



Education

This time, I will talk about a little interesting “learning.” We study hard every day in order to play an active role in the real world. But in the real society, it isn’t enough to master a study. We must have a variety of common knowledge when we become a member of society. However, teachers don’t teach them to us frequently. I think that’s because they are thought to be what should be taught by our parents. However, without asking our parents about them, we will remain ignorant! So as is said in the YS before last, we should acquire them by ourselves. By the way, do you know there are teachers who give us knowledge, besides what is taught in study in this school? Of course, almost all the teachers sometimes tell us digression. But the teacher who I want to introduce is Mr. Kawamata. As you know, he has a wide knowledge of many things. During a class, he sometimes tells us useful knowledge. For example, when you write a word “Hitori-hitori”, you had better not write the latter “hitori” in Chinese character but in hiragana. It is first one that I learned from him, if I remember correctly. Of course, he doesn’t always tells us such a thing during a class. He “sometimes” does! So I respect him and I’m looking forward to listening to his talk about a variety of things in every class.

---R.T

A posture which is likely to attack

There is a correlation between verbal and physical attacks and how a person stands, sits, walks, directs the eyes, and holds the body during movement. The verbal mugger looks for someone who is not going to be able or willing to fight back. A balanced but relaxed upright posture sharpens your senses and raises your alertness. Whereas slumped posture can magnify feelings of distress, panic, and helplessness. An upright and relaxed posture also projects an unmistakable signal of inner confidence and awareness that can deter would be verbal or physical aggressors. When you are alone, it makes sense never to walk closer than two or three strides from a stranger. if you must pass nearer than this to someone standing somewhere, gracefully change directions and veer away from him

---K.M

World News

Shinzo Abe, the Japanese prime minister, published the increase of the consumption tax from 5 percent to 8 percent. Therefore, each person in Japan must have heavy burden. For example, the students, and the poor must have tax too heavy to pay in particular.

I hear in the news that people who got married bought a house in a hurry before the increase of tax. And, the drinks in vending machine may become more expensive. Because the drink’s price, 120 yen or 150 yen, contains the 5 percent tax. So the price of the drink will be increased to about 123 yen or 156 yen. I don’t want to increase the tax.

---S.Y

Sports “Kenzo Shirai”

Kenzo Shirai,17,got a gold medal in the world gymnastics competition on October 5th.He was the youngest medalist in Japanese history. His new technique was called “Shirai.” I was very surprised because he is of my age. The year 17 year-old-boy became famous all over the world, which encouraged us very much. The future of the gymnastics is bright. The boy following Kohei Uchimura, who finished his performance in the 3rd place, has appeared. He is what is called “ promising new star.” He is so young that he will be the captain in the Tokyo Olympics.

In my opinion, however, his new technique would be better to be called “Kenzo.”I do not know who chose the name, but I think “Kenzo” or “Kenzo special” was better. The name should have been chosen by the performer himself. Anyway, I will cheer Kenzo as a person of the same age as he.

---S.S

Book Introducing ‘RIKA’

Honma, who is the main character in this novel, is addicted to Deaikei. He met Rika in it. Rika is very tall and slender but the color of her skin is dark. Honma exchanged e-mails with her many times. She went mad more and more frequently. Honma was afraid of her and he received her emails. And he changed his e-mail address, but strangely he received her e-mails. In addition, she started stalking. If she is punched or kicked or shot, she never dies as if she were a zombie. Finally Honma had both of his arms and legs cut off by her. Why don’t you read this horror?

---Y.T

Science

As you know, there is not enough food in the world because of the human population. So we have to find new sort of foods as soon as we can. Therefore, in recent years, there is a solution of this food shortage. It is insect-eating! What do you think of this? Creepy? Disagreeable? But I think this is a good thing. I have two reasons. First, I knew the locusts boiled in sweetened soy sauce. It looked creepy for me for the first time. But, its taste was very good. So I do not have prejudices of insect-eating. Second, insects have good nutrition. They have especially protein and calcium. I think, they can make our bodies stronger!

---K.S

School News

October 28th. Hiyakunin Ishu tournament was held. It is a card game in which the players try to match the first and second halves of each of the one hundred Tanka poems by one hundred celebrated poets. The previous day of the tournament, chairpersons of second grade class discussed it with some teacher. My class’s chair person looked tired when he came back to our class, I think, maybe, he and the others decided many things. So they were tired in many ways. My team consisted of three second grade students and four first graders. This team won some games and got a first prize. This is why I write about this topic. Frankly speaking, I want to write about other topics. This time, we play the tournament with first graders. I could not speak to them a lot and take a positive attitude for them. But I am happy if they remember me. Other second graders think so. The second Hiyakunin Ishu tournament is going to be held around the New Year’s Day. Hiyakunin Ishu is played by the person who learns each poem by heart originally. So our event was just like a karuta game when played by ignorant people. I think we should remember the one hundred Poems so that we can play this game smoothly. Let’s study harder. Good luck!!

---H.F

My Hobby

My hobby is to solve a puzzle. Last spring, my friend solved the 1000 pieces of puzzle. Hearing that, I feel like solving a puzzle too. So I bought 2000 pieces of puzzle. It cost me 2500 yen. After I arrived at my home, I started solving a puzzle. But one hour later, I was very shocked. The puzzles were too difficult for me to solve. I thought “Who on earth can solve this very difficult puzzle!?” I looked at the box in which the puzzle pieces were, and there was a note. “This puzzle is very difficult so if you are a beginner, please be careful so as not to buy this by mistake”. I gave up solving the puzzle alone and I set up the puzzle kenkyu-kai.

---H.Y