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Learning Cluster

2016-2017
Kansai Soka High School’s Super Global High School (SGH) Learning Cluster Program (LC) is a special extracurricular SGH program comprising of students from grade 11 and 12. The foundation of this program is created upon Founder Dr. Daisaku Ikeda's Annual Peace Proposal, which called out for global education based on the four fields of development, environment, peace and human rights. In the course of one year, students learn research skills in English to fully explore global issues related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) proposed by the United Nations.

The purpose of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding about current global issues that humanity faces and to nourish a sense of responsibility and hope through their research and autonomous learning. Through this program we hope that students will discover passion in their learning which will be carried out through their university studies, future career and lifework, which will lead to fostering the next generation of global leaders who will live contribute lives for the betterment of humanity.

As a yearly final research project of the Learning Cluster Program, students are divided into groups of four-five students to conduct their own research on one global issues topic. This project includes detailed analysis of one global issue from each group provided with a concrete action for solution based on student’s research, discussion, presentations and fieldwork throughout the year.
【History of Learning Cluster】

1st Class (2014-2015, SGHA)
- 15 students selected from grades 10-12
  - Group Research Topics (4 Fields)
    - Development: Renewable Energy
    - Environment: Water
    - Peace: Collective Self-Defense Act
    - Human Rights: Refugees in Japan
  - Tokyo Fieldwork

2nd Class (2015-2016, SGH 1st Year)
- 16 students selected from grades 11-12
  - Group Research Topics (4 Fields)
    - Development: Bullying in An Education
    - Environment: Peace Proposal for Environmental Education for the Future
    - Peace: Actions for High School Students Towards the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons
    - Human Rights: Suggesting Concrete Actions to Provide Basic Human Rights to Syrian Refugees
  - Tokyo Fieldwork, Overseas Fieldwork

3rd Class (2016-2017, SGH 2nd Year)
- 24 students and 2 student advisers selected from grades 11-12
  - Group Research Topics (SDGs)
    - No Poverty (SDG 1): Child Poverty in Japan
    - Zero Hunger (SDG 2): Equalizing Food Distribution to Achieve Zero Hunger
    - Quality Education (SDG 4): Education for Nuclear Abolition
    - Gender Equality (SDG 5): Gender Equality through Education
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    - Peace and Justice (SDG 16): Using Dialogue to Counter Terrorism and Create Inclusive Communities
  - Tokyo Fieldwork, Overseas Fieldwork

4th Class (2017-2018, SGH 3rd Year)
- 25 students selected from grades 11-12
  - Group Research Topics (TBD)

Picture: Students during Tokyo Fieldwork: Tsukuba Space Center
Learning Cluster 2016-2017: Yearly Course Outline

【Aim】

This course is designed for students to deepen their understanding of global issues by thoroughly conducting academic researching SDGs topics throughout the year. All classes, discussions, and presentations were conducted in English.

【Context】

- School Day Saturdays, 1 Year
- 24 students from grades 11 and 12 / 2 student advisers from grade 12

【Selection Process of LC Students】

All students from grades 11-12 are eligible to apply for Learning Cluster. Students are expected to have an English fluency level of Eiken 2 or above with a strong interest in global issues research. Completion of SP during grade 10 is also required. The selection process includes the following tests:

- **Paper Test:**
  - Assess: Basic English ability
  - Reading, listening, and essay writing questions (Pre-1 Eiken / TOEFL)

- **Group Interview Test:**
  - Assess: English speaking, discussion, creativity, and leadership skills
  - Students discuss together in English to solve a prompt question related to global issues.

- **Individual Interview Test:**
  - Assess: students commitment and responsibility
  - Students are asked questions about their reasons for joining LC, study habits, club activities, etc.

