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Tokyo Olympics in 2020!!

On September 8, IOC issued a statement that the Olympic Games in 2020 would be held in Tokyo. This is an achievement for the first time in fifty six years. When I heard the news, actually I was surprised. Of course it was wonderful.

Why did Japan get a ticket to hold the Olympic Games? Tokyo was elected among the three cities, Madrid, Istanbul and Tokyo. Before the election, Madrid was likely to be chosen, while Tokyo was not. So I thought that the presentation had a great bearing on the result.

Tokyo's presentation was very good. Abe Shinzo, Inose Naoki and Ota Yuki were very good presenters, though Abe Shinzo insisted on the safety in Fukushima, which had not been commented on in Japan. Especially French spoken by Takigawa Crystel may have impressed the IOC members. I was sure that "O mo te na shi" was the symbolic word of Japanese kindness.

Madrid made a mistake in the presentation, Madrid did not emphasize its advantage very much, but insisted on a little negative contents. In short, Madrid said that if the IOC did not choose Madrid, the financial situation in Greece would become almost dead. It is a kind of threat in a sense and an extreme expression, but at any rate, Madrid lost the election as a result of the presentation.

Istanbul's problem was not the presentation, I think. Istanbul was near Syria, where wars often break out. A war may happen even in Istanbul. So seven years later, no one can imagine what Istanbul will be like.

So Tokyo was elected, I think. It must have made Japanese people happy and energetic. In fact, I can't wait. Although there are a lot of problems to get over and we never forget the Fukushima nuclear accidents, Japanese people should look up. It is a very good chance to have.

Let's look forward to holding the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020 with your heart throbbing.

S.S

Plasma

I will introduce "Plasma" to you. Written in simple words, "Plasma" is the fourth form of matters. As you know, matters have three forms, solid, liquid, and gas. "Plasma" is different from these three forms. In "plasma", matters are divided into electrons and protons. This phenomenon is called ionization. In other words, "plasma" has higher energy than gas. For example, the sun, aurora, thunder are called "plasma". Also in our lives, "plasma" plays an important role. "Plasma" is used in fluorescent lights, the process of making things which is too small and difficult for human to treat. "Plasma" has many possibilities. As I said above, "Plasma" has higher energy than gas. So if we can take out energy from "Plasma", we will solve the energy problems around the world. Also, ninety nine percent of the universe is thought to consists of "plasma". So we can use "plasma" for a very, very long time! Now, "plasma" is expected to be greatly applied to technology. In the near future our lives might be changed for the better, thanks to "plasma". I'm looking forward to seeing or using things which "plasma" is applied to.

Y.K

Starbucks

Have you ever visited Starbucks? Starbucks is a kind of coffee café which is a Seattle-based company. Starbucks opened its first overseas shop in Tokyo in 1996. It now has more than 1,000 stores in 10 Asian countries. Its shops are generally crowded with young white-collar workers and trendy teens. Customers say that Starbucks' drinks taste better than the local coffees that have defined the Asian experience until now. For example, in Singapore, the inky, bitter fluid weakened with condensed milk and served in plastic bags. In Beijing and Hong Kong, the instant coffee people drink at home is "coffee". While, Japan is something of exception. There is a deeply embedded coffee culture in Japan. Canned-coffee vending machines are everywhere. And people gather regularly at cafes for coffee breaks such as Starbucks. Starbucks' success has been remarkable. It has 200 shops in Japan. "Starbucks has done a good job providing a fashionable café experience at a reasonable price," a Japanese employer said. If you have never visited Starbucks, why don't you go there for coffee breaks in order to feel relaxed?

H.T (English Kenkyu-kai)

Education

What do you think about a word "education"? Do you think it means "teaching something to students"? That's right. But, is it all? "Educate" has another meaning. It is "to enlighten, or to lead someone to higher understanding by teaching". I mean that "education" means not only "to teach" but also "to enlighten by teaching". I have a handout about education given by Mr. Someno. It says "The aim of education is the acquisition of the art of the utilization of knowledge". Yes, the people who give us knowledge are teachers, but the people who make use of it are ourselves. Therefore, we mustn't think knowledge is what is given by others, but what is acquired ourselves. This summer vacation, Mr. Someno gave us an English homework. He said to us, "I'd like you to do whatever you want to do about English." Each of us decided what he wanted to do and finished it. Some of us continue theirs even now. It is very remarkable. I hope all of us will have positive attitude toward whatever we do.

R.T.

Happiness level decided by others

I read a certain topic. This topic says that people in Japan have low levels of happiness and Latin Americans enjoy high levels. Because even if we have financial and material happiness, it seems that we don't have such happiness as we feel when we are smiling and laughing. Certainly it is quite right, but I am a little angry now. Why on earth must we be said to have low levels of happiness by 150,000 people, even one of whom I neither know nor meet whether I am happy or not. I am happy with my brothers. I enjoy playing RPG with them and reading several comics. My friends are also kind. Sports, arts and books ...so we are surrounded by a lot of favorable things. As I say, happiness shouldn't be measured by others and it is what we grasp for ourselves! Each of the people all over the world has opportunities of happiness, so it is unreasonable for them not to consider us to be happy. But the only peace is different from happiness thanks to the government. It is almost impossible for the citizens to change the merely dangerous society. We can be happy with our family even if we are not well off, but if it is dangerous, we can't laugh when we are with our family. This topic says that Latin American countries dominate the top 10 happiest countries. Do people all over the world really think so? Is it the good prejudice that South Americans like bustling and lively events like the Rio's carnival and they are always laughing? It is true that they enjoy having a wild time but their public security is never said to be good. And our impression of them is just a prejudice. So I think 150,000 people chose Latin Americans with the groundless reasons. As the saying goes, "Sumeba miyako" (Even if you live anywhere, you like the place.), every countries has a good point and all of us can be happy. So it is important that our country should be safe. I think Japan is the best. S.S

Editor's Postscript

Thank you for your reading. This time, we did the best. Sentences are longer and contents are more sophisticated, greater than before. Why do you think we did so? Next week, we will go on a school trip. We will be absent. So this is the special version. **GOOD BYE, THANK YOU!!**

Y.K

