

## *Discrepancy of information*

Do you remember, what happened to our country on March 11<sup>th</sup>? At that time, I was in Germany as an exchange student. And I didn't know in detail what happened in Japan. Today, I'll write to you about what I felt in Germany about discrepancy of information.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, I went to school as usual. At that time in Japan earthquake already happened. The next day, when I came home my host mother told me "how is your family?" At first I couldn't understand, why she asked me. And then, I went to my room to surf the internet. Then I was surprised at the earthquake in Japan and it was bigger than any other earthquake. Then I knew, why my host mother asked me. In Germany according to the news only "In Japan had the biggest earthquake" So at first I sent email to my family and then to my friends. An answer came to me so quickly. I was relieved.

But after that my host mother said to me "Many people can't live in Japan, because a nuclear power plant exploded and many people being injured." I watched a Japanese internet site. At that time in Japan a plant exploded, but now many people were not injured. The site told me. And I thought that it is pretty hard to teach exact information about foreign countries. It is the same to each other. For example recently in Germany food poisoning has broken out. Japanese news said "This is cause of cucumber." However, it was different. The correct is white radish sprouts.

In this way, we can know information about foreign country, our country through the TV or internet. However I want you to know, it is not always correct. That's a one of my experience in Germany.



# My Life

Have you ever thought about people you know dieing? I have never thought about it. Life is very important. I was young, I didn't know the sadness. My life is very normal, but I have many complexes.

When, I was in kindergarten, I was fighting every day, with boys. My kindergarten teacher said "you look like a little dog!" I always troubled her. From elementary school, I spent very peaceful days. So, I don't remember my elementary school days so much. When I was junior high school, I played basketball at that time rather than study. My team is not strong, but everybody will do their best. I love basketball and my team. Then I become high school student. My world changed. Everyday is fun, and I was happy.

But, my friend died. I felt very sad. Everyday I was crying. But he made me understand "the importance of life." Normal life is very happy and very comfortable. I like as hard as possible now for him.

If I feel sad, alone, run away, but life is wonderful!! If I have sixty years, I can become sports player, I can become school teacher, I can go to foreign counties many times, I can become president, I can pass as examination of Todai!!

He taught me "Our future has limitless possibility."

## My favorite country!

What country is your favorite? America? England? Korea? Or JAPAN? There are a lot of countries in the world. But my favorite country is Australia. Now, I am going to speak about Australia.

Needless to say, there are different points between Australia and JAPAN. This summer, I took part in a homestay program for 2 weeks in Adelaide, Australia. I found differences between them. I touched and saw rare animals such as kangaroos, koalas and emus. They were very cute! And then, I was invited to the birthday parties. They were grander than I had ever taken part in. Because, having a dinner, dancing, playing game and having a special cake of the image of the boy with his friends and relatives. I had lamb for the first time there. It was very delicious. Parties were fantastic! On the other hand, one day, I was taken to a mountain. I could see well of Adelaide from there. Then my host father (who had come to Asahi hs) said to me, “Adelaide is smaller city than Osaka. Because Adelaide history is shorter than Osaka, which JAPAN. JAPAN is nice country.” I was happy and I was proud of JAPAN.

I had a lot of wonderful experiences more and more. And I felt that I could have a wonderful days! I'm thankful for my host family and my family.



# I am a cat

I start my speech now.  
I'm going to become a cat.  
Please listen, now I am a cat.

Good morning, my name is Nene.  
Nice to meet you.  
My family is mother and a sister.  
I didn't come from a pet shop.  
I was found when I was a boy.



In October, I was found by my mother.  
I grew up in a happy family.  
Now, two years have passed since I was found.  
I noticed something because I grew up.  
Little cat's voices sometimes can be heard from outside my house.  
So their thin voices tell me.  
"I'm hungry. I feel cold.  
Where is my mother?"  
At that time, I always stand by the window and look at "another world".  
I don't know anything about there.  
Because my house is my world.  
I am sure that "another world" is very large and big.  
But I don't think that I want to go there.  
Why?  
The answer is simple.  
Can you understand?  
If you cannot understand, listen again to the girl's voice.  
The small voice.  
I can't do anything.  
Only wishing that the girl will rat a meal with her mother and

warm up.

