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## **The club I belong to in Hiratsuka Secondary School**

### ★ Basketball

1-1 Ann Sawamura

Hello, everyone! I belong to the basketball team. There are 48 members, 24 boys and 24 girls. All members are very friendly. Our coaches are Ms. Kimura and Mr. Nagai. Ms. Kimura teaches us very kindly. I don't know a lot about basketball, so she teaches me many things kindly.

Mr. Nagai also advises us. We have hard practices. We practice on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. After running and exercises, we dribble, pass and shoot the ball. Through these practices I made many friends. I think friendship is important. If you are interested in basketball, why don't you play with us?



### ★ Soccer

1-5 Takafumi Kiryu

I want to introduce the soccer team. I belong to the soccer team. My team has 22 male students. We all like soccer. We practice very hard. We practice soccer three times a week. I like the seniors in my club because they are wonderful players. It's enjoyable for me to talk with them. If you are interested in soccer, why don't you join us?



### ★ Igo

1-2 Kento Aono

Hello, everyone. Today, I will talk about my club. I belong to the igo club. There are thirteen members in the club. 5 first graders, 5 second graders and 3 third graders. One of the third graders is very strong. He is our captain. He wins many tournaments and he ranks 6<sup>th</sup> among J.H.S students in Japan. We practice igo twice a week. We usually learn how to play igo first and then we play a match three or four times a day. I enjoy igo very much. I want to be a strong player.



## ★ Kyudo

1-1 Haruno Horiuchi



I belong to the Kyudo club. There are 26 members (5 third graders, 11 second graders and 10 first graders). Our advisers are Mr. Nagata and Mr. Katayama. The practice days are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The place for activity is the Dojo near the swimming pool of our campus. The second graders usually teach the first graders. We occasionally practice with Ohara High School students.

## ★ Track and field

1-1 Tatsuya Sumi

I'm in the track and field club. Mr. Hara teaches us. There are 14 third grade members, 3 second grade members and 11 first grade members. We train every Monday, Thursday and Saturday. The track and field club is divided into Sprint middle-distance, long-distance, long jump and shot put. I belong to the long distance groups. Long running is very tiring. But I'm happy when I reach the goal. All members are training hard for races. I like to run with my club members.



## ★ Swimming

1-3 Chinatsu Arai

I'm going to tell you about my club activity. I'm in the swimming club because I like swimming. The club has 8 members. The club activities are not enough, but I'm doing my best. There was a prefectural tournament on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. I was awarded the 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 200 meter personal medley. I could join the Kanto Area tournament. My next goal is to join the all Japan tournament next year.

## ★ Wind Orchestra

1-4 Mayuka Tsuji

I belong to the wind music club. It is the biggest club in our school. They are 66 secondary students. We practice with Ohara high school students. They are good at playing the instruments because they practice hard almost every day. They are very kind to us. I like them very much. The advisers of my club are Ms. Watanabe and Mr. Yoshida. They are also kind to us. All the members love music. The wind music club is very nice. I love this club.



## ★ Table tennis

1-4 Akiko Takei

I belong to the table tennis club. There are many members in my club. The total numbers of the first graders is 12 (4girls and 8 boys). We practice three times a week. Mr. Yamazaki usually teaches us. Sometimes Mr. Yanagawa, Ms. Shibata also teaches us. Principal of our school, Mr. Mochizuki sometimes joins us. The practice is hard but I do my best.

## ★ Badminton

1-5 Hitomi Miyaki



I belong to the badminton club. We have 3 male students and 13 female students in this team. 3 teachers teach us. They are 2 male teachers and a female teacher. One of male teachers is Mr. Kuroiwa. He is very strict. The other is Mr. Inagaki. He is very funny, but sometimes he's strict. The female teacher is Ms. Motegi. She is good at playing badminton. This team is very fun. I love this team.

## ★ Chorus

1-3 Saho Shinoda

I belong to the chorus club. We practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We get the scores by ourselves. So we can choose our favorite songs. Usually we practice vocalization. But we haven't sung well yet. Next, we practice singing songs. Ms. Morita and the older students are gentle, and they teach us if we make mistakes. Please come and see our club.



