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Introductions From Each Desk

★ *CULTURE*

We'll introduce our four topics. The first topic is on festivals. Although there are many festivals all over Japan, we've chosen Nebuta festival in Aomori. The second topic is the museum in Academy common. Since there are many attractive exhibitions, you'll enjoy learning history! And then, the third topic is about the folk tales option class. Folk tales are stories for children. Children whose mother tongue is English often hear these kinds of stories. Finally, the fourth topic is about the drama option class.

★ *NATURE&SCIENCE*

We will not talk about anything difficult. We will explain to you the idea of energy, 3Rs and the activities practiced in Meiji University. Maybe you already know some of them, but I think you will find something new in our articles and have some fresh ideas in your mind. We also have an introduction of Blogging class with our articles, so you can know what your friends were doing during that class. We also made a survey to find out students attitude to the environment. Just relax, enjoy our articles!

★ *ENTERTAINMENT*

HI!MY Entertainment has four articles. *A travel report on Ueno in Tokyo.* Ueno is standard tourist attraction to Japanese and Foreigners. So our reporter in charge of travel directly went to tourists in Ueno. *A movie report about "BACK TO THE FUTURE".* The review is a collection our questions you answered. There is some advice on how to watch movies without subtitles. *A music report on the Karaoke class.* In the Karaoke class they songs. We got one song and translated it into Japanese. *A special report on comic class.* Comic class made two comics, "Alien falling in love" and "Backfire".

★ *SPORTS*

We interviewed man's and ladies racross team, table tennis team, cheerleading team and fitness and health class . All the teams work hard and are active. All teams are very cheerful and powerful. We got very sound spirit from them. They answered our questions kindly that we could make such a wonderful article. We really appreciate their help. We are looking forward to all team's spirit and new of victory!!

Creative, Not Academic

I reviewed the teacher of Creative Writing Class. Her name is Ms Clara. I asked her about the content of her class and she told to me about her class. She said that there are many different kinds of content which the students are working on. They are writing about his or her impressions, poems, plays, dialogues, stories, memories and lots of group writing. They are doing not only writing but also imaging. For example, the time when I interviewed Clara, they were imaging they were going into a picture. In other words, they guessed the back of the picture. Lastly, I'm looking forward to seeing their impressive presentation

"Back To The Present"

"4students go back to the past and 4students go to the future and then ..."

"The drama class will give you the biggest impression in the 21st century.

- Time ; 15 minutes
- Main actor ; Everyone
- Director ; Tim Knowles



"Never Fall Asleep"

(Editorial) **NO JAPANESE**

What did you think about this seminar? Were you satisfied with this? Some students may have studied hard, but other students may not have come every day. This editorial is about this summer English seminar. It contained a lot of positive points and a few negative, but important points.

In this seminar, students want to study and teachers want to teach. This is the most ideal style of education. Students can easily join this seminar, and there is no boundary on faculties nor years. You can talk with many students who have a variety of backgrounds. This is a very precious experience.

The OPTION CLASSES are very unique. Students can learn a variety of skills besides English, and advanced-level students and elementary-level students are mixed together. This is hard for elementary-level students, but it can be a good stimulus for them.

However, the negative points should be referred to. The biggest problem is Japanese. It may be difficult for all students to speak in English all the time. But students should think about themselves. The reasons why they come to this seminar every year may be varied, but all they have to do is speak in English.

Students have to come 10-17 o'clock every day. This routine may tire them. Also, the first two weeks in September are over halfway through the summer vacation. Some students have to leave because of their social clubs or other activities. These physical problems also become negative points.

How can those negative points be solved? First, this seminar should be held at the beginning of August, because students have higher motivation for studying at that time. Second, this seminar should be held in the seminar houses like the spring English seminar. In that situation separated from usual life, students can be soaked in the atmosphere "ONLY ENGLISH, NO JAPANESE". Third, the stimulus among students is important. The teachers are great, but students sometimes don't listen to the teachers, so higher-level students should support lower-level students. It may make a sense of solidarity among students.

