

【資料6 - 4】

第7回舟入高校英語スピーチコンテスト

1. 目的

自身の意見を表現し伝達する能力を身につけることは、国際化時代・情報化時代と言われる現代社会においてその重要性は益々増加していると言われる。本校では生徒の英語表現能力を伸長させるとともに、社会問題に興味関心をもってもらいたいという願いから、毎年秋に校内英語スピーチコンテストを開催している。また、昨年度からは市内中学生にも発表の場を提供し、好評を博している。

2. 日時 平成16(2004)年11月13日(土)9時30分～12時30分

3. 会場 広島市立舟入高等学校 国際コミュニケーションホール

4. 日程 9時30分 開会行事
 9時45分 ゲストスピーチ
 9時50分 中学生のスピーチ開始
 10時45分 高校生のスピーチ開始
 12時20分 閉会行事

5. ゲストスピーチ 西村浩一郎(舟入高校数学科教諭)

6. 審査委員 語学指導助手 Matthew A. Branch, Dan Johnston, Craig A. Nevitt, Ivy W.M. Leung
 英語科教諭 西 巖弘、横山直子、大鴻淳二

7. 司会 舟入高校2年生3名

8. 中学生発表者およびスピーチタイトル [個人名は省略]

学年	所属中学校	タイトル
1	船越中学校	A Place I'd like to Visit
2	古田中学校	My Adventure in France
3	城山中学校	A Mother's Lullaby
3	幟町中学校	About the Beatles
3	中広中学校	The School Life in China
3	中広中学校	Body Talk
3	緑ヶ丘中学校(2名)	A Mother's Lullaby
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3	庚午中学校	Deciding What to Do
3	日浦中学校	The Jizos and the Hat Maker
3	楠那中学校(2名)	Thanks Bella
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3	楠那中学校	The Value of Friends
3	五日市中学校	My School Life
3	落合中学校	Three Reasons Why I like English

高校生発表者およびスピーチタイトル [個人名は省略]

学年	タイトル
1	From Being Distant Neighbors to Being Close Neighbors
1	My Favorite Country
1	My Expectation for Studying Abroad
1	Did People from Long Ago Fly in the Sky?
1	If You Could Have Only One Wish
1	Differences in Customs
2	Dogs Trust
2	You Also Can Find God
2	The Great Man
2	International Cooperation --- What We Can Do
2	Group Homes : Helping the Mentally Handicapped
2	Olympic Games --- a Celebration of Peace
2	For a Peaceful World
2	Disadvantaged Kids
2	Power of Sports

“Disadvantaged Kids”

In the world, there are many disadvantaged kids. Have you ever seen them? Or, have you ever seen how they are living? Today, I'm going to talk about some things that I saw that changed the way I think.

I was in fifth grade when I moved to Thailand with my family. Until then, I knew nothing about Thailand. One day, I saw a boy in the city. He had no shoes. What do you think he was doing? Maybe you won't believe this, but he was begging people for money. He put his hands together in front of his face like he was silently praying. Although he didn't say any words, he left a lasting impression. I still clearly remember his face. He looked sad. Only a few people gave him money, and then it was only a little. Moreover, most people just walked right by.

On another day, I was in the car with my family. We had stopped at a traffic light when a boy came up to our car and started to wash the car's windows. I was so surprised, because we were stopped at an intersection. He could have gotten hit by a car. He was in a very dangerous place. After he had cleaned the windows, he held out his hand and begged us for money. Then he carefully walked back to the sidewalk before the light changed to green.

I have to say that not all children in Thailand are like this, but it is true that there are many disadvantaged kids. In the north areas of Thailand, cities are not as developed as the capital city, Bangkok. They have fewer schools. And the schools they do have don't have enough desks, chairs or textbooks. They don't even have playgrounds or gyms. I once visited a Thai school for a school event. There, we taught the children some English and after that, we played soccer together. I was very impressed that all the students looked very happy. Although they were poor, they seemed to be enjoying their lives.

Do we ever see these kinds of children in Japan? I think, the answer is “no.” Japan is quite a rich country. Every child can go to school and study. And they also don't have to work to get money for their families. But, contrary to Japan, Thailand is a poor country. Most people don't have much money. And, there aren't enough jobs for people to survive. That's why children have to beg for money. They usually beg foreigners for money because other Thai people don't have much money either.

What can we do to help these children? Let's think about it. Of course, we can make donations to them. Nowadays there are donation boxes in convenience stores and other types of shops. We can donate as little as 10 yen, because if we collect 10 yen from 50 people, it will be 500 yen. And if there are 100 people donating 10 yen, it will swell up to 1,000 yen. You may think 1,000 yen is a small amount, but for these disadvantaged children, it's a lot of money. In addition, through fund-raising we can collect money to help construct schools and buy new desks and chairs.

Besides making donations of money, we can also send the children our old clothes and shoes. I think everyone has clothes that they can't wear anymore, or don't like anymore. But I guess that most people will just throw them away. Instead of doing that, we should send these clothes to volunteer groups that will, in turn, give them to disadvantaged children.

Finally, I hope you felt something from my speech today that changed the way you think too. There are many disadvantaged children in the world, especially in developing countries. I think that developed countries, such as Japan, should help them. Let's start today.