

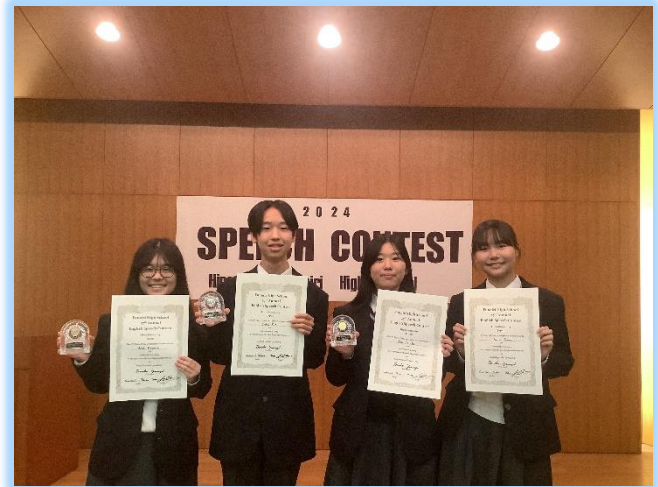
THE 27th ENGLISH SPEECH CONTEST

@ FUNAIRI HIGH SCHOOL

第27回舟入高校英語スピーチコンテストが、11月9日(土)に、本校国際コミュニケーションホールで開催されました。

今年度は中学生12名、本校生徒15名の参加がありました。生徒たちは、各々が持つ興味や関心に基づいて、自由にスピーチを行いました。テーマは自身の夢、親友、平和、MBTI など多岐にわたりました。中でも、自分なりの問題意識で今日の国際問題に切り込んだスピーチや、自身の生い立ちやアイデンティティについて紹介するスピーチなど興味深いスピーチが多くありました。間を置いたり抑揚をつけながら話す生徒もいれば、ジェスチャーを使い言葉だけでなく全身で表現する生徒もおり、中学生、高校生ともに、準備や練習を重ねて本番を迎えたことが伝わってきました。

審査員による長い審査の末、4名の生徒が見事に入賞を果たしました。1位を受賞した生徒は「毎日を少し豊かにする方法」についてスピーチを行いました。選んだテーマ、話の組み立て方、伝え方など、どれも納得のいく素晴らしいスピーチでした。



今回素晴らしいスピーチを披露してくれた発表者の皆さん、お疲れ様でした。また、受付・司会を快く引き受けてくれた生徒の皆さん、ありがとうございます。皆さんのおかげで今回のスピーチコンテストをスムーズに進めることができました。最後になりますが、当日は多数の保護者の皆様や先生方にご来場いただきまして、誠にありがとうございました。おかげさまで有意義なスピーチコンテストを開催することができました。



スピーチタイトル一覧と入賞者のスピーチ原稿を掲載していますので是非ご覧になってください。

～TITLE OF SPEECH～

Junior High School
A Life without Regrets
Changing something
Helping Others
Sports and Peace in Hiroshima
What's your personality?
Green Tea
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My theory on reading
To expand your possibilities
Challenges are fun!
We always lie when we don't understand. Right?
I want to be Totto-chan.

Senior High School
To make my dream come true
What shapes me?
Face yourself
Only humans can save humans
The paradox of anti-discrimination
AI and ethics
Sakura Momoko's admirer
MBTI and us
My valuable change
What can we do for foreigners as a Japanese
My best friend
I want to be a person who has some leeway
Facing yourself
Kindness
Two essential Life Hacks for better life

1st Prize

Facing yourself

Hello everyone. This may be sudden, but have you been spending time with yourself lately? Do you wake up in the morning, go to school or work, come home, eat dinner, go to bed, and then get up and do the same thing all over again? Today I would like to talk about journaling, a way to make each day a little better.

Journaling is simply like keeping a diary. All you need is a notebook and a pen, and you can use it as you like: to write about what happened that day, what made you happy, your plans and goals, draw pictures, and so on. Here I would like to talk about three things that I would like you to write in your journal.

The first thing is to write about your feelings. Whenever I feel like my thoughts are flowing, I just write down whatever comes to my mind. No matter how random or jumped it may seem. This calms me down, clears my mind, and allows me to get my feelings out. There was a time last year when it was really hard for me to go to school. I had a lot of worries about my studies and future, and every morning when I tried to go to school, tears started to well up in my eyes. Journaling helped to lighten my heart a little. By writing down my feelings of pain, sadness, and not wanting to do anything, my heart became a little lighter. Having time to be honest about my feelings was one of the most important things not only for me then, but also for me now.

Second thing is to write about your future. I try to write at the beginning of each month what I want to do that month and what I am looking forward to. Every time I read it back, my heart will be thrilled and I can do my best even when things get tough. For example, when I reread that page on a night when I'm feeling down, I feel a little lighter inside. Writing down things you want to accomplish, things you want to do in the future, and other things about your future will also help keep you motivated. If I can keep what I want to do and keep my goals in mind, I will not lose myself no matter what happens. In a way, this is a time for me to "face myself".

Third thing is to write about what you are grateful for. You don't have to be formal when you do it. They just can be like "the sky I saw on my way home from school was really beautiful" It doesn't matter how small it is. By doing this, I can be grateful and thankful about every little thing in my life. When I write down what I am thankful for to my friends, I feel like I want to tell them directly. Being able to face people in this way makes my days happier.

