

Let's prepare for disaster prevention!

There are a lot of typhoons in Japan from Summer to Autumn. To minimize the damage, it's best to check the latest weather information and implement flood and typhoon measures as soon as possible.

➤ Measures to be taken for outdoors

- Keep windows and blinds shut. Clean gutters and ditches and keep them well drained.
 - If things like potted plants and trash cans in your garden or balcony can be toppled by wind, fix them to the ground to prevent them from falling, or keep them inside the house.
- *It is dangerous to work while it's raining or windy, so please keep confirming typhoon information and act accordingly.

➤ Measures to be taken indoors

- Keep blinds and curtains closed, as things outside can fly in and break window glass.
- Keep a portable radio, flashlights, candles, etc. handy, and keep mobile batteries charged in preparation for a power outage.
- Keep water prepared for suspension of water supply.
- Power outage and suspension of water supply make things inconvenient. Therefore, it is important to be prepared and stock for at least the most basic requirements.



Stockpile List (Approximately for 3days)

Water (3 liters a day per person)	Portable radio	Household medicines
Food items (Items that can be stored and consumed at room temperature)	Portable charger (Dry battery-operated portable charger is also great.)	Newspapers (useful for protection from cold to garbage disposal)
Butane gas stove and fuel canisters	Batteries	Wet body sheet
Papercups,paperplates	Portable toilet	Masks
Food wraps	Wet disinfectant tissues	Plastic bags
Flashlight	Dental Rinse	Lighter, matchsticks

- Evacuation centers are established as shelters for people for whom it is difficult to live in their houses. If your house is safe, please stay inside. In case it is not safe for you to stay in your home, please think about taking shelter at a friend's house. Think carefully and decide whether it would be better for you to take shelter at an evacuation center.
- To protect yourself from floods and landslides, look at hazard maps to see if your home, school or workplace is in danger. A hazard map is a map that shows areas where flood inundation and landslide disasters may occur.



Hazard Map
Available in Japanese only



Official Information from Tsukuba City

You can access information from Tsukuba City in English, Chinese, Korean, and plain Japanese on the Tsukuba City webpage, social media, TsukuSma Application (Application for Tsukuba City information).

Multilingual Webpage

Viewing on smartphone

1. Click Menu



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Tsukuba One-Stop Inquiry Desk for Foreign Residents

Tsukuba City has a consultation desk for foreigners. You can consult the city hall about various problems related to living in the city. All information will be kept confidential. We also offer interpretation services within the city hall, but not outside the city hall. The service is free of charge.



The service is available in the following 20 languages: English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, Thai, French, Nepali, Hindi, Russian, Indonesian, Burmese, Sinhalese, Mongolian, Cambodian, Urdu, Bengali, Ukrainian

Days and times for consultation: Weekdays 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m., 1:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Consultation place: Tsukuba City Hall 5th Floor, Global City Promotion Division

Consultation method: For English and Chinese, please call or email, and for other languages please come directly

Contact number: 029-883-1313 (Telephone bills apply)

Email: ctz035@city.tsukuba.lg.jp

Learn on ZOOM! Japanese classes for adult foreigners

(October 2022 to February 2023)

Class	Afternoon course	Evening course	Japanese Level	Textbook fee
	Day			
Japanese 1	Wednesday	Tuesday	First time learners of Japanese	2,640 yen
Japanese 2	Wednesday	Tuesday	People who have studied Japanese for 50 hours	2,640 yen
Japanese 3	Thursday		People who have cleared CEFR A1	2,640 yen
Japanese club	Thursday		Those who have studied Japanese for more than 300 hours (JLPT N4 or CEFR A2 or higher)	None

Who can participate... Residents of Tsukuba city or those who work in Tsukuba city and their family

Capacity... 10 people per class, first come first serve

Tuition fees... 2000 yen(for the whole term)

Application period... September 1, 2022 (Thursday) From 9:00 AM ~

Apply online or send the application form available on the Tsukuba International Association website to us via email.

Place of inquiry: Tsukuba International Association

TEL:029-869-7675

Email: japanese@inter.or.jp



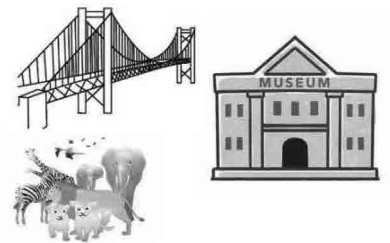
Application Form

13th November (Sunday) is the day of Ibaraki residents!

What is the history behind the name “Ibaraki”?

Ancient texts from 1300 years ago speak about a warrior who was sent by the imperial palace. The warrior got rid of dwellings of rogue people in the area using thorns (Thorns= Ibara in Japanese). Hence, the prefecture came to be known as Ibaraki.

On Ibaraki Residents’ Day, you can get discounts on admission fee for the following facilities.



