



# MISATO VIEW

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## How about Learning Japanese?

### Japanese Language Classes in Misato

Photos of passionate learners and staff in a Japanese language classroom

<Venue> Mizunuma Shimin Center (civic center), 870 Kamihikona (a 15-minute walk from west exit of Shim-Misato Sta. on the JR Musashino Line.)



<Photo of study session for volunteer staff>

■ Misato International Association

(Fee: Free of charge)

- Every Tue: 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
- Every Thu: (For women only): 10:00 a.m. - noon
- Every Fri: (3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above): 5:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Inquiries: Assistance for Citizens' Activity Division  
Phone: 048-930-7714

■ Sat.com (Fee: 300 yen/ month)

- Every Sat: 10:00 a.m. - noon

Inquiries: Mr. Maruyama Phone: 048-959-0107

■ Misato-shi Nitchu-yuko kai (Fee: Free of charge)

- First Thurs. of even-numbered months: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Inquiries: Mr. Takenouchi Phone: 090-1259-0451

\*You need to contact the class representative before attending.

### TSUNAHIRO (Website to learn Japanese Language)

<Available in 20 languages>



Bengali, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), English, Filipino, French, Indonesian, Khmer (Cambodian), Korean, Mongolian, Burmese, Nepali, Portuguese, Russian, Sinhala, Spanish, Thai, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, and Japanese

This website is for foreign nationals living in Japan to learn Japanese language in order to communicate in Japanese and be able to use it in daily life. Learning contents can be chosen based on your Japanese level, the situation that interests you, and keywords.

You can check your level of Japanese skills before starting.

<Source: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Website (<https://tsunagarujp.mext.go.jp/>)>



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# Have You Noticed Color-Coded Lanes?

Did you know that some sections of the roads in our community are painted in colors other than white or yellow? Here, we would like to introduce some of the colored roads you might see in familiar places.

## Green Belt



As a safety measure for school-commuting, the roadsides are painted green to alert passing vehicles. We expect that drivers pay attention to the pedestrians on the road.

**Sign: SCHOOL ZONE.  
SLOW DOWN and WATCH YOUR SPEED.**



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**Inquiries:** Community Safety Division  
School Affairs Division

**Phone:** 048-930-7720  
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## ZONE 30

Misato City implements a regulation of speed limit of 30 km/h on the residential roads.

'Zone 30' is an idea that treats multiple roads in a residential area as a unified system, implementing a uniform speed limit of 30 km/h on all roads within the area; thus, it prioritizes pedestrian traffic and aims to minimize through traffic as much as possible.

When you drive in this zone, you must observe the speed limit of 30 km/h and drive slowly.

**Inquiries:** Community Safety Division **Phone:** 048-930-7720



## Standard Bicycle-Only Lane

It is a path designated exclusively for standard bicycles by road signs or markings.

Cyclists on a standard bicycle must travel on this lane of the road.

### Standard Bicycle-Only Lane



### Source:

Saitama Prefectural Police website  
「自転車専用レーンのある道路の通行」  
(<https://www.police.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f0010/kotsu/jitensharens.html>)  
arranged for this article.



An implementation example in Misato City



An example of a road sign:



Bicycle-Only Lane

Road markings:

(In some cases, roads are colored blue.)



**Inquiries:** Urban Design Division **Phone:** 048-930-7723

# CITY NOTICE

## (From February 2026 to April 2026)

### 1. Request for Compliance with Tax Payment Deadlines

#### 1. If you fail to pay your taxes by the due date

##### ① Addition of Delinquent Charge

Delinquent Charge will be added from the day after the due date.



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##### ② Demand Letter

A demand letter will be sent if the payment deadline passes. It is a legal requirement to send a demand letter to those who have not paid.

##### ③ Investigation of Assets (Savings, Salary, Life Insurance, Pensions, Accounts Receivable, Real Estate, etc.)

- The assets of delinquent taxpayers will be investigated. This includes inquiries with financial institutions, insurance companies, employers, contractors, and business partners.
- Asset investigations are necessary not only for seizure purposes, but also to determine the taxpayer's ability to pay.

##### ④ Seizure of Assets

If payment is not made in full within 10 days from the date the demand letter was sent, we will seize your assets to ensure fairness with those who paid on time. Seizure means prohibiting the transfer of assets and place them in a state available for liquidation (forcibly converting the seized assets into cash).