This seminar gives students a chance to meet a lot of friends even though most of the students are shy and passive. Every student should be more active and hungry for everything. You guys just finished this seminar, but the important thing is your future. Why don't you make your future more interesting?

CULTURE

Fantastic Festival In Aomori



Nebuta festival is a traditional event in Aomori city at the beginning of August. This is one of the big events in the Tohoku area. In 1980, it was specified as an important national cultural property. People taking part in the festival are called "Haneto". They wear unique costumes and shout "rassera!" while jumping. Participating in Nebuta parade is called "Haneru" by local people. Aomori's Nebuta is classified into three parts, *big Nebuta*, *child Nebuta* and *local Nebuta*. There is no restriction on joining the activity but people have to wear formal costumes. Recently, 'Karasu Haneto' is a big problem because of their bad behavior with strange black costumes. For example, they are dancing, drinking alcohol and holding fireworks in their mouths and must guard the festival from them. But now, the peace and order is gradually being must guard the festival from them. But now, the peace and order is gradually being festivals lack the enthusiasm of former festivals. In my opinion, we must keep Nebuta festival for the future. I have never seen such a fantastic festival as this. I'm excited at the sound of Hayashi and the design of Nebuta floats. I believe we should cooperate with each other to convey this to coming ages. I hope that it comes true.

Guillotine is waiting for you!!

Meiji University Museum

Opening time am10:00 ~ pm16:00

In the basement of Academy Common on Surugadai Campus. History of Meiji University Museum.

The first Criminal Museum opened 1929. After World War II, it was closed for a while and it was revived in 1952. After that it was remodeled in 1996. At that time it was separated into three museums, the Commodity Museum, the Criminal Material Museum and the Archaeology Museum. In 2004, the three museums were joined to become Meiji University Museum with three departments. Closed during summer vacation (8/10~8/16) and winter vacation (12/26~1/7).

Museum comprises of three departments; Commodity, Criminal Materials and Archaeology. The Commodity department has many exhibits of Japanese traditional handiwork, Japanese lacquer ware, Japan paper, dyed goods and so on. The Criminal Materials department has Japanese, particularly Edo period, and foreign torture tools and execution equipments. For example, the guillotine, the Iron Maiden of Nuremberg. The Archaeology department introduces us Japanese ancient exhibits from the old Stone Age, the Jomon period, the Yayoi period, the ancient tomb period. The exhibits show us ancient people's life, tools, the origin of rice farming in Japan. For example, stone implement, earthenware, a bell-shaped bronze vessel and so on.



Enjoying Folk Tales

Folk tales are stories for children. [ex: The Ginger bread man, The Four Friends]

The teacher's favorite stories are **The Ginger bread man & The boy and the bear.**

There are three activities in this class, telling folk tales, explaining word's history and finding trivia. In words history, the students find out where English words begin or came from. In trivia, the students find out some true but not so important facts.

One of the students said "I was attracted by the trivia." Another student said, "I was interested in words history." Student's attractive point was "We enjoy speaking English.", also "We can improve our imagination and listen to stories from many countries." The teacher's thinks that "We can make endings to stories that we have never heard before. The ending may be happy or sad and even better than the actual stories. The attractive point for us is to use our imagination, creativity and learn how to think."

The students enjoy their activities. For example, first Mr. Wayne tells most of the story except the ending to students. Then, he students discuss possible endings. Finally, the teacher tells the real ending. Here is one of the folk tales.

<Jack and the Corn Stalk>

Long, long ago, a farmer was in Kansas. The farmer asked his son, Jack, to go to the cornfield and watch it. Jack was not so tall and brought a ladder to the field. He set the ladder against the corn tree and tried to go up it. He found that the corns grew very well and it made him happy. At the same time, Jack's father wondered why his son was taking such a long time and went up a windmill. He found that his son was confused that he couldn't get down from the tree.

