

One more month

Ramadan term is ending. It should have been hard for Emirati students to have fasted for a month.

Spending time with them, Japanese students must also have learned something. Summer holiday is drawing near and it will start in one month. Junior high students are taking term-end exams before that. Do your best, and you will take Ramadan holiday for 5 days. How to spend this summer for G9 students.



I was the same:

It is very weird that all Japanese passengers in trains stare at their phones in these days.

When I was a student, the sight was totally different. Business people had more energy and they spent time by doing more things in trains. Drinking bottles of milk at platforms in the morning and reading newspapers or books in the train were quite normal scene in my memory.

I had been criticizing the people using smartphones at homes and at their dinner table, and laughed at them who were addicted by phones.

Some days ago, I left my cell phone behind my school. At that night, I was so bored and at a loss because of no smartphone. I realized that I AM THE ONE who is addicted by smartphone.

I always watch Japanese TV and chatting to the others on LINE with my smartphone.



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A good little story

“Free meal with washing dishes for 30 minutes. (university students only)”

There is a restaurant being popular among young people, that have posted above notice in front of the door for 35 years in Kyoto.

The owner Mr. Inoue, aged 67, spoke proudly, “One of the students who used to wash dishes became a lawyer”. There used be 8 students who offered to wash dishes per day. But only 3 students at most these days, he says.

The restaurant is located close to some universities, and most of customers are students. Mr. Inoue says, “To tell the truth, I don’t care if he/she washes dishes. I will let them eat because of their courage to say doing that. Eating is necessary for us to live and it’s unavoidable. Money is the second priority. Students’ duty is to study and to be great people.”

“When I was young, I also had very hard time to have no money.” He was married when he was 20 years old and had some children. Though he had worked hard, he could have had no food to eat. One day, one elder friend invited him, “Let’s have dinner, shall we?” He says he still cannot forget that time. “I remember his name and face. He treated me as his own child. I cannot do anything for him because of his passed away. However, because of my current business, I would like to let existing young people eat with no money.”

“Many people come to visit me when they graduated.

The student who became a doctor told me that he could take care of me without asking any money. But it is not necessary for me. I know that most of people simply care about their own children. Others are not so important for them. However, I believe that we should care about other children as well. Then, it will be coming back to our own children. I hope everyone have the same way of thinking, and the world will be getting better.”