【LC Teachers】

- Ramon Paras (USA/Philippines, MA: TESOL)
- Swati Raj (India, MA: TESOL)
- Louis Butto (USA, MA: TESOL; PhD Candidate in Applied Linguistics)
- Ritsuko Rita (Japan, MA: TESOL)
- Kazuhiro Iguchi (Canada/Japan, MA: TESOL)
- Kazunori Yamagishi (MA: TESOL)

【Materials】

- 2016 Peace Proposal
- A Forum for Peace
- Newspaper Articles
- TED Talks
- Library Books and Online Resources
【2016 Yearly Course Plan】

1st Semester: Students acquired a broad understanding of current global issues through discussions, presentations and lectures on founder Ikeda’s Peace Proposal, global news, and SDGs. Students then were divided into groups of 4-5 students, and chose topics from SDGs to research throughout the year. Students were then taught how to write the literature review and research questions section for their own High School Peace Proposal. With a general understanding of various global issues, literature review of one research topic, and questions for further research, students participated in a fieldwork to Tokyo to present and discuss with experts.

2nd Semester: After gaining professional feedback from professors and experts during Tokyo fieldwork, students continued to complete their High School Peace Proposal by learning how to write the methodology and results sections. Based on the acquired knowledge, experience, and data collection, students create a proposal for the SDG global issues topic from the perspective of high school students.
3rd Semester: Several students were selected to participate in our second overseas fieldwork to California where they presented their completed High School Peace Proposal to local high school students, university professors, and experts. After coming back from fieldwork, students shared their learning experience from fieldwork and their completed High School Peace Proposal through broadcasts to all classes, after school presentation sessions, open campus, SGH final presentations, and a final presentation session for the school.

[Overseas Fieldwork, January 29–February 4, 2017]

12 students (8 LC, 4 non-LC) had the opportunity of participating in our 2nd overseas fieldwork to California in 2017. The main purpose of this fieldwork was for students to share their SGH activities (i.e., GRIT, and all 3rd Year MUN Project) and the completed High School Peace Proposal with overseas experts and gain critique and further information, as well as learning from experts about their current research. The following are a list highlighted activities which took place during the fieldwork:

- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA): Gender research group shared and gained critique about their research from Dr. Lisbeth Gant-Britton, and UCLA students.

- University of Southern California (USC): Counter-Terrorism research group shared their HSPP and gained feedback from Dr. Varun Soni, USC Dean of Religious Studies.

- Soka University of America (SUA): Each research group shared and gained critique about their HSPP from SUA professors specializing in each SDG fields. After this, each group presented their research to Former United Nations Secretary General, Ambassador, Anwarul Karim Chowdhury and gained feedback.

- Orange County Waldorf School: Each research group shared and discussed about their school and research to grade 11 and 12 high school students.

- Nuclear Age Peace Foundation: Education for Nuclear Abolition research group shared and discussed about their HSPP to President David Krieger.

After the fieldwork, students shared their learning experience and HSPP through broadcast presentations to all classes, after school presentation sessions, open campus, freshmen guidance, SGH final presentations, and a final presentation session for the school.
2017 High School Peace Proposal

Learning Cluster
Super Global High School Program
Kansai Soka High School
March 16, 2017

Kansai Soka High School’s Super Global High School (SGH) Learning Cluster Program is an extracurricular class that teaches students to conduct academic research on global issues in English. 2016-2017 Learning Cluster (3rd class) was comprised on 24 students, 2 student advisers, and 6 research groups. In the course of one year, students learned and researched about global issues related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations all in English. The foundation of this program is created upon Founder Dr. Daisaku Ikeda's Annual Peace Proposal, which called out for global education based on the four fields of development, environment, human rights and peace.

The aim of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to deepen their understanding about current global issues that humanity faces and to nourish a sense of responsibility and hope through their research and autonomous learning. Through this program we hope that students will discover passion in their learning which will be carried out through their university studies, future career and lifework, which will lead to fostering the next generation of global leaders who will live contribute lives for the betterment of humanity.

As the final research project of Kansai Soka High School’s Super Global High School (SGH) Learning Cluster Program, six research groups of 4-5 students created a High School Peace Proposal. This project includes detailed analysis of one global issue from each group provided with a concrete action for solution based on student’s research, discussion, presentations and fieldwork throughout the year.

It is with great pleasure to present to you the 2017 High School Peace Proposal.