## **Dieticians**

Is your food life OK? Food life makes your food life better or worse. For your health, you have to be careful about your food life. Dieticians make your food life better. Today, I'd like to talk about such dieticians.

People who support a person's health are called dieticians. Dieticians work in the hospital or the school lunch center. In the hospital, dieticians think about a good balanced menu for the patients and control the patient's nutrition. In the school, of course dieticians make a school lunch menu and teach about nutrition to children. Not only the hospital, the school lunch center.

Dieticians work in general companies and confectionary companies like Morinaga and Meiji. Now, Dieticians are needed in Japan. I want to be such a dietician. I wanted to be a mother who cooks very well. I want to work at work that makes up use of cooking. When I was in junior high school, I searched with internet, and I found the work that is dieticians. I saw about dieticians, I thought I want to be a dietician soon. In the future, I want to be a good mother who can manage my child's health, and can cook very well. Now, I study hard to be in good college.

# SNOOPY

Do you know “SNOOPY” comics? SNOOPY is a popular character loved all over the world. Of course, I’m the one of the SNOOPY lovers. SNOOPY makes us relaxed. Why is SNOOPY loved by so many people?

SNOOPY is a character that appears in “Peanuts”. “Peanuts” is drawn by Charles Schulz. Charles drew SNOOPY for fifty years without resting. In such, SNOOPY was born.

Frankly speaking, I didn’t know “Peanuts”. When I was a middle school student, I liked SNOOPY. I can’t tell when I became to like SNOOPY. My SNOOPY’S goods increased rapidly. I have a lot of goods for example, mechanical pencil, plush, and key chains. My favorite goods is a plush. I got it from my friend for my birthday. It is big and cute SNOOPY. It is on the bed.

First, I heard that SNOOPY was not popular among people. So, an editor said to Charles “Stop drawing SNOOPY”. However, he didn’t listen to him he continued drawing SNOOPY. The result, SNOOPY is popular, and SNOOPY is loved all over the world. SNOOPY is loved by so many people because I think thanks to Charles. Charles retired, and “Peanuts” finished. But “Peanuts” popularity does not fall. No matter what SNOOPY would have loved. I will love SNOOPY forever. I can assure you. SNOOPY as long as it exists.

## The world of dream

What is your favorite character? There are many cute characters. For example, Hello kitty, Snoopy and Mickey. So! Mickey! Yes, Disney! I like Disney characters. I mean I like Tokyo Disneyland and sea. My dream world is Disney. Today, I want to write about Disney.

Disney has many cute characters. Disney is cute and cool. So, in Disneyland we can meet many characters. I like Disney very much, but I have been to Disney resort only once when I am elementary school student. Now, I want to go there. When I found Disney special on TV, I always watch it. I want to go to foreign Disneyland in the future. Because I want go many times. And I want to see many kinds of Mickey and Minne. It's not only many characters, but also very fun attractions in Disneyland. My favorite attraction is Big thunder mountain, Splash mountain and Space mountain. I have never ridden many attractions. I have never been to Mickey and Minne's house.

By the way, I have Minne's mascot pen, cup, dishes, desk pad, blanket and other things. Disney characters are very cute. My favorite characters are Pooh, Marie and Daffy.

Disneyland makes me happy. I think Disneyland makes people around the world happy. But, we can't go to Disneyland all at once. So, let's watch Disney movies! We can watch movie any time we want. When you are sad, when you are lonely, how about thinking of Disney?

# Half Apple

When you hear this title .Maybe you will think .An Apple? Half an Apple? You will think my title has a grammer mistake! I will tell you NOOOOO!!!!!!The apple is not the true apple .Do you want to know what Half an Apple is ????

When Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden by God, they made their love be an apple. They divided the apple into two and threw them to the different directions to the world. Hence, the two half apples fell down on the different sides of the world. Adam and Eve were busy finding their love. From that time onwards, people keep finding the other half apple for their love.

Some people will lose their interests in the process of searching so that they will choose the other half apple randomly. Moreover, there are also some people will meet the right "apple" when they are searching.