## ★ Media

1-2 Yusuke Otsu



I belong to the media club. The advisers of our club are Mr. Goto and Mr. Kuroiwa. In Media club, we make games with HSP and PPS. We make web site and animation edit. We retrieve the game Internet, and we play games. Shall we make and play the games in the media club?

## ★ Homemaking

1-3 Makoto Kanbara

I belong to the homemaking club. I like handicraft, so I joined the homemaking club. Our club has fifteen members. We have club activities on Tuesdays and Fridays and the third Saturdays. The place for activity is the room for making clothes. There are making apron course in my club. I want to join the tea ceremony at Ohara high school and want them to teach us manners. I enjoy my club activity.



## ★ Literature



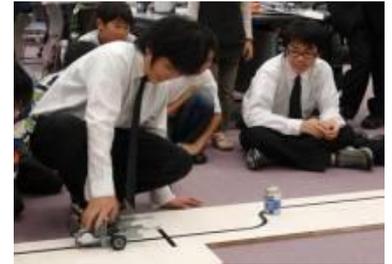
1-1 Fuki Hayabusa

The club I belong to is Art and Literature club. There are 10 people in my club. The place for activity is 2A or CALL class room. I prefer CALL room to 2A room because I can use computers. We usually write stories and play cards (the Hundred Poems by One Hundred Poets). Our advisers are Ms. Watanabe and Mr. Katayama. They are very kind. I enjoyed the Art and literature club.

## ★ Science

I belong to the science club. We make robots from “Lego”. So I like robots. Making and using robots are very interesting and hard. There are 5 robot groups in the science club. Making robots needs a lot of Lego parts. But my group doesn't have enough parts, so we borrow parts. The other members and I are very good friends. Making robots needs computers. But I don't like computers because using a computer is hard for me. The seniors in the making robot group are very kind. So I like the robot group. The science club is very interesting and I like the robot group.

1-2 Hayate Aoyama



## ★ Fine Art



1-2 Mihana Kidokoro

I belong to the fine arts club. We have activity on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays. We draw many pictures in the art room. Seniors are good at drawing. There are a lot of painting materials in art room. That's why the art room is interesting to me. The members are the few, but all the members enjoy in the fine art club. I enjoy the fine art club, too.

## ★ Tennis



1-5 Yuka Mochizuki

I belong to the tennis club. I practice tennis on every Monday, Thursday and Sunday. The club is divided into two groups. One is BOYS group and the other is GIRLS group. The GIRLS group has twenty members. The number is not so big. I don't play tennis well. But I like playing tennis very much. I want to play tennis very well.



# FLOWER NEWS PAPER



## *World Heritage Site*

By Hinako Haga

I would like to talk about Hiroshima's world heritage site, Atomic Bomb Dome.

Once it was a product display building. But in 1945, America dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The building was completely destroyed, but the dome escaped from complete destruction. It became a symbol of the atomic bomb's disaster.

Some citizens said, "When I look at the dome, it reminds me of the atomic bomb's disaster. Please pull it down." But Hiroko Kajiyama wrote in her diary, "Pitiful dome will proclaim the fearful atomic bomb to future generations."

The person who read this diary started the movement to keep the dome. So we can look at the dome now.

When I looked at the dome, I could know about the bomb's fear. I thought, war does not make any good things. It breaks many people's dreams. Japan has to tell other countries, "Never start a war" with this Atomic Bomb Dome.



## *Kamakura*

By Sai Kawaguchi

I will introduce the Great Buddha. It is called the Kamakura Great Buddha. It is Great Buddha in Koutokuji temple in Hase. It is 759 years old. It is about 13 meters high and weighs 121 tons. It is big and heavy. We have to pay 200 yen to enter Koutokuji temple. We can go inside of Great Buddha. Great Buddha's inside is high. The admission is only 20 yen.