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概要

様々な分野で発展を遂げた日本は今や先進国の中でも重要な役割を担うようになり、また、世界的に見ても日本は平和で豊かな国として知られるようになりました。しかし、先進国であるにもかかわらず日本は現在、深刻な貧困問題を抱えています。この問題によって、多くの子ども達が苦しんでいることを知り、同じ世代である私たちはこの問題と向き合うことが解決への一歩になると感じ、日本の子どもの貧困問題について調査を始めました。そしてこの問題がどれだけ知られているのか、また私たちに出来ることは何なのかを知るために、次の三つの設問を立てました。

1. どれだけの高校生が日本における子どもの貧困問題を知っているのか？
2. 貧困に苦しむ子ども達が求める支援は何なのか？
3. 子どもの貧困問題解決に向けて高校生として私たちに出来ることは何なのか？

私たちは、関西創価高校3年の全生徒を対象に子どもの貧困についてのアンケート、子どもの貧困問題解決に向けて取り組むNPO キッズドアへの電話インタビュー、創価大学教授へのメールでのインタビューを通して、この問題があまり知られていない現状とその認知度の向上に教育が有効であること、そして私たちに出来ることはこの問題を学び広め、貧困に苦しむ子ども達への経済的・教育的支援を拡充することであると知りました。そして、これらの調査結果をもとに、私たちは子どもの貧困についての情報をまとめた携帯用アプリとウェブサイトの設立、また、子どもの貧困についての情報を発信するための媒体として使うLINEアカウントの設立を提案します。SNSの活用によって多くの人々、特に若い世代が子どもの貧困に関心を持つことが期待されます。今回の調査は、私立高校1校を対象としたものであるため、大人への情報発信には信憑性にかける点があり、また、相対的貧困は日本という国としての指標であるため、各地域での経済的背景を考慮し切れていないことが課題といえます。ウェブサイトを作る上で、セキュリティや維持コスト、学校への許可企業のサポートの必要性、ウェブサイトの管理を委託できるボランティアの必要性といった課題として考えられます。多くの課題が残るこの問題を高校生として、また一世界市民としてこれからも調査、探求し続けることを強く決意し、そして、この提言が少しでも多くの人がこの問題を知り、活動するためのきっかけとなることを願います。
Child Poverty in Japan

These days, Japan has succeeded in developing in various fields in society, so it is called a developed country. It is also considered a peaceful land that provides social services for its citizens. However, about one in six children in Japan are actually poor even though it is such a developed country. Since the authors have become aware of child poverty in Japan, we have felt that it is our mission to study about the causes of why such innocent children suffer from poverty in Japan. Indeed, despite the development of Japan, this domestic issue might be not as noticeable as poverty in other countries. Still, we find it important to address. We have divided poverty into two parts. One is called absolute poverty and the other is called relative poverty. The World Bank (2015) has defined absolute poverty as living on less than $1.90 a day. On the other hand, the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (2013) has defined relative poverty in the case of Japan, as a condition of life below an annual income of ¥1.22 million a year. In this proposal, we consider all poverty in Japan as relative poverty. In the end, if we could make people aware of this issue, we thought that we would be able to contribute to finding solutions to this problem in Japan, which we hope could also be applied to other countries with the similar struggles. This is the reason why we have researched and made proposals to tackle child poverty in Japan.

Literature Review

Main Causes of Child Poverty in Japan

Working poor. The working poor are people who do not earn enough wages even though they are working (Cambridge dictionary, 2016). Because of the prolonged recession, many companies employ people as part-time workers instead of regular hired workers in order to keep costs down. Moreover, even governmental jobs have shifted to non-regular employment.
Single-parent families. The reason why these families become single-parent is mostly due to divorce (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2011). By becoming a single parent, their income is decreased. Single mothers find it especially difficult to become regular employees. According to research from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (2011), more than half of single mothers are non-regular employees. Moreover, because they have to do housework and take care of their children, their schedule limits their working hours. Therefore, they cannot earn enough wages to live on. Over 50% of the families from single mothers are poor now (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2010).

