

Missing Japanese Rainy season

We have entered the middle of 1st term.

The temperature in Abu Dhabi has been in the 40s in June. In Japan, June is the rainy season. Some people may feel gloominess of the rainy season. On the other hand, some people may feel Japanese atmosphere, seeing the hydrangea and flowers in the rain.



Living in Abu Dhabi where we have no rain, I miss it very much.

In Japanese school, students are watering flowers and vegetables in both sides of the walkway from the main gate every day.



Children in Japanese school of Abu Dhabi are studying with relaxed attitude. Because of Ramadan period, we've been spending time considering themselves in Emirate children's place.



ちょっといい話 A good little story

Being beneficial to others

The university I attended is based on the Christian faith, where the worship was done every morning. Singing hymns, a different professor of the theology was preaching every day. I had been attending it as much as possible between classes. One of the preaching of a priest is still in my heart. It is a lesson in my life related to "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity".



We adopted an infant with no parents from the facility and raised him like my own child. One day, the child grew up to be a person. He left our house and started working away from home.

I was so pleased, but my wife was grieving. "I raised him with love, but I haven't heard any from him. I wonder if he is grateful to us."

Then I answered like this, "Don't you remember when we adopted him? We raised him as our child, wanting to make him happy, didn't we? It's all right because we raised him the way we wanted. What else are we looking for? Even real children won't say, "Thank you for your bringing me up", and seldom get in touch with parents from away.

Students, generally speaking, most people have the way of thinking, "give and take". If you do something, you get something in return.

The only thing that does not apply is the love of parents. "Give and give" in this world is only parents' love. Just give them to their loved ones and don't ask for a reward. Therefore, the love of the parents is deeper than the sea, and is higher than the mountain.



I had never thought seriously about my parents' love until then. It is natural for children to let their parents do something. The love of the parents was like air for me. But when I heard this priest's words, I was greatly shocked. Then, I wanted to be a person who would be able to respond to such a parent's love. Also, I wanted to broaden the targets of "give and give". After that, I began to think that I would be kind to people with the feelings of "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity". When children grow up feeling their parents' love and feelings, they will be able to make better families, communities and societies.