to rent an apartment, how to take moving procedures, and the general rules for living in Japan. The guidebook is available in five languages.

*The paper booklets are not distributed; so if you need a copy, please click on the link below and print it out.

■ 'A Guide to Rental Housing and Rules for Living in Japan'

URL <https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/a0306/tabunkakyousei/sumaisupport.html>



Japanese	Chinese	Portuguese	Spanish	English

Inquiries: International Division, Department of Public Services Phone: 048-830-2717

Anshin chintai sumai support-ten

「あんしん賃貸住まいサポート店」 'Anshin chintai sumai support-ten' (a reliable support shop for searching houses) is a shop where a real estate agent provides foreigners with easy-to-understand explanations when searching for housing to live in. Please feel free to consult with a real estate agent with this sticker. Also, you can search for support shops from the website below:

■ Saitama-ken sumai anshin shien network (saitama-ken kyojyu shien kyogikai)

URL <https://www.sasn.jp/search/> 【in Japanese】



Prefectural Housing

Prefectural housing is rental housing built for low income people in need of housing. Therefore, unlike other private rental housing, tenant qualifications are stipulated in the Public Housing Act and ordinances, and there are various restrictions.

Saitama Prefectural Government entrusts the management of prefectural housing to Saitama Prefectural Housing Corporation. Please refer to Saitama Prefectural Housing Corporation website for details (available in Japanese, English, and [Simplified] Chinese).

■ Saitama Prefectural Housing Corporation

URL <https://www.saijk.or.jp/>

Application period: Four times a year in January, April, July, and October

*Please send the designated application documents by mail or apply through the website during the application period from the 1st (from the 4th in January) to the 21st of each application month.

Major procedures:

Application → Lottery → Examination for Application Qualification → Guidance on Moving-in → Start to Move in

*For more details, please refer to 「県営住宅入居者募集案内」 'kenei jutaku nyukyosha boshu an-nai' (an application guide for prefectural housing) 【in Japanese】, distributed during the application period.

Distribution of 「県営住宅入居者募集案内」 'kenei jutaku nyukyosha boshu an-nai' (an application guide for prefectural housing) **[only during the application periods]:**

The application guide is available at main and branch offices of Saitama Prefectural Housing Corporation, municipal offices, ward offices, and other places.

Inquiries: Prefectural Housing Division, Saitama Prefectural Housing Corporation Phone: 048-829-2875

Administrative Information (From February 2025 to April 2025)

- Consultation for Municipal/ Prefectural Resident Tax Returns -

Who needs to file Municipal/ Prefectural Resident Tax Return?

- One who has a domicile/ residence in Misato City as of January 1, 2025

Who does not need to file Municipal/ Prefectural Tax Return?

- One who files a final tax return for income tax
- One whose income is only salary and whose employer has submitted a 'payroll report' to Misato City
- One whose income is only public pension (excluding Disability Pension/ Survivor's Pension) and who has no additional income deduction(s)

Documents required for filing a tax return

- Identification documents of the taxpayer (*My Number Card* [individual number card] or notification card and Residence Card)
- Bank account information of the person who will receive the refund (bank passbook/ cash card)
- Documents related to income (withholding tax slips for 2024, etc.)
- Documents related to deductions (receipts of social insurance fees, details of medical expenses, certificate of disability, etc.)

*Please note that health insurance taxes (premiums) for National Health Insurance and Long-term Care Insurance, benefit of high-cost medical expenses, fees for high-cost longer-term care services, etc. are based on the declaration for Municipal/ Prefectural Resident Tax Returns. To receive these administrative services and to obtain a Certificate of Tax-exemption, you may need to file the tax returns even if you did not have any earnings.

Consultation venues and dates: *It tends to be crowded right after the start of the filing period.

	Date and Time	Venue
Mon, Feb 17 - Fri, Feb 21	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Large Conference Room, 7F of Misato City Hall
Tue, Feb 25	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gym room of Takano Bunka Center
Wed, Feb 26	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gym room of Takano Bunka Center
Thu, Feb 27 - Fri, Feb 28	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Gym of Mizunuma Shimin Center
Sun, Mar 2	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Large Conference Room, 7F of Misato City Hall
Mon, Mar 3 - Mon, Mar 17	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Large Conference Room, 7F of Misato City Hall
*Except Sat. & Sun.		

Admission numbered ticket at the venue on the day of the event or online reservation is required for the consultation.

Admission numbered ticket on the day

Distribution place: at the reception desk of each venue

Distribution time: from 8:30 a.m.

*Reception may close earlier depending on the number of admission tickets.

How to make a reservation online

Reservation start date: from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025

*You need to have an e-mail address to make a reservation. (Please present your reservation notice at the reception desk of the filing venue if you have made a reservation online in advance.)

1) Display the reservation page of Misato City official website

Open the page 「申告相談会ネット予約」 (reservation for filing consultation at a venue).

2) Choose a day for reservation

Load this 2D Barcode with your smartphone camera. ➡

Choose any one of the date and time you prefer from the available reservation dates and time.



3) Enter the information of the person who wishes to make a reservation and confirm the reservation

Enter the **required information**. **E-mail address must be entered twice for confirmation.**

After checking the details, please tap the 「確定」 'enter' button.

If you receive a text message of reservation acceptance, your reservation is completed.

«Notes on the reservation process»

- **Reservation cannot be made by phone.**

- **Reservation:** It will be accepted by 4:00 p.m. of the day prior to your preferred date.

- **Number of persons:** The number of persons who can make a reservation is limited to two.
(If you want to make a reservation for more than two persons, please make a separate reservation.)

- **Cancellation:** Please contact us via the text message response of notice of your reservation acceptance.

Inquiries: Municipal Tax Section, Municipal Tax Division **Phone:** 048-930-7706



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BULLETIN BOARD

From February 2025 to April 2025

The 56th Misato City Half Marathon

- Date: Sunday, February 9, 2025, (Rain or shine)
- Venue: Around SCENARIOHOUSE FIELD • MISATO
(Misato City Athletic Field)
- Half marathon course specially set up in the city
- Opening Ceremony: 8:00 a.m. (Scheduled)
- Start: 8:50 a.m.
- Inquiries: Sports Promotion Division
- Phone: 048-930-7770

A Race Official Adviser

Mr. SEKO, Toshihiko

Former marathon runner,
Marathon Leader,
[Public Interest Incorporated
Foundation]
Japan Association of Athletics
Federations

Talk Show by Mr.
SEKO, Toshihiko:
Scheduled to
begin at 11:30
a.m. on the day



A Special Guest, Misato City PR Ambassador

Ms. TAKAHASHI, Momoko

Women's Track & Field:
• Japan's 3rd place in 100 meters
history
• Japan's 2nd place in 200 meters
history



FY 2023 Misato City
Half Marathon

URL <https://misatocity-halfmarathon.jp>



***Be careful of traffic regulations.**

***Applications to participate in the race are closed.**

*Please check the Misato City Half Marathon official
website for the details of the event (in Japanese).

Misato City International Exchange Festa

Misato International Association

- Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Venue: Gym at Mizunuma Shimin Center (Civic Center)
- Sponsored by: Misato International Association
- Inquiries: Assistance for Citizens' Activity Division
- Phone: 048-930-7714

*Please bring indoor shoes.



Let's experience Japanese culture, experience
foreign culture, and sing together♪

Delicious food is waiting for you.

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any commercial, political, religious or employment-related
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