2nd Prize

“The Paradox Of Anti-discrimination”

In contemporary society, many campaigns against discrimination have been held all over the world. The voices of people who participate in these campaigns have become bigger and bigger to eliminate discrimination. Personally, I respect their braveness and enthusiasm as we all should be equal as the same species: human beings. However, have you ever felt that they have gone too far? Sometimes I feel that it goes too far and creates discrimination against people rather than stop it through their campaigns. Today, I'd like to talk about these situations happening all over the world which I named "The Paradox Of Anti-discrimination", and also I'd like us to consider what a truly equal society would look like.

Do you remember this accident? The presidential candidate Donald Trump got shot during his speech for the election and his SP were protecting him. The issue was that some female SP were not guarding him and even worse, they hid behind their employer's back. After this incident, Trump dismissed them for dereliction of duty.

In my opinion, he made the right decision. I've seen some comments criticize Trump saying "this is gender discrimination." online, but I disagree with this view. His decision was not influenced by gender as I believe he dismissed them because they were not doing their job.

Moreover if these SP were male, probably society would complain about their poor attitude toward their task and would support their dismissal. This is one of the paradoxes of anti-discrimination. In this case, society supports women excessively and in turn, creates discrimination against men.

Not only in the case of gender discrimination, this paradox is also seen with anti-racial discrimination. Let me give you an example. Look at these pictures. These are the pictures of my favorite singer: Ariana Grande in 2020 and 2021. We can see that her makeup in 2021 differs drastically from the 2020s' one. After this picture was taken, she got criticized by people who insisted she changed her makeup so that she looks Asian. Does that sound right to you?

I have no idea why she should be criticized just because she looks like us. Society might be trying to "protect" us from racism, but I don't feel protected. Instead I felt like they even discriminate against Asian people unconsciously. This is another example of the paradox of anti-discrimination.

All things considered. I think we should treat everyone equally rather than changing our treatment according to their gender, race, etcétera. That way, there will be a society without vicious cycles of discrimination.

This society is MY answer to the first question " what a truly equal society would look like?"

Now it's your turn. What does YOUR truly equal society look like?

3rd Prize

My best friend

Today I am going to talk about my Korean friend. I met her at an international exchange event. She is a 1st-year high school student studying in the international course. She can't speak Japanese well and I can't speak Korean well so we talk in English. She is studying English a lot too, so even when we first met, we could talk a lot and become friends quickly. Also I learned wonderful things from her.

When she came to Hiroshima, I guided Peace Memorial Museum in English, and told peace education I have learned. Also, she told me about Korean peace education and what Korean think about Japan based on historical background. We could have deep discussions and figure out new ideas through talking from the perspectives of each other's countries. Even, though we couldn't speak each other's languages well, we could not only be good friends but also share many valuable things. I thought that we could do this because we both have studied English hard. I learned how wonderful studying English is from her.

Actually, I got depressed at that time because I couldn't improve my English even though I studied hard. However, she taught me that I can see a new world if I speak English and try to make friends abroad. And she gave me the motivation to continue studying English. She changed me.

Now, I'd like to study English more and be better at English than now. And, I will try to make friends all over the world and learn various cultures and perspectives.

Everyone in the FICC course, everyone who wants to succeed globally in the future and middle high school students who are interested in English, I have what I want to tell you.

I think that there will be times when you feel it is difficult to learn English. It might be now for you. I had it too. But let's continue studying English together. And let's make friends abroad.

If you do that, you can see wonderful sceneries that you have never seen before just like I did.

Special Prize

What can we do for foreigners as a Japanese.

Have you ever had an experience like you were talked to by random foreigners but you couldn't answer them because you didn't know what to say? I think Japan with a lot of tourists, most of you guys have had an experience like this. Even I do.

So today, I'll talk about my idea for you to prevent facing this struggle.

My main idea is to learn about your own culture rather than the foreigners' culture. Recently, Japan has been putting a lot of effort into studying English. As a student having English classes at school, I feel we have more opportunities to learn and speak about foreign cultures. I think it's important to know about other cultures too, but I think it's more important to know about your own culture. Imagine if you are going abroad as an international student. You are probably going there because you want to learn about the culture in that country. Same thing goes for the foreigners in Japan. They are coming to Japan to learn about Japanese culture or to teach us about their culture. So, we have to be an expert about our culture to teach them. There are a lot more things that you don't know than you imagine. And you may struggle with what to start. So here's some tips for you to know.

1. Try using English in your everyday life. If I were a tourist to Japan, I would ask you about your ordinary life such as your school life. So you have to be used to expressing things in your life in English.
2. Don't be afraid of making mistakes. This goes not only for this subject. But I think it's really important, when you are communicating with people in different languages. You need a lot of courage to talk with foreigners, so having a strong confidence will help you so much.

Those were some tips for you. Try using this and let's get wonderful relationships beyond the language. I hope all foreigners can enjoy their time in Japan. And furthermore, every Japanese can make their time even more awesome. I believe anyone can overcome the language barrier. Thank you.