His father went to his neighbor and they tried to cut down the tree, but it couldn't be cut down.

Finally, Jack couldn't get down from the tree until the corn stop growing in a drought.



The Sun Makes Your Life

Thanks to global warming, today, *photovoltaic power generation is paid more and more attention in the news. Photovoltaic power generation is generating electric power with solar cells. The energy is reusable.

Photovoltaic power generation brings in a handsome profit. It contributes to not only protecting the environment but also pursuing profit.

There are two reasons why it can pursue profit. Firstly the electric power which solar energy generates is used prior to the energy which is generated by power plants. *In proportion to the amount of electricity used, *the unit price increases. So we can reduce *electric charge. Next we can sell the extra energy which we generate by ourselves in afternoon. Moreover the demand increases in afternoon. So we can make high profit. On the other hand, at night when photovoltaic power generation cannot work, we use cheaper electric power.

In addition, the further development of the technology reduces the cost. So, it's true that photovoltaic power generation is a profitable technology for each household.

* photovoltaic power generation: 太陽光発電

* the unit price: 単価料金

* In proportion to: ～に比例して

* electric charge: 電気料金

The Environment-Friendly Campus

“The building living close together with environment” This is the theme of Media tower in Izumi campus. Do you know it? To be honest, I didn't know it before I started to write this article. Actually, many ideas to save

electricity are used in this campus and, I will show you some of those.



First of all, there are solar panels on the roof of the Media tower. They generate 30kw electricity everyday, which is the same quantity to cover 10 families for one day! We can check the quantity anytime on the 1st floor of the Media tower. The second idea is the sensor used in escalators and lights. As you know, they will not work unless people go through the sensor. The third idea is related to air conditioner such as COOL BIZ and Eco-ice. I think you already know COOL BIZ, but I guess you don't know what Eco-ice is. In this campus, we have a devise to make ice at midnight because electricity is always cheap at that time. The ice is used for cooling a room during the daytime. Using ice to cool a room was used in Toyako Summit. The same thing is practiced in our university!

Now, I will show you the result of our survey. The percentage of people who said they obey the rule to set air conditioner's temperature up to 27°C in summer was 67%. Maybe this is a small number, but it is larger than I expected. Also, I think students often feel the class room is too cold, but teachers don't. Maybe this is because teachers are always full of passion in their classes. Next, people who said they agree with COOL BIZ was 96%. This is a very large percentage, but people who said they practice or will practice COOL BIZ was 69%. Indeed the campaign of COOL BIZ is very famous, but I have rarely seen office workers who are not wearing ties.

The energy saving plan made by Izumi campus was recognized as the “AA” rank (the highest) by the government of Tokyo last year. I think the students in Meiji University care much more about environment than any other young people, so I really hope you to take action that you can do. The plan is best, but the result is up to you!

Practice Makes Perfect



Today, you know, there are many kinds of ecological activity undertaken by nations, companies, schools or citizens.

In Meiji University, also, some activities are being advanced. The most generally two of these activities are “Bunbetsu (separating trash according to type)” and “3Rs movement (an acronym for Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)”. All of you might have heard these words at least once before.

“Bunbetsu” in Meiji

There are so many dust boxes throughout this campus. These dust boxes are divided into five kinds — Combustible, Incombustible, Plastic bottles, Cans/Bottles and paper (used paper, magazines, newspapers). In detail, “Combustible” include things that are made of paper, garbage and other trash you can burn. “Incombustible” means things that are made of plastic, plastic bags, caps and labels of plastic bottles, glasses and aluminum foil.

of questionnaire, 83% of students and teachers in this summer course know the correct way of separating trash according to type. Moreover 84% of them have practiced “Bunbetsu” activity. These figures are so high.