Redistribution of income. Redistribution of income is an aid for poor people (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 2009). The Japanese government tries to obtain higher taxes from rich people, and then help poor people by distributing aid money. However, unfortunately, this causes a reversal in the poverty ratio. People suffer due to high taxation, and that effect is actually bigger than the aid money received. As more money is distributed as aid to poor people, they have more taxes to pay. Therefore, this pattern leads to poverty (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, 2009).

The Relationship between Internal Poverty and External Poverty

Depression is related to poverty. Internal poverty is related to mental health issues, while external poverty is related to actual economic issues. The reason why children who are suffering from poverty become depressed is because such children do not have access to daily necessities such as eating enough food, and living amenities like taking a bath every day, buying new clothes, and enjoying amusements. Thus, their desire cannot be satisfied. This leads poor children to be concerned about their future, which is not guaranteed, because their life is always unstable. This causes children to experience more stress. (PNAS, 2009) That's one of the reasons how children end up depressed.
Non-attendance at school. Poor children are also suffering from a “gap in education.” (Ochanomizu Women’s University, 2008) The education gap is related to both external poverty and internal poverty. A child from a wealthy family tends to be a high academic achiever. On the other hand, a child from poor family tends to be a low academic achiever because parents from poor families cannot afford to send their children to additional private supplemental schools for further education since they lag behind other students. Thus, children are not in a position to excel in their studies. This academic gap stresses the child from the poor family. Therefore, children from poor families will find it difficult to gain meaning and value from their educational and studying experience. As a result, some refuse to go to school.

Activities to Help to Decrease Child Poverty in Japan

Chance for Children. Chance for Children is a public interest incorporated association (Chance for Children, 2016). This association provides opportunities for society to help decrease child poverty in Japan by not only funding, but also developing creative ways to tackle this problem. For example, volunteers sell old books, and the organization collects money from those sales. This money is used for tuition for supplemental private cram school education for children who want to study to take entrance examinations to enter better schools. Moreover, it collects T-card points, which are derived from people who make purchases at many stores in Japan. These points are used to support children who lost their homes by the Tohoku earthquake in order to study. It introduces a voucher system. The government cooperates with companies to produce vouchers that can be used for tuition in cram schools. In this way, poor children can be supported educationally and financially.

Special Cafeterias. Some communities provide special cafeterias, which tackle child poverty in Japan (Special cafeteria network, 2016). Everyone can eat meals from about 300 yen to 500 yen in this cafeteria. Most of them are open once or twice a week. The food is
collected from food bank activities and donated by people who have an interest in these cafeterias. To make it easier, a network of cafeterias inform society through their websites about what is needed, such as rice, meat, fish, money, and volunteer staff. In these cafeterias, children who cannot eat meals with their parents can eat meals with staff and other people. This can create a family-like atmosphere where they do not feel so lonely.

**Save the Children Japan.** Save the Children Japan is a public interest incorporated association. Save the Children is an international organization to support children. Save the Children Japan also collects money to help decrease child poverty, and it cooperates with Yahoo services. For example, if people use yahoo shopping to buy something, four percent of the income is sent to the Save the Children Japan fund. Moreover, the stamps on postcards, which are sent by mistake, are exchanged for money. That amount of money is donated to these causes (Save the Children, 2016).

**Methodology**

Our methodology has three parts. Firstly, we conducted two interviews. One was with **Kids-Door**, an NPO, in order to deepen our understanding of child poverty in Japan. Another was with Mr. Sugimoto, who is a professor on the faculty of Liberal Arts at Soka University of Japan. Secondly, we created a newspaper to increase high school students’ knowledge about child poverty in Japan. Thirdly, we administered a questionnaire in a private Japanese high school in order to find out how many high school students knew about child poverty in Japan.

**Interviews**

**Kids-Door.** Although the literature review provided a background to the issue of child poverty in Japan, it was considered necessary to obtain more information on the issue. **Kids-door** is an action group in the NPO community combating child poverty in Japan. This
organization fully understands what children need, and how to support a stable family life, which children depend on. Therefore, a phone interview with one of the representatives was conducted. Our goal was to find a way to tackle child poverty in Japan as high school students.