Name of Facility	Location	Specialties of the spot	Fees (only on 13 th Nov.)
Tenshin Memorial Museum of Art, Ibaraki	Kita-Ibaraki City	An art gallery of modern and contemporary Japanese paintings. This is a beautiful museum located on Izura beach, facing the Pacific Ocean.	Free admission
Kamine Zoo	Hitachi City	This zoo is home to around 70 species including elephants, lions, tigers, etc. There is also an amusement park nearby.	Free admission
Ryujin Grand Suspension Bridge	Hitachi Ota City	This bridge is built over Ryujin dam lake. The length of this bridge is 375m, and the height from the surface of the lake is 100m.	Crossing the bridge is free
Fukuroda Waterfall	Daigo Town	One of the three famous waterfalls in Japan. It is 120m tall and 73m wide.	Admission to the waterfall viewing facility is free
Museum of Modern Art	Mito City	Located on the shores of Lake Senba, the museum is home to 4,000 pieces of modern and contemporary art from Japan and abroad.	Free admission
Kairakuen Garden, Kobuntei-House	Mito City	One of the three famous gardens of Japan. Also known for its autumn colors.	Free admission
Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum	Kasama City	Displays the works of modern and contemporary potters	Free admission
Ibaraki Botanical Garden	Naka City	Here, you can see around 50,000 plants of 600 species	Free admission
Oarai Marine Tower	Oarai Town	From the 3 rd floor observatory, you can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view	Free admission
Aqua World Oarai Aquarium	Oarai Town	This aquarium proudly hosts the largest number of sharks in Japan. You can see around 68,000 aquatic creatures of around 580 species.	Discounted entry
Ibaraki Prefecture Flower Park	Ishioka City	You can see around 900 varieties of roses from the prefecture. Especially, from the beginning of November to mid-November, the autumn roses are beautiful.	Discounted entry
Tsukuba Wanwan Land	Tsukuba City	A theme park of dogs and cats, where 500 dogs and cats of 90 different species stay.	Discounted entry

On November 13 (Sun), there will be traffic restrictions due to the Tsukuba Marathon.

The Tsukuba Marathon will be held after three years!
Runners from all over Japan participate in this marathon every year. On the day of the marathon, the roads around the marathon route will be restricted.
Those who drive cars, please comply with detour measures.
Please follow instructions from our staff related to traffic regulations, detour instructions, etc.

Notice from the library

From 4th October (Tuesday) onwards, the library search menu will also be available in English.

This is not limited to the terminals in the library, and you can search for library books on the Internet in English.

The central library has books, picture books, magazines as well as newspapers in foreign languages. Let’s take a look!



Sweet Potatoes



Sweet potatoes are delicious in Autumn. Ibaraki has the second largest producer of sweet potatoes in Japan and the largest production of dried potatoes.

A variety of sweet potatoes are sold in supermarkets. Broadly speaking, there are three different textures of sweet potatoes.

Hokuhoku (soft and fluffy) type・・・ *Beni Azuma*
Shittori (moist) type・・・ *Naruto-kintoki*, *Beni-satsuma*, Silk sweet, Quick sweet.



Nettori (slightly gooey) type・・・ *Anno imo*, *Beni-haruka*
Dried sweet potatoes are made by cutting steamed sweet potatoes into thin slices and drying them. Dried sweet potatoes are said to originate in Shizuoka. However, the production in Ibaraki increased because the soil, and dry climate in winter are suitable for its production. There is white powder on the surface of dried sweet potatoes. This is not fungus. It is a sugar produced by the self-decomposition of sweet potatoes crystallized on the surface.

- **Why do the baked sweet potatoes from supermarkets taste sweet?**

With the advent of the baked sweet potato machine, it is now possible to buy baked sweet potatoes in various places. The baked sweet potato machine heats sweet potatoes at a low temperature. Because of this, the starch of sweet potatoes gets converted to maltose, and sweet potatoes taste sweeter. That is why baked sweet potatoes from supermarkets taste delicious.



A recipe with sweet potatoes

Daigaku Imo

Crispy on the outside, soft and fluffy on the inside!

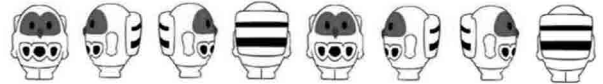
Ingredients (Serves 2-3 people)

- Sweet Potato・・・ 200 grams
- Sugar・・・ 30 grams
- Water・・・ 15 cc
- Black Sesame Seeds・・・ As per taste
- Soy sauce・・・ 5 cc (Optional)



Cooking instructions

1. Randomly cut the sweet potato without removing its peel
2. Soak it in water for about 5 minutes and wipe off the moisture with a paper towel
3. Put about 2 cm depth of salad oil in a frying pan and heat over medium heat. Add the sweet potato and fry them slow and thoroughly. (If you fry twice, they will become crispy on the outside)
4. Add sugar, water, and soy sauce to a pan and stir. Turn off the heat after you see small bubbles.
5. Add the fried sweet potato to “4” and mix it in the sauce.
6. Sprinkle black sesame seeds over 5.



Learn disaster prevention with *Hookun Sencho* – About Hazard Maps

In February 2022, parts of Sakuragawa and Yatagawa river have been newly announced as flood inundation areas. We plan to update the Tsukuba City Hazard Map accordingly. The Hazard Map is available on the Tsukuba City webpage, as well as on the first floor of Tsukuba city hall at the Municipal Government Information corner and branch offices of the city hall.

The flood inundation areas are subject to additions and changes. Keep checking the latest hazard map.

Places where the ground level is lower than the surrounding area, and places where swamps and ditches are reclaimed are at risk of accumulation of water. Do check the surrounding areas if you are planning to move.

※Hookun Sencho is the official mascot of Tsukuba City.