Kamakura's Great Buddha is smaller than Nara's Great Buddha. The visit to the Great Buddha was very fun because I could learn a lot of things with my friends. It was rainy. I want to visit there again.



## *Thank You Letter*

Dear Mr. Shigemura.

Thank you for spending time for our internship activity. The opportunity provided wonderful experience for my interests and goals.

We saw beautiful cakes. We seriously listened to your talk. Your explanation helped me a lot to decide my future.

Again, I truly appreciate the time you took to speak with me about this internship.

Thank you for considering me for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Nozomi Seto



## *Recipe of Oyako-don*

By Yuno Yasumoto

Ingredients

- 300g chicken
- Half onion
- Eight eggs
- Four bowls of rice
- Seaweed
- Seasoning

- 4 table spoons of soy sauce,
- 4 table spoons of mirin,
- 200ml of dashi soup.

1. Cut the chicken thigh into small cubes. Cut the onion

thinly.

2. Put (A) into a pot and heat. Add chicken thigh to them and stew again.
3. When the onions become softened, pour in the mixed egg.
4. When the egg is soft boiled, turn off the burner.
5. Fill a bowl with rice. Pour the mixture on the rice. And decorate with seaweed.



## *Sports*

### *Festival*

On September 10th, we had the second sports festival. It was the first time to have the festival with the students of three grades.

Second graders showed the group performance and the seventeenth - legged race.

In the group performance, we danced to AKB48's "Heavy Rotation". We didn't have enough time to practice, but everyone concentrated on the practice so we could make a dance in a day!

Also, at the seventeen - legged race, we practiced in the morning and after school. In the practice, we sometimes fell down. But in the sports festival day, we didn't fall down! We were very happy, and one of my friends was crying.

We had some troubles too, but the sports festival was very fun. We could know about our class' bond. It was a very exciting day!



# S<sup>2</sup>MY Times

## Tsurugaoka Hachimangu

By Mai Motohashi

I will introduce a famous shrine. It is called Tsurugaoka Hachimangu but its name was Iwashimizu Hachimangu before. It is about eight hundred years old and it's in Kamakura city.

There is a beautiful Dannkazura, an approach to the shrine. I think it's very old but wonderful. There are a lot of people there on New Year's Day every year.

Yabusame is held on September sixteenth every year. Men shoot their targets with arrows from a horseback.

There is Kakureichou, an old ginkgo tree, in the Hachimangu. It's very old and very big. I think they are old but very valuable. If we go there, we will know the past. Let's go to Tsurugaoka Hachimangu!



## Thank you letter

Dear Ms. Ohgushi

Thank you for spending time for our internship activity. The opportunity provided wonderful experience for my interest and goals.

While there is a letter restriction, we have to make the subtitles with natural Japanese. It is not easy. I remember

clearly the talk about the difference between interpreter and translator.

Again, I truly appreciate the time you took to speak with me about this internship. Thank you for considering me for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Yuriko Kobayashi

## Recipe

### ~ Fried rice ~

By Soichiro Kambayashi

#### Ingredients

- 4 bowls of Rice (400g),
- 2 eggs, 2 green onions,
- 2 tea spoons of soy sauce,
- 3 table spoons of salad oil,
- Seasoning: 1/3 tea spoon of salt, a little of pepper

1. Beat eggs. Cut green onions into small pieces.
2. Heat the frying pan well, pour salad oil into it and keep heating. Pour the beaten egg onto the frying pan and mix it with a wide stirring motion.
3. When the egg is half cooked, put the warm rice into it and fry it loosening the rice. Season it with salt and pepper.
4. Put minced green onion into the egg and rice, keep frying it moving the frying pan slowly. When it becomes loose, add the small pieces of green onions into it and fry it with soy sauce.

## World Heritage Site ~Ogasawara~

By Shota Shimazu

Ogasawara Islands are so beautiful. People call them Ogasawara shotou. Ogasawara Islands have about 30 islands, in the Pacific Ocean. These islands are 1000 km away from Tokyo. These islands are paradise of many creatures. Whales live near Ogasawara islands, so you can watch whales. These islands have a lot of nature.

