



YS is published by 2-1 class. YS tells you the news around us. The reason why we publish YS is we want to tell many people about events around us, our opinions, and very interesting original stories. We will try to publish YS every week. YS was renewed on October 4. Please look forward to reading it!

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“Invasive Alien Species”

Recently, I learned about invasive alien species in the English class. Invasive alien species are animals or plants which have a bad influence on the ecosystem. The examples written in the English text are raccoons, Kuzu, snapping turtles, black bass, mongooses, and European bumble bees. Raccoons eat many kinds of food. In Hokkaido, raccoons like to eat rare native species such as Japanese crawfish and Ezo salamanders. Kuzu grow out of control all across the American South. Snapping turtles may damage the fresh water ecosystem by eating up all the plants, insects, fish, and other animals. Black bass have a big influence on the ecosystems in lakes and ponds. Mongooses eat many kinds of animals in Okinawa. European bumble bees easily invade other bee habitats. I think the damage of invasive alien species are caused by people. Probably there are many people who have pets. The pets are invasive alien species. We must not release them to protect our ecosystem.

--K.S.

My favorite TV program

I'll introduce my favorite TV program. It is a kind of news programs. And the title of it is “Future Century of Japan” or “Mirai Seiki Zipangu.”. It gives you much information of hot news about the world. I watch it every week. Last week, the theme for the program was about China and Thailand. From what I have heard, Japanese companies should move it's factories from China to Thailand. That's because Thailand is a pro-Japanese country. In addition, the people in that country are honest, so they never make sly tricks. Any way, Thailand is a better country for Japanese companies than China. As I have said, “Mirai Seiki Zipangu” gives us much useful information. Why don't you watch it?

--- H.Y.

A bill of protection of specific secret

In December 7th, a bill of protection of specific secret was adopted by a national assembly. The purpose of this bill is to protect the national secret information. It is said that a clue of the reason for this bill is a collision of Chinese ship and Japanese ship in 2011. The image was spilled by anyone. So this bill was passed. If someone spills national information, he will be caught by the police, or fined. On the day when it was adopted, Japanese people started a movement against the bill, so as not to lose the right of knowing. But Shinzo Abe said that the right of knowing will be protected. The right of knowing for a member of the Diet will be protected, but the rights of the Japanese people will not be protected. So I want to have the bill rejected.

---S.Y

Book Introducing “Hakugin Jack”

I will introduce to you the book whose title is “Hakugin Jack”. This book is written by Higashino Keigo, who is a famous mystery writer. This book is set in a ski slope in a snow covered mountain. The main character of this story is Nezu Shohei, who is a patrol of Shingetsu Kougen ski slope. One day, a threatening letter was sent to this ski slope. This letter said “You have to prepare for thirty million yen in three days, otherwise a time bomb, which I had planted in the snow at this ski slope, will explode. If you report it to the police, The bomb will explode.” The patrols who saw this letter searched the ski slope. And Nezu also searched with Seri Chiaki, who was caught by Nezu because she skied in the area which is closed to skiers. In fact, there is a relationship between this case and the case that happened in this ski slope one year ago. If you want to know the end of this story, please read this book.

--- S.I.

World Cup

In the middle of the last Friday night, the pairings for the World Cup 2014 in Brazil were decided by lot. As you know, Japan (48) is in C Group with Columbia(5), Greece(12), and Coted'Ivoire (17). (FIFA Ranking) So, Japan hit a lucky group and Japan's preparations are complete. So I hope that Japan will get through preliminary matches and become one of the best 8 teams. By the way, do you know the reason why this lot is paid attention to? I am going to explain about that. In the next 2014 World Cup, there are many very strong teams from Europe and Japan could not be in the same group with countries from Asia and North America, which are relatively weak teams. So there is a good chance for Japan to be in the group made up to weak teams. Japan became a team in so called “the Death Group”. But as a result, Japan is lucky. Good luck, Japan!

---K.Y

Nonverbal Language

Suppose your friend has just been to the dentist and can't talk clearly. She is trying to tell you that she bit her tongue very badly because of too many injections of anesthetic by gestures. If this were not your friend telling you the story, but some stranger sitting next to you on the bus, you couldn't understand him/her and might feel like moving to another seat. As this story shows, other ways of communication are of great importance. Children in their first year or so are quite similar to the poor dental patient. They often try to communicate something desperately, but often cannot. But as children gradually increase their vocabulary, the problem of insufficient understanding decreases. Until then, they must depend on those 'less important' things.

---R.T.

D a i z i s e n

Have you ever thought about definition of words? I do not mean the right definition, but your own definition that you think out from your own experience. Daizisen collected such definitions on the Internet and the results were announced recently. But I think that those not chosen are more interesting than chosen ones because the former are very negative. For example, SNS means “It is what is called a combustible, which burns without oxygen.” Social Network Services is the right meaning of SNS. As I have said, there are many interesting negative definitions. I think there definitions on the Internet are not right, but not wrong. You can watch it on the Internet. Would not you do it?

--- F.H