

# SHIN-EI Journal

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## Words of the Month

**Dreams are not just to be seen.  
Dream is to be fulfilled. Have perseverance.**

**Management Dept.**

## Drive Safely in the Rain



Drive carefully when it starts to rain. Rain raises dust and dirt on the road, and it makes road slippery and braking distance longer. Rain also changes people's behaviors. In the rain, pedestrians walk faster and mindlessly cross the streets. Cyclists can be more dangerous. They don't want to get wet. So, they tend to increase the speed, especially when it starts to rain. Both pedestrians and cyclists often look down to avoid puddles, and they don't even notice cars around them. In addition, people walking with an umbrella up have narrow vision. Umbrellas also prevent drivers to see their faces, and it's hard to tell their next actions. Drivers always should alert their running-out.

## Payment of Residence Tax

There are 2 ways to pay for residence tax. 1) Special Collection: Company deducts tax from your salary and pays it to the city. 2) General Collection: You receive the tax payment slip and go to pay the tax. Special collection is for workers in general. But, once you quit the job, it switches to general collection. Residence tax is calculated based on your income of the previous year in the city where you are registered on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Even if you move to a different city, your obligation of payment won't go away. Make sure to pay.

If you joined Shin-Ei this year and have a tax payment slip, you can switch back to special collection. Ask our staff for details. (If payment deadline already past, you can't switch to special collection.)

If you can't make a high payment for general collection by deadline, we recommend you to visit the Residence Tax Division in the city hall. They sometimes accept payment by installment. Missing the deadline can result in late fees. If you still don't pay, you will get a penalty such as property foreclosure. If property foreclosure is administered, they won't accept payment by installment. Before going this far, consult with them and show your willingness to pay.



## 「Lake Hamana Clean-Up Activity」



We joined "Lake Hamana Clean-Up Activity" on June 2nd (Sunday). From the distance, there seemed to be no trash. But, once you stepped into the lakeshore, there were a lot of trash like cans, plastic bags and cigarette ends. It's a good experience to join such an activity and contribute to the local community.

