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Education

I know this is sudden, but do you read the handouts given by Mr. Kawamata? (I'm sorry, but I'll write about him again....)When I was thinking what subject I should write about, I came up with this topic. So I will talk about the preciousness of his handouts. I think some of the students don't read them precisely, but I think it is very wasteful! He seems to give us handouts on politics and economics. However, if you read them one by one, you will find handouts on other topics such as the Saint Valentine's Day, the importance of greeting, and the way of studying. Frankly speaking, I prefer these kinds of handouts to those on politics and economics. That's because they offer me something new to learn. For example, I think the people who know the "fair trade" and those who don't know it are quite different when the Saint Valentine's Day comes. "The wider our culture becomes, the deeper we are moved." It is a sentence I came up with just now. Anyway, if you don't read the handouts and leave them somewhere in your room, you had better read them when you have the time. Talking of handouts, Mr. Makishima makes the "Makishima health report" every month. The content of it is never to be useless. Therefore, please read both of them and experience a lot of "Oh, I see!"

---R.T.

On "Miserable Tropics"

"Miserable Tropics (in French, Tristes Tropiques)" was written by Claude Levi-Strauss (1908-2009), a French anthropologist in 1955. This book starts with his confession that he didn't like traveling though main tropics of this are travels. He wrote his memories of his childhood, research in Brazil, defecting from Europe to America in World War II, he was a Jew, Indians' myths, and so on. One of the characteristics of this book is an inconsistency of time and space. For example, in this book, he was in an old city in the Middle East before the war after a sentence of his experience in South America in the postwar days. He called this inconsistency "distilled memories." He wrote this book about twenty years after his research in Brazil. It was time or oblivion that had him realize things better and better. According to him, "a radical pessimism" is an undercurrent of this book. The last phrase is, "The world started without human beings and will end without human beings."

---N.F

The Novel

I will introduce "MARIA BEETLE" to you. This novel was written by Isao Kotaro. The stage for this novel is in the Hayate. There are four killers and one junior high school student in this bullet train. The four killers are Kimura, Lemon, Mikan, and Tentomushi. Kimura is an alcohol abuser. Lemon and Mikan are a duo. Lemon likes the Locomotive Thomas and Mikan likes novels. Tentomushi is a most unlucky boy. The junior high school student is called "Prince." He is very intelligent and cruel. He has his classmates on a string. They rode on the train with their own different purpose each. They interlace in the running Hayate. This novel is very exciting. Why don't you read it?

---Y.T.

SMART

I recently read an interesting article on Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. The following is what the article said.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, is a rapidly growing city built where the Klang River and Ampang River meet. The city is known for its traffic jams and for the sudden floods that cover the streets with water. During the morning and evening rush hours, there are often traffic jams over several kilometers, and during heavy rainstorms, driving becomes extremely dangerous. In the past, it was too difficult to take defensive measures against floods in terms of cost. But new engineers believe they found out a way to stop floods reduce traffic jams. These engineers have designed a three-level tunnel known as the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel, SMART. In this tunnel, the upper and the middle levels function as highways for traffic to flow smoothly. When there is any need, the bottom level of the tunnel carries rainwater to a storage lake. The tunnel has three different modes of operation. In the first mode, when there is a little rainfall, it is used only for traffic. In the second mode, during storms, the bottom level carries away rainwater while the owners are used for traffic. In the last mode, during the severe storms, the tunnel is closed to traffic entirely. Then all the tunnel is filled with water and the water flows away within 48 hours. The Malaysian government is confident that this new tunnel will be able to serve both of the functions.

---K.Y.

Blood Donation

Have you ever donated your blood to Japan Red Cross Society? I have donated my blood twice. You may try to avoid donating your blood because you are afraid of injection. But, we cannot produce blood though science is developing. Blood plays an important part in our body, such as carrying oxygen, fighting viruses and stopping the bleeding ,and blood is indispensable to maintain life in our body. So we must send blood to patients who do need blood because of diseases or injuries. Donated blood id used effectively to develop effectiveness and security of medicine for blood and to improve the health. Donated blood is inspected whether there is HIV, or human immunodeficiency viruses. We can check the condition of our health by the inspection of our blood. In the future, my blood will be examined by Japan Red Cross Society. After that, my blood will be given to someone and it will flow in his or her body for good. I think that I can share his or her life. Anyway, let's donate our blood. I did not feel pains.

--- K.K.

The border clashes came to an end

Russia and Estonia of the Baltic State signed a border-demarcation-treaty on the 18th. These two countries have insisted on their own border lines. But Estonia accepted Russia's claim. In short, there was no change to the present border drown in 1945 in the Soviet era. Therefore, Russia's big problem of border is just the Northern Territories Issue with Japan. But Russia has stuck to the manner not to have any discussion whether or not Russia expanded their territory during world war II. So there is almost no chance of Russia returning Northern Territories to Japan. If Northern Territories aer not returned to Japan, it is none of my business. But, I want to wait and see how this problem would go.

---F.H.