The "3Rs movement" in Meiji

Do you know what "3Rs" mean? The first "R" is Reduce (Reducing the amount of waste), the second "R" is Reuse (Using "used products or parts" again), and last "R" is Recycle (Using "used products or parts" as raw materials to make new products). This "3Rs movement" is deeply concerned with "Bunbetsu". That's because, we could reduce combustible trash and use trash as raw materials through separating trash and gathering "recycle resources". So, students can also practice "3Rs movement" through "Bunbetsu".

Therefore, there are many opportunities to practice ecological activities in Meiji. But these opportunities would be ineffective if it were not for student's cooperation. Success in ecological activities depends on your daily effort.

Action Is The Antidote



In Meiji University, There are all kinds of clubs. However, this time, we made a decision to focus on one club because our biggest topic is about Nature in Meiji Univ." *くればす* is a social volunteer club at Meiji Univ. The members get together to take action on environmental issues in this club. They're interested in different fields such as environmental problems, contribution to world society and social welfare. So an important

Students separate the trash according to type when they throw it away. Have you known the correct way of “Bunbetsu” before reading this article? In consequence

characteristic is that they are willing to take action and enjoy themselves

The club has three main types of activities.

①Environmental

- Picking up and gathering garbage on the street; around Izumi campus and along the Yamanote Line.
- Taking part in different events; ex, ECO life fair in the Yoyogi park.
- Joining with similar clubs from Dokkyo Univ.; ex, salvaging bike and other trash from the river
- Working on some projects with Meiji University Administration to clean our campus; teaching and enlightening the correct way of separating trash according to type.

②Activities contributing to the world

- Spreading the idea of Fair Trade; Having study meetings and participating in lectures.
- At the school festival they are responsible for selling Fair Trade products from some companies working toward Fair Trade.



③Activities for social welfare

- "Swan bakery"; helping the bakery where some handicapped people work with other social volunteer clubs every Tuesday at lunch time at Izumi campus. Now you know about "くれぱす". Some of your schoolmates are doing such things now, You should be aware of environmental problems. You can help us to improve our environment. Your actions must lead to better future.

Lacrosse is a game, which is played on the field by two teams of ten players who use sticks with curved nets on them to catch, carry and throw the ball. Lacrosse looks like football or basketball in a sense that it needs highly teamwork skills. Also it looks like rugby or American football in a sense that it has a lot of physical contact. A good player can throw his ball at a speed of 160km. It is so fast. The home of lacrosse is England and it is a comparatively new sport.

At present, this Meiji men's lacrosse team which name is "HUSKIES" consist of 80 people. We could have a chance to interview the team secretary. She told us "Lacrosse is one of the most enthusiastic sports. Because lacrosse is improving at some point of rule every year." HUSKIES stays in camps for training periodically. Synthetic training is done including long summer camp. This season, HUSKIES's object is to become the top of "The university league match" which is held in Kanto area. Now, the first match has just finished. Last year, HUSKIES was ranked "Best 6" in this league. There are many rival teams in Kanto area such as Keio, Tokyo, Seikei and Dokkyo university men's lacrosse teams. However captain of HUSKIES was an UNDER-21 Japan national team member. Therefore we can expect too much of HUSKIES!! NEXT match is also remarkable!!



“HUSKIES” challenges to NO.1



Our Rival Is “Ourselves”

The Lady's lacrosse team started 1987. Once, they always belonged to 3rd rank part of university lacrosse league. But, 3years ago they had changed themselves. After the change, they could step up to 2nd rank of the league.

Now 42 members belong to lady's lacrosse team. Most members started to play lacrosse at as freshman's April. They enjoy games and they are happy to contribute to team's win. But, it seems that personal mistakes are a little bitter for them. Because it makes team's atmosphere bad. However they always practice very hard to win the game. Also to get up early is hard for some members.

Many members' motive to enter lacrosse team is that lady's lacrosse team is sound team and atmosphere is good for girls who have motivation to do something they are crazy about. So such girls decided to join lady's lacrosse team. On their off day, they sleep so long or play hard and don't think about lacrosse.