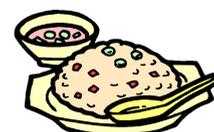


## Kamakura-Tambo

By Yuriko Kobayashi

We went to "Kanagawa-Tambo" in June. The first grade students went to Miyagase, and rode canoes, studied about the nature of Tanzawa, and visited Miyagase Dam.

The second grade students went to Kamakura, and made groups of 4 and visited shrines or temples. We could eat lunch in a restaurant or bring a lunchbox if we were 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This event was held to study about Kanagawa history.



# Premium International Great Newspaper

COMPLETE VERSION

In 2005, Shiretoko was registered on UNESCO's world heritage list. Shiretoko is in the northeast end of Hokkaido and Shiretoko is surrounded by the Sea of Okhotsk. UNESCO evaluated the food chain and the endangered species of Shiretoko. Shiretoko's food chain contain the sea. Therefore, Shiretoko became the first world heritage including the sea in Japan. Shiretoko's characteristic is a rich natural environment. There, brown bears and deers and so on live. But, tourists are feeding wild animals. It is a problem now. Still, at Shiretoko you can see a very beautiful rich natural environment. So, Please don't feed wild animals to protect nature!

by Chiba

The photo on the right is KAMAKURA ICHIBANYA. It is in Kamakura city.



It takes four minutes on foot from Kamakura station. It is a popular rice cracker shop, and most people go there when they visit Komachi street. Kamakura Ichibanya is selling Nuresen. Nuresen is moist senbei. If you go to Kamakura, why don't you drop in at in Kamakura Ichibanya?

by ishizuka



Soccer club 22 members belong to the soccer club of this school. We are working on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Although the practice is hard, we are very glad when we win the games, especially with tough opponents. Those who like soccer come to join us!

by Hayakawa

Showa Denko The other day, we had Kanagawa research. Then, I went to Showa Denko in Kawasaki. This factory deals with plastic recycling. This factory is about twelve times as huge as Tokyo Dome. Here, 195-ton resources are recyclable. A place with recyclable sufficient efficiency is also one of the features. This factory is the only factory in the world which produces different things by recycling.

by Hayakawa

## OYAKODON RECIPE

### INGREDIENTS (4 SERVINGS)

- CHICKEN THIGH 300G
- ONION A HALF
- EGGS 8
- RICE 4 CUPS OF DONBURI
- SEAWEED ADD TO TASTE

A

- 4 TABLE SPOONS OF SOY SAUCE
- 4 TABLE SPOONS OF MIRIN
- 200ML OF DASHI SOUP

### RECIPE

1. CUT CHICKEN THIGH INTO SMALL CUBES, AND SLICE ONION
2. PUT (A) IN A POT AND HEAT, PUT CHICKEN IN IT AND SIMMER.
3. WHEN CHICKEN IS HEATED THROUGH, ADD ONION AND BOIL.
4. PUT MIXED EGG IN IT WHEN ONION IS SOFTENED.
5. TURN OFF THE HEAT WHILE EGG IS STILL SOFT.
6. PUT RICE IN BOWLS AND PUT THEM ON THE RICE. DECORATE WITH SEAWEED.

# Manuscripts of Prizewinners in the Oratorical Contest



1<sup>st</sup> Prize:

## *Kanji*

Miss. Yuki Nakajima

First, look at this Chinese character. How many people here can write the *kanji* for “utsu”, 鬱? I think most of us can read it, but few of us can write it. To write the letter “utsu” in *kanji*, it takes 29 strokes. On the other hand, if you type it “utsu”, it only takes 4 strokes, “u” “t” “s” “u”. The more I used a computer, the less I became interested in *kanji*.

It is difficult to memorize only one *kanji* but it gets harder than that, there are about 100,000 *kanji* letters. *Kanji* has a large number of letters in the history of mankind. I’ve heard that in Korea, they abolished *kanji* and they are using Hangul to make it easier to read and write. I wondered what it would be like if *kanji* would also be abolished in Japan. Since then I started to think about the differences between the words written in *hiragana* and *kanji*.

