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Horrible Education

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Ieyasu Tokugawa, who started the Edo Bakufu, had a time when he was raised as a hostage. This is the story of when Ieyasu was still young and was called Takechiyo. Yoshimoto Imagawa, who governed Suruga (now Shizuoka Prefecture), strategically took Takechiyo as a hostage. Yoshimoto gave a strict order to his servant in charge of Takechiyo's education, "Okay, give a **horrible education** to Takechiyo."

A few years later, Yoshimoto called the servant and asked, "How is Takechiyo doing?"

The servant answered as if he were waiting for that question. "Yes! We wake him up at the time of the Tora no Gekoku (5:00 AM), let him swim in water, give only a poor meal, encourage swordsmanship until he is exhausted during the day, and clean the toilet. At night, we make him practice reading and writing in a correct posture. As you say, we are giving a horrible education to him. When Yoshimoto Imagawa heard this report, he got furious and said, "How silly you are! It's not a horrible education. Instead, let him sleep as long as he likes in the morning. Let him eat a luxurious meal full of mountain and seafood. He doesn't have to clean up. Don't force him to do swordsmanship training and reading practice (exercise and studying), and stop it if he doesn't like. Then, buy whatever he wants and realize his wishes as soon as possible. Hostages should be brought up indulgently." Then Yoshimoto said intensive words to the surprised servant educators, "**With such an education, most children will be useless.**"

Whether his method was right or wrong, what kind of person did the "terribly educated" hostage become? Takechiyo grew up and lived in a world of war and became famous for the name of Ieyasu Tokugawa. Even though he was more successful than others, he patiently waited more than ten years until he gained fame since Oda Nobunaga was leading in control over Japan. When he was finally called as the best in Japan, Nobunaga's servant Toyotomi Hideyoshi took over the whole country, and Ieyasu was transferred to Edo. Wilderness city in the Kanto region, far from the capital, Ieyasu expanded his territory and increased the number of servants without neglect. And in 1600, the Battle of Sekigahara, the division of Japan. Ieyasu Tokugawa, General of the East Army, was 60 years old, while Mitsunari Ishida, General of the West Army, was 39 years old. Largely expected was advantageous West. However, he overcame the adversity of the Takechiyo era with patience, led the East Army to victory with the **wisdom, power and humanity** acquired through early rising and simple life, sustainable repetitive learning, deep thought and action practice, and he opened the new era of Edo as Syogun. It is told that when the East Army servants who won in Sekigahara started to loosen their armor and legs and raise their win pose, Ieyasu Tokugawa said, "**Don't relax your guard after you've won the battle.**"

Is it the wisdom learned from cleaning the toilet? Ieyasu retired from the position of Shogun, who had won with hard work and patience, in just two years, and further improved his humanity. Ieyasu changed from the era of battle to take over the whole country to the Edo period to maintain the peaceful world.



【December】

Date	Event
1 Tue	Martyr's Day
2 Wed	National Day
3 Thu	National Day
4 Fri	
5 Sat	
6 Sun	GroupA In-class
7 Mon	(G1,G2,G5)
8 Tue	
9 Wed	
10 Thu	
11 Fri	
12 Sat	
13 Sun	GroupB In-class (G3,4) Parent-Teacher Individual Meeting
14 Mon	Parent-Teacher Individual Meeting
15 Tue	
16 Wed	
17 Thu	
18 Fri	
19 Sat	
20 Sun	GroupA In-class
21 Mon	Closing Ceremony
22 Tue	Winter Holiday
23 Wed	
24 Thu	
25 Fri	
26 Sat	
27 Sun	
28 Mon	
29 Tue	
30 Wed	
31 Thu	

- ※ G6-G9 are all e-Learning
- ※ Opening Ceremony: 5th Jan.

< Flag Day >

November 3rd was Flag Day. We started to hang up the National flag for National day. G5 Mr. Nahyaan explained the meaning and the symbolism of the UAE National flag using school broadcast on that day. "The UAE National flag includes the colors of the seven emirates' flags. Green means rich land, white means clean life and peace, black means the defeat of enemies and strength of mind, and red means bravery, strength, and the precious blood."



< The 3rd Emirati Meeting >

The 3rd Emirati meeting was held on November 2nd, moderated by Okamoto wearing Kandura. In this meeting, we held the awards ceremony of Kanken exam supported by NPO teachers, and students presented their favorite Kanji chosen by them. All Emirati students of G2 passed and got the honorary certificate with big smiles on their faces. Presenting their thoughts on each Kanji, we hope they will become familiar with Kanji and remember more and more. We are looking forward to their getting good score and passing the next Kanken!



< Electronic whiteboards are coming to Japanese school of Abu Dhabi! >

Japanese school will receive electronic whiteboards under the ICT program by MEXT and Japan Overseas Educational Services in G1 to G9 classrooms and gymnasium soon. The following photos were taken at some classes during using a sample and workshop among teachers. In both in-person and online classes, we will improve our "Understandable and fun classes" more and more!