The lacrosse team's aim is to become student champion. One player said," Our aim is to be No1 team in Japan. No1 team has nothing to do with other teams, so, our rival is ourselves". And the coach said, "My aim is to make team who's every member's ability and humanity and record is No1 of all Japanese teams.

Ping Pong Supreme-ism

Do you know Meiji table tennis club is separated into two sections. One is "Contest team" and another one is "General team" This time we focused on the general team and interviewed them.

This team has very unique history. 50yearsago,there was only "the contest team" but only good skilled players could participate in a game. So, some people who couldn't play started the "General team"

In this team,Whoever likes table tennis can play and enjoy playing a game.In our interview, all three members have been played table tennis since they were in middle school.They really loves table tennis, and they want to play table tennis after they graduate university.

This team's rival is Dokkyo university and Seijyo university. Meiji plays a match with them three times a year. But members personally said, “My rival is another member !”

I think table tennis is only personal game. But actually, fellow feelings are important to enjoy playing the game.



“Maggiressive” Spirit



First, our impression about the fitness club was a little hard. But in fact, the impression has changed when we went to interview Maggie and her students. The members are very cheerful and enjoy fitness. There are many students who are interested in a wide variety of sports. Maggie is a fitness instructor and has a policy of own fitness. She told us about her health and beauty. She said “it is important to work hard and to play hard and also to have a positive attitude”. That is to say, a positive attitude is the most important element not only for sport but also for daily life. They practiced exercise, dancing, stretching, boxercise, abdominal muscle and so on. Most of students belong to sport circle, for example, Dance club, Basketball club, Track and field club,. As the proverb goes, “A sound mind is a sound body”, therefore, we could find that Health and fitness class student have sprit and are **aggressive** !!
(Thank you for your corporation.)



Cheerful, Courageous Colorful Smile

The JAGUARS cheerleading team started in 2000.A girl who became a TBS announcer in the future and her friend started JAGUARS. The name, " JAGUARS ", comes originally from "jagarico", a popular snack that the first member liked.

Now , there are 32 members in JAGUARS and they are based in table tennis gym. During practice, it is



important to work on basic training and tailor the practice menu to a cheerleading contest.

The cheerleading face is the top person, so they have many worries, for example, whether they can give the impression to the audience. Base and spot who support the top person are inconspicuous. However the positions are very important for the performance to succeed. If you have a chance of watching cheerleading, I want you to watch the base and spot.

JAGUARS is full of cheerful member. So they want to have exciting time, and they want to make a brilliant performance in 2.5 minutes. On top of this, they face many difficulties and stress. For example, if they can't succeed their skill, or member may decrease. Also they may get an unexpected injury, for example, tearing a ligament. However after getting over these difficulties, they get a powerful impression. So conquer that difficulty is their aim. We have to conquer ourselves in order to conquer the difficulty. The members said to me, "My rival is myself." I think they are very bright member.

Saigodooon!!!!

Ueno is one of the most entertaining areas in Tokyo. It has many cultural sites and facilities. On the other hand, it has the original culture like Ameyoko. So, Ueno can amuse both tourists and locals!

【Ueno Koen & Shinobazuike】

Ueno Koen is located in the center of Ueno area. This park is surrounded by many cultural facilities. For example, art museum, science museum and Ueno zoo. Also, it is a famous spot of watching cherry blossoms. In the past, Shinobazuike was by the sea but the Edo government reclaimed land from the sea. There is still a boat pier on the lake.

【Ueno zoo】



Ueno zoo is the oldest zoo in Japan. The zoo has 500 species of animal including a giant panda. Ueno Zoo has the highest number of visitors in Japan. But

last year the panda RINRIN died on April 30.
 OPEN=9:00-17:00 Closed=Mondays, From 12/29 to 1/1

【Tokyo national museum】



This museum collects Japanese and Oriental. Honkan, Toyokan, Horyujihoumotukan and Hyoukeikan are open to the public.

Especially, Honkan is specified as a national important cultural property.