The word “Utsu” written in *hiragana* looks gentle but it doesn’t express the depressed feeling of my mind. The word “Sakura” written in *hiragana* reminds me of just a round pinkish petal but when I see the word “Sakura” written in *kanji*, I can imagine a spectacular cherry with the light pinkish blossoms against tree bark. I think that *kanji* conveys the image of the object as if I see a picture.

When we walk around in our town, we can find many signs of restaurants or shops written in *kanji*. The sign of “Yoshinoya”, “吉野家”, the beef bowl place tells us that they serve us as if we are at home by using “家” instead of “屋”. *Kanji* helps people recognize what kind of atmosphere the places have.

What if *kanji* was simplified or vanished in Japan? I think that the world around us would be monotonous. I realized that *kanji* has great power to influence our culture and way of thinking which made me more interested in it than ever. Why don’t you take a look at *kanji* around you?

Last of all, here’s a very good way of memorizing the Chinese character “utsu”. Lincoln drank three cups of American coffee. Isn’t it interesting? Thank you.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:

## *Venice ~Water City~*

Miss. Yuki Kishima

Do you know Venice? I think that Venice is one of the most beautiful cities in Italy. A lagoon in Venice is a World Heritage site and every building is beautiful. In addition, it has several things that are characteristic of that district, such as Venetian glasses, Venetian masks and gondolas.

Venice is surrounded by water, so it's called "Water City". At the same time Venice has another nickname. It's called "sinking city" too. Why is Venice called such a nickname? I searched for the reason.

For example, "Acqua Alta" happens in Venice. "Acqua Alta" means high tide. It is happened by monsoon "scirocco." When Acqua Alta happens, Venice especially "Piazza San Marco" suffers from damage of inundation. In recent years, the damage is getting worse and worse. There are two reasons.

One is the global warming. Now global warming is becoming more and more serious. So, Antarctic and Arctic ice are melting and a rise in ocean level is higher than before. The other is the ground subsidence. People drew up the subterranean water in Venice. That is why it's happening. These are the cause of Venice sinking into the sea.

There are many countermeasures to do in Venice. However, for the time being, Venice is exposed to danger because forecasts and warnings can't stop the inundation. So I think that it is one of the most important causes of the problem to stop the global warming.

Then, what should we do in our lives? Well, we can do a lot of steps. I heard the old man said, "Venice is inconvenient for life. But Venice is such a beautiful city that people don't complain about the inconvenience. Venice has both beauty and inconvenience." I really think so, too. And I knew that Venetians are proud of Venice. So I believe that we mustn't let Venice sink into the sea. We have to keep the "Water City" to tell people in the future about the beauty of Venice and not to lose the pride of Venetians. Thank you.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:**

## ***To Know Japanese Traditional Culture***

Mr. Dan Maeda

These days globalization has been increasing in the world. Some companies use English as an official language in Japan. In addition to that, the president is a foreigner in a company. It becomes more frequent to meet foreigners. What do we need to learn when we meet foreigners? We have been studying English to communicate with foreigners. What else is needed?

I think that it is important to know Japanese traditional culture. Foreigners are interested in Japanese culture. At the same time, they think that every Japanese knows their culture. When my father went to Peru, a little girl came to my father with a piece of paper. She said, "Please make a paper crane for me." My father made a crane and he gave it to her. She was very glad to get it.

A Thai came to my house. He always plays *Go* on the Internet. He said, "I want to go to *Gokaisho* to play *Go*." I took him to *Gokaisho* where I always go. Elder people in *Gokaisho* couldn't speak English, but they enjoyed playing *Go* with each other. The important thing to communicate is to know each other. We can see everything in the world by the Internet, but we tend to neglect our own culture.

In Japan, we think that *Origami* is childish and *Go* is old fashioned. However, these kinds of Japanese traditional cultures are attractive for foreigners. We have to know our culture and to experience it actively. Thank you.