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The Dream is Never Far Away

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Hello, my name is Haruka Hashimoto and I'm in the second grade of Nagoya International High School. I'd like to tell you about my hobby. My hobby is playing golf.

When I was 10 years old, my father suggested that I play golf. I was only interested in it a little, but my father sometimes took me to the driving range. Since then, golf has grown on me. I started going to the driving range every day and I remember that I practiced golf for a long time after school. I didn't have time to watch TV or play with my friends so much. However, it wasn't unpleasant for me, and I was happy.

I formed a big dream without noticing. My dream was to become the top professional golfer in the world. I wanted to realize my dream as soon as possible. Unfortunately, things didn't go as I had hoped. At golf

tournaments, sometimes I won and sometimes I lost. "Why is golf so difficult for me?" I asked myself.

This year, my father entered me into a golf competition. It took place last month. If I could win that competition, I could go to China in December or January to represent Japan in an all-Asia competition. When I heard about it, I was so excited. I knew it would not be easy for me because many of my rivals were taking part. I didn't want to lose to anyone. That day, I felt good but it was very cold. In cold weather I'm not so strong so I ran three times around the surrounding park. My body became warm and my motivation increased.

When I played, I continuously thought about wanting to go to China. I managed to play golf like another person in the first half of the tournament and I thought that if I could keep up that score, I could earn the right to go to China. But the second half was not so good. I felt disappointed. But I still had a chance because I made the play-offs. I was very nervous because I'd never won a play-off before. I made myself calm down and, finally, I won the play-off. I was so glad and many of my friends said "congratulations" to me. I hadn't felt such happiness before.



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I think my success was the result of my hard work, and I know I have to practice golf more from now on. I achieved my last goal, so my next goal is to be the Asia champion. It might be too big of a goal for me, but my dream is even bigger so I will try hard to achieve it. I think that this Asian competition is a rare chance for me, so I want to make the most of it. It's not easy for me but I will do my best. I'll work hard so that everyone is proud of me. As long as you have a dream and as long as you work hard, the dream is never far away. ☒



Goodbye and Thanks for the Memories

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I will take away from Nagoya International Junior and Senior High School many cherished memories. I want to take this chance to share some of them with you.

Perhaps the most durable memory I have is of my trip to Canada in my fourth year to study English and to live with a local family for seven weeks. At first, I was nervous about doing a homestay, but I quickly got used to it. I went to the University of Alberta every day to study English and often went to the world's biggest shopping mall with my friends.

At the university, I was able to meet people from many different countries and cultural backgrounds. I was especially grateful to have the chance to interact

with young people from the Middle East. It was great to be able to talk with these people directly. Until then, I only had a distorted image of people from the Middle East that I got from the mass media.

My friends from the Middle East introduced me to an interesting new technology, a device with which it is possible to have 3D communications. It reminded me of the device that Princess Leia uses in the first Star Wars movie. Of course, we can do video-conferencing, but this new device allows one to project a hologram of the person you're talking to. This device will have important medical and manufacturing applications.

Thanks to the education I received at this school, I was able to win admission to Sogang University in Seoul, an elite Jesuit university similar to Sophia in Tokyo. This was only possible because of the



▲Homestay Family in Canada

tremendous support I have had from my relatives, my teachers and my friends. As is usually the case, success requires a team effort.

My advice to the younger students is to be aware of how much you owe each other. You will learn many things at this school—math, English and so on—but please remember that you need one another to reach your goals. ☒



Visiting Australia

Reina MUTO (Japan)
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I had a chance to go to Australia last summer. This trip was a gift I was given for winning a regional English speech contest. When I first got to Australia, I noticed that the English they speak is not the same as the English that I am used to. For example, they sometimes pronounce the vowel "a" as though it were a long "i". So when they greeted me, I thought at first that they were saying: "Good die". This really confused me at first. "Good die?" Afterwards, I realized that they were saying "Good day". After a little while, I became accustomed to the Australian accent.

I studied at a famous school in New South Wales



▲At the Scots School

called the Scots School. The teachers were very nice. The classes that we did were very fun. In Australia, we regularly had morning tea. Before lunch and after breakfast, we ate sweet cakes and cookies with our tea. This custom

was new to me, but I like it very much.

We learned many things about Australia. After school, we had many interesting activities. We went to the movies, visited a fossil and jewel museum and went shopping.

One of my best memories of the trip is the visit we took to the Blue Mountains to see the famous "Three Sisters" in Katoomba. According to Aboriginal legend, there were three beautiful sisters. Three brothers from another tribe wanted to marry them, but it was not allowed. The brothers were going to kidnap them, but a witch doctor turned them into beautiful rock formations to protect them. In any case, the view was very beautiful. We could see thousand of trees spreading all the way to the horizon. Also we went to the zoo. We saw and learned about all kinds of animals. I had a great time in Australia. I hope I'll have a chance to go there again soon. ☒



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▲各国の代表として意見表明する国際生(中面特撮)

[国際社会が守るべきもの]

高度情報化の進んだ今日、私たちは膨大な量の情報の中で生活しており、世界の現状を把握することが容易になってきたと感じている。しかし、実は私たちはネットワーク化された世界の仮想現実を表面的に把握しているのに過ぎず、真の現実世界と私たちの把握とは乖離していることがある。この乖離を認識せずに真の国際的な視野に立つことはできない。国際社会で活躍しようとする志のある国際生たちは、実際の世界について「見ること」「知ること」「感じる」こと、自分の身体と知性と感性とで触れることを忘れてはならない。そして、文化の多様性が高く維持された国際社会を築きながら、私たちの生きる世界がより良い方向に進むように努力しなければならない。時として過去の歴史を振り返り、自分の国や地域の文化のルーツを探索することで、自らのアイデンティティを再確認し、国際社会が向かっている

未来に私たちの何を残すべきかを決めることも重要なことである。

国際連合教育科学文化機関 (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: UNESCO) は、教育、科学、文化の分野における国際協力を促進することによって、世界平和と安全に貢献することを目的としている国連の専門機関の一つである。UNESCOの活動における重要な決定が、1972年に世界遺産条約として採択された。世界遺産条約は正式には「世界の文化遺産及び自然遺産の保護に関する条約 (Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage)」といい、地球上の顕著な普遍的価値のある文化遺産・自然遺産を人類共通の財産として守り、次世代に伝えていくことの重要性を唱えている国際条約である。

世界遺産の保全、保護を通じて、何を未来に残すべきかを考えること、それは「アイデンティティの継承」を考えることにつながる。なぜなら、私たちのアイデンティティは先人の文化や遺産の上に形成されているからである。世界中に点在する多数の世界遺産は、それぞれの国や国民のアイデンティティの象徴であり、自国の文化遺産が傷ついたり消滅したりすることはアイデンティティを無くすに等しいことである。こういったことを深く理解することで、文化の多様性が高く維持された国際社会を築くのに必要なキーワードが見えてくる。アイデンティティの継承たる世界遺産の保全のためには、直接的もしくは間接的な自然的そして人為的な脅威を減少させなければならない。地球温暖化をはじめとする環境問題に真剣に取り組むこと、安全で安定した国際政治、持続可能な成長をもたらす社会システムの実現が、世界遺産を存続させるために現在最も望まれることなのである。☒