Some says that everyone's life is a searching life. When we are searching, no one will tell us who the right person is. No one will remind of the person we shouldn't miss. It's because no one will know where the person is.

Let's love the half apple around us. Each of us is the one wing angel. We can only fly when we hug together. Everyone is an incomplete apple. The existence of the other half apple makes our life complete and be full of sunshine.



# Language

What language is the most necessary now? English? Japanese? French? Chinese? The answer would probably be your own native language. But when you see the world, do you really think it's the best? Today, I will talk about the language.

I study Japanese, English and Chinese. It is said that there is about 8000 language in the world. If you don't understand the language, it is difficult to communicate with someone. However, English is used as a common language in the world now.

English is very good. But there is also an area where English does not pass. I went to Singapore and Malaysia on school trip the other day. English was not then understood in Malaysia. I realized that English was not the best language in the world.

By the way, do you know United Nations? At the meeting, English is mainly used. French, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, and Arabian are used for others. Here, a conference is held using these six languages.

I think that the language required of various uses of each country changes. That is, I think that how required languages are all the languages.

# The earth and people

What do you think about the unordinary weather?

For example, Earthquakes, Typhoons, Guerilla heavy rains, Tornados, Tsunamis...etcetera... Not only Japan, the world is in trouble of abnormal weather and natural disasters. Today, I want to write about abnormal weather and relationship between earth and people.

11<sup>th</sup> March 2011, The East Japan great earthquake occurred in Japan. Thereby, many lives were lost. And many people are still not yet found. The area where the earthquake occurred is destroyed completely and repair work continues. Not only that many disasters have occurred in the world. Why does it happen?

It isn't scientific fact from now on, but it is my personal opinion.

I think that there is a problem also in people. Man has lived on the earth and has done selfish things. The rivers were soiled, Sea was soiled, mountains were soiled, trees were cut, and the earth was changed so that it might be to live for humans. The earth lost beautiful green and lost clear air. The natural disaster and abnormal weather which have occurred in every corner of the earth now, I think these disasters are the appeal from the earth. If people catch a cold, people get sick, The earth is also in Pain with difficulty, surely.

I think that we need to make a living while, considering not only our concerns of the earth from now on.

## What I found

Have you ever found an important thing for you? I think everyone has different things, but I could realize what is important for me from an incident. Today, I'd like to tell you about my important thing and the incident.

In this summer, I was in the hospital for one month. My plan for this summer vacation was my stay in Australia as a student short-term. I was looking forward to doing it very much. But I couldn't do because I contracted a disease. I had only "sadness" then. So one of my dreams can't come true. It was regrettable and sad very much. I felt myself quite alone.

But I realized that I have my family, best friend, and a lot of friends. However busy my mother is, she came to the hospital everyday, my father came after his work, and my many friends came, too. I thought I will have gloomy days for a long time but I spent my days, realizing the happiness thanks to many people around me. The happiness is what many people always support me. I found what I can't usually find by one month of rest. And I could find the meaning of existence for me and my sense of values because I found such a thing.

First, I was sad very much because I must cancel studying in Australia and enter a hospital. But, now, I could find my important things for my life again and I could have many important things, so I don't regret the one month. I'd like to convey my gratitude to many people who always support me from the bottom of my heart. And I won't forget this important feeling from now on. I think you are busy. But I want everyone to just stop and look around you. Certainly, you'll find your important things. And I believed that you'll be able to get many things. Finally, "Thank you" for the many people that always support me.

# Japanese Animation

What impression about animation do you have? Do you think that animation is something children watch? Or do you think that animation is something geeks watch? The answer is no! I would like to talk about Japanese animation today. If you have an interest in animation, I'm happy.