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【Ameyayokotyo】



Ameyoko is shopping street between Ueno and Okachimachi. Various products are sold at a low cost. There is an original fashion culture in Ueno. It is called “Ueno Casual”. Ameyoko is crowded with many shoppers at the New Year.



The Beautiful Love Songs

In the karaoke class, they sang this song. It is well known all over the world as the song from "Titanic". We translated it into Japanese. If you can understand the meaning of this song, let's sing it at the party!

My Heart Will Go On

Every night in my dreams	毎晩、夢の中で
I see you, I feel you	あなたを見て、感じる
That is how I know you go on	そうしてあなたが生き ていることがわかる
Far across the distance	遠くにて
And spaces between us	私たちは遠く離れている
You have come to show you go on	だからあなたは生き ていることを教えに来た
★Near, far, wherever you are	近くても遠くてもど こにいても
I believe that the heart does go on	心は近づくと私は信 じている
Once more you open the door	もう一度ドアを開けて
And you're here in my heart	私の心の中にやってきた
And my heart will go on and on	私の思いは深まるで しょう
Love can touch us one time	愛は私たちに一度出 会うと
And last for a lifetime	それは一生続く
And never let go till we're gone	死ぬまで決して離さ ない
Love was when I loved you	愛とは私があなたを 好きだったときのこと
One true time I hold to	ひとつの本当の時間
In my life we'll always go on	私たちはずっと生き 続けるでしょう
★Repeat	
You're here, there's nothing I fear	あなたがここにいる から怖いものは何もない
And I know that my heart will go on	私の思いは深まる ことを知っている
We'll stay forever this way	ずっとこのままで

You are safe in my heart

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きちんと私の心の
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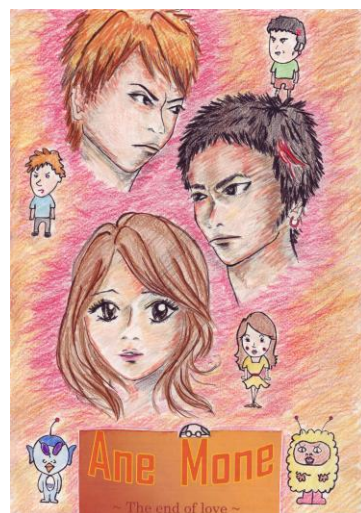
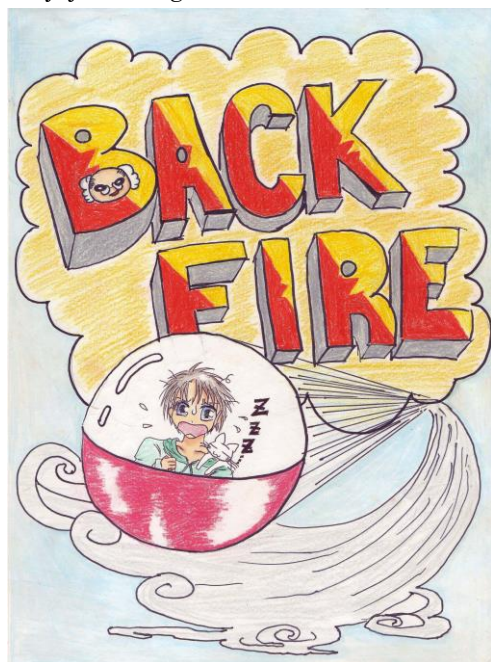
And my heart will go on and on

私の思いはずっと
深まるでしょう

Fancy Comics

The teacher is Patrick McCoy. In this class they created stories and drew comics. They need creativity. The students created two comics.

BACKFIRE is a parody of BACK TO THE FUTURE but written as a girl's manga. ANEMONE or THE END OF LOVE is a comedy, alien love story. An alien comes to Meiji University and falls in love but there is a love triangle. Enjoy reading these comics.



This article is about everyone's opinion about movies. In order to study English, watching Hollywood movies is easy, interesting, exciting and cheap!! Let's see the "movie review" for BACK TO THE FUTURE!!