##### ⑤ Information about the Sunday Tax Payment Counter

The tax payment counter is generally open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. This may change due to circumstances, so please call us or check the website in advance.

Location: Counter 10, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Misato City Hall

##### ⑥ FAQ

Q1: What should I do if I cannot pay by the due date?

A: If you have special circumstances that prevent you from paying, please contact the Tax Collection Division before the due date.

Q2: Can a demand letter be sent or assets seized even if I am making installment payments?

A: Even if you are making installment payments, delinquent charge will be added, demand letters will be sent and assets will be investigated and seized.

Q3: If my wages are seized, will the full amount be collected?

A: If your wages are seized, the full amount will not be collected. The amount of your wage, minus the amount prohibited from seizure (applying Article 76 of the National Tax Collection Act), will be collected from the payer of the your wage and will be applied to the delinquent tax. Collection will continue monthly until the delinquency is resolved.

#### 2. Please pay your National Health Insurance Tax by the due date

National Health Insurance is a system in which subscribers (insured persons) pay insurance tax to collectively subsidize medical expenses so that you can see a doctor without worry when you get sick or injured. Insurance tax is an important source of funding for the National Health Insurance system covering your medical expenses and plays a very important role. If insurance tax is not properly paid, the system cannot be maintained stably.

A prior notice will be sent to long-term delinquents regarding the change to the payment of 'special medical care expenses,' and medical their expenses may temporarily need to be paid in full on their own account. Therefore, please make your payment of the health insurance tax by the due date.

### **3. Please use the easy and convenient bank account transfer service to ensure you never miss to pay your taxes**

- Once you complete the procedure, your transfer will be automatically renewed for the following fiscal year, making it extremely convenient.
- Please bring your 'tax payment notice,' 'savings passbook', and 'seal (passbook registration seal)' directly to a financial institution designated by the city.
- If you have any questions about tax payment methods, please feel free to consult with the below division.

Inquiries: Tax Collection Division

Phone : 048-930-7710, 7711, 7712

National Health Insurance and National Pension Division

Phone : 048-930-7703

### **2. A counter-based automatic translation system and a remote consultation counter system**

#### **① A counter-based automatic translation system**

We have installed a counter-based automatic translation system that can translate 32 languages in real time.

New Installation : Municipal Tax Division, Health Promotion Division, Child Care Division, School Affairs Division

Operating : Resident Affairs Division, National Health Insurance and Pension Division, Welfare General Support Division, KIBOU-no Sato Koryu Center Shutchojo (branch office)

#### **② A remote consultation counter system**

We have installed a remote consultation counter system that allows you to consult with the Resident Affairs Division and Welfare General Support Division via a monitor.

New Installation : KIBOU-no Sato Koryu Center Shutchojo (branch office)

Operating : Hikonari-chiku Bunka Center (community center)

Inquiries: Information Policy Division

Phone : 048-930-7831

### **3. Notice of Change in Office and Phone Reception Hours of Municipal offices**

From Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, office hours and phone reception hours will be changed.

**Office Hours : 8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. → 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

<The Relevant Facilities>

City Hall main building, *Kenko Fukushi Kaikan* (Health and Welfare Center), Department of Waterworks

KIBOU-no Sato Koryu Center Shutchojo (branch office)

Liaison offices (Waseda, Takano, Togasaki)

\*Please refer to Misato City official website regarding Sunday Service Counter and convenience store

Issuances.

<https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/soshiki/somu/jinji/1/12210.html>

Inquiries: Municipal Property Management Division

Phone : 048-930-7766



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If you have any inquiries or opinions, please send it to the above email address. We also welcome to post your messages except commercial, political religious, or employment-related matters. Please send by email.

#### **•MISATO VIEW Distribution•**

MISATO VIEW is available on Misato City official website (English site) and at City Hall, Shim-Misato Station, Misato Station, Misato-chuo Station, post offices and some banks in Misato City, LaLa hot Misato (inside LaLaport Shin Misato), PIALA Misato (inside Ito-Yokado Misato).

[https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi\\_tetsuzuki/english/index.html](https://www.city.misato.lg.jp/kurashi_tetsuzuki/english/index.html)



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