I love animation. So I watch a lot of animations. For now there are many animations which we can't count. I think that Japanese animation is one of the greatest cultures in Japan. Actually, Japanese animation is very popular in foreign countries. For example, first, the rating of DRAGON BALL seems to have exceeded 60 percent in France. Next, I think that everyone has watched Crayon Shinchan. The rating of it seems to have exceeded the world cup in Spain. In addition, Japan animation has had great influence abroad,

what do you think the most famous Japanese animation in overseas? I think it is Ghibli. Because Ghibli wins many prizes and receives high evaluation from overseas. There are many people charmed by Ghibli all over the world. I'm also one of the charmed person. Incidentally my favorite Ghibli is Kiki's Delivery Service. I was impressed by the last scene in which Kiki helps hard Tombo who is likely to fall from the airship.

It is not popular only such the famous animations. Foreign people have no fixed concept and like various kinds of animation. This is because they consider good animations as good. You think that animation is something only children watch, don't you? You think that late night animation is something animation geeks watch, don't you? The thought is No. Please throw away a fixed concept and bias and watch an animation once. You will find your favorite one.

# Drawing

Do you like pictures? Do you like to see pictures? Do you like draw or paint pictures? I like both of them. There are many kinds of pictures. For example, oil painting, water color painting, illustrations and comics. Today, I'll speak about such pictures.

Many people often say "Oil painting is more wonderful than illustrations." Many mothers often say "Comic is no good. You should read a novel." However I think that all kind of pictures have same worth. Actually, illustrations are younger than oil painting, but I can't think that illustrations are inferior to others. Comic are often said that to have little imagination. But it is not true. Every kinds of pictures can make people exciting and moved. Such things are never bad things.

I like see pictures. I'm moved to see picture that ware painted by famous artists, and I like cute and cool comic characters. I always think I also want draw pictures like my favorite pictures.

I spoke about many things. I hope you think pictures are wonderful without any formality.

# Football

Hey everyone ! Do you like football? Today, football is one of the most popular sports. I played football while I was a junior high school student. I don't play it these days, but I love it. For example, I like watching soccer games, and playing it. So today, I'd like to tell you about football.

I think that all Japanese people know activity of the representative of Japan for soccer. For example, Nadeshiko Japan won the victory in the World Cup. And these days, there are several players who play soccer overseas. But I think that it is difficult for Japanese people to be famous in the world.

Because globally famous players are already in each positions. Although it is a personal opinion, for example, forwards have DelPiero, midfielders have Cristiano Ronaldo, defenders have Puyol. They are globally famous players. Incidentally, I respect DelPiero most in the world.

And I don't know that the play style of Japan is accepted in the world. Although I said many things, I think that I want Japanese players to do their best from now.

# The difference between Korea and Japan

Have you ever been to Korea? Japan and Korea are close countries. Korea is my home country. My father is Korean, and my mother is Japanese. I came to Japan three years ago. And, I thought a lot of things.

I first went to a Japanese junior high school. Many Japanese students observed the school rules more than Korean students. And Japanese teachers were severe. And I could not swim. Because, there were no swimming lessons in Korean school. So, I hated swimming lessons in Japanese school. I got used to Japanese school over time. Second, I got used to Japanese food. Because, Korean food is hot. But Japanese food is sweet and salty. Still now, I want to eat Korean food very much.

In conclusion, I'm not used to Japan yet. But, I like Japan. So, I want to try harder.

## Swimming is half of my life

I like to do sports. But I'm not good at field sports. My favorite sport is swimming. When I am swimming, I'm happy. When I get my best time, I feel wonderful. Today I'm going to talk about my swimming life.

When I was four years old, I don't remember well. I started swimming in class at first. And I started to go to swimming school. I was enjoying that I could swim a little with made friends from some kindergarten. After several years, now I feel that it's not much of thing, but happened me to hard at that time. In the cause of that I quit that swimming school. In addition, I said "I don't swim." But my mother said to me "Let's try entering and swimming in new school near our house." So, I was entering. Because I like swimming, I was happy to swim again. The higher grade I got, the happier I became. I was looking forward to take grade test. When I became the highest grade, I felt nervous. But everyone is good people and I could adapt soon. It's hard to swim in that practice's menu. But I felt fresh that I knew my time became faster and faster while I was swimming.

I think it is good that I didn't quit and continue. The reason why I continue swimming is it is necessary for me and it is one way to live. By the way, my favorite is free style. Now, swimming is one of my everyday life. I want to swim and get my best time in the near future.