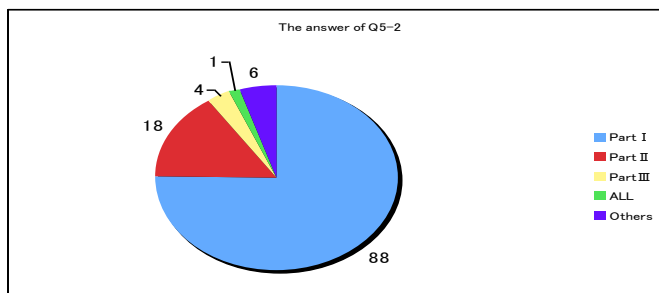
STORY

In 1985, by a strange chance, Marty, a high school student, travels through time in the time machine Doc invented. As he has a traffic accident and his mother in 1955 falls in love with him, he faces a crisis which he may disappear. So, he tries to get his father and mother to fall in love and also get back to the future!!

Result from the questionnaire on the movie show that this movie is popular. The first question was 'What kind of movie is this? Most people think this movie is Sci-Fi(80people) and adventure(28people) !! Next, students graded the movie. Most people gave this movie a good review. (Someone gave it 10stars!!) As for the best scene, most students selected when Marty goes back to the future or the Dance Party. A few selected the last scene, when George fights Biff, Marty goes back to the past, in Lou's cafe or uncle Joey in the cage in 1955. Students gave a lot of different reasons for their favorite character.

Doc
eccentric, great inventor, comical, his creative hair style, cheerful, like a kid, has a dream, attractive
Marty
cute, cool, brave, clever, never give up, responsible
George
unique, weak but funny, cute, finally gains confidence, his hair style
Minority
Biff(actually kind), Einstein(cute, pretty), Lorraine(cute, positive about romance), Jennifer(beautiful, kind), Goldie(optimistic), Dave, DiCaprio(!?)

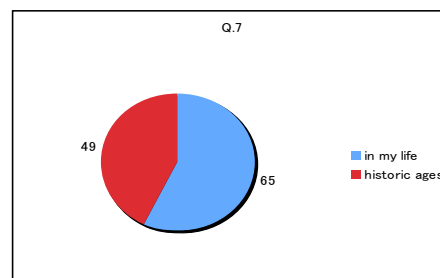
The graph shows how many people have watched parts II and III, and which movie they preferred.



This graph shows where students would go if they could go to the past.

In My Life

Most people would like to go their "School Days" because they enjoyed



that time with their friends and had the best memories of that time.

Some chose "My Birth". They would like to see the moment they were born.

To my surprise, there are people who would like to study hard again in high school days!!(I would never go back to this time!)

In Historic Ages

There are many choices for ages. So we will introduce the interesting opinions. Some people would like to go "Edo" because they would like to see Atsuhime, shinsengumi and experience that time. (Some would like to re-experience 1970's life and be a hippie.) There are many opinions about popular places or great persons. For example, someone would like to see John Lennon and tell him, what will happen to him. Some would like to know how terrible it happens in WW2 and stop the nuclear weapon. These are very impressive ideas!!

We think everyone wants to watch movies without subtitles. So we will give everyone our advice!! First, you should watch the movie with Japanese subtitles, then with English subtitles. Finally, watch the movie without subtitles. In order to be able to watch movies without subtitles, you need to watch many movies many times. Also, it is better to start by watching on-line TV programs. They are shorter and useful.

SPECIAL

At the orientation for this program, I learned the origin of a word: BLOG. Web and blog goes into "BLOG". However I don't know about blogging well. So I'm beginning to open veiled mystery and adventure now. Robert Hamilton is the lecturer in blogging class.

Blogs have spread all over the world now. Blogs are getting closer and closer to you. There are already so many blogs around you. If you want to know about the blogs your schoolmates made, you'll see them on the Internet!!

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