Economics. Furthermore, Mr. Ichiro Sugimoto, a professor of economics at Soka University Japan, has conducted research on poverty and development. We had a chance to learn from him on child poverty when we went to Soka University to carry out fieldwork. We realized that he deeply understands this issue and the role of high school students in society. Therefore, an e-mail interview with him was conducted.

Education. We created a newspaper on child poverty in Japan to inform high school students about this issue. Then, we gave them to third-grade high school students, providing them time to read the newspapers during home room.

Questionnaires

After reading our newspaper, we administered a survey. The questionnaire was designed to investigate how much high school students knew about child poverty in Japan before reading the paper, using the same third-grade high school students. We also asked students how much they had become interested in this issue after reading the newspaper.

Lastly, the new information gained from the interviews informed the kinds of questions that were asked of the students on the previously mentioned questionnaire. The interviews also informed the content of the newspaper. It was hoped that the questionnaire and interviews would lead to a genuine plan of action to combat child poverty among the high school students.
Results

Interview with Kids Door

First, we interviewed the executive director of Kids-Door. This NPO helps children suffering from poverty. In this interview, we asked two questions to the executive director of Kids Door. The first question was how we could contribute to the resolution of child poverty as high school students. In response, he told us that we could learn about child poverty and could tell our friends about the current situation in Japan. He explained that to learn about it becomes a trigger for action. Then, he suggested that we should spread that information by telling others. In other words, we should make it an opportunity to encourage people to pay attention to the issue of child poverty. In this way, we could help contribute to resolving child poverty in Japan. The second question concerned feasible activities that high school students could carry out and would be most useful to help children suffering from poverty. The director responded that the most important activity would be educational support for children suffering from poverty. The reason was that elementary school children suffering from poverty tend to grow up without developing a good study habit. For example, for many children, when there is something that they do not know, they can immediately ask their parents. As a result, they can develop a study habit through the instant interactions with their parents. Conversely, for children suffering from poverty, that interaction is much weaker because there are a lot of single parent households. Some people call families like this members of the working poor; their parents must work long hours. Therefore, their parents do not have enough time to answer questions from their children. Thus, it is difficult for such children to develop a well-established study habit. No only do such children lack the opportunity to ask their parents freely, they also do not have enough money to go to a preparatory school or buy reference books. For these reasons, they tend to not be able to develop their intelligence. He continued to explain that it becomes difficult for them to gain
full-time employment later on in life. In fact, this cycle continues to produce welfare recipients. In the end, our action is very important. Through providing educational support, we can cut this negative cycle. To be sure, we need a lot of money to do this activity, but we can cut back the number of welfare recipients by engaging in educational support activities. It is an investment for the future.

**Interview with Soka University Professor**

We sent an email to Professor Ichiro Sugimoto, who is on the faculty of International Liberal Arts at Soka University, in Japan. We wanted to solicit some advice from him for our research. He said that child poverty does not mean that children are poor. Actually, it is a problem of the parents, because child poverty is a cyclical chain from parents to children. Unfortunately, child poverty in Japan is increasing. One of the reasons is the income divide. He suggested to us that one solution was “education,” because it contributes to providing equal opportunity to learning and to acquiring practical abilities for the workplace. This will result in a sufficient income in the future for those children who are struggling now. In addition, it is necessary for adults to support children through creating educational support services, and software. They can also help to strengthen the scholarship system among other initiatives. He said, although it may be difficult to contribute directly to solving child poverty as a high school student, it is still necessary for us to find our own original approach to help alleviate this problem. Both interviews offered similar suggestions in regards to the necessity for educational support and awareness.

**Results of the survey**

We administered a survey to ascertain how many students knew about child poverty in Japan to third grade students in a private high school in Japan. There were 175 respondents in all. First, we gave the respondents newspapers, which covered the topic of child poverty.
Next, after they had read the newspaper, we administered a survey that contained four questions.

1. How much did you know about child poverty in Japan?
2. How much did you become interested in child poverty in Japan after reading the newspaper article on the topic?
3. How much do you think that we can resolve child poverty in Japan?
4. How motivated are you now to take action to solve child poverty in Japan?

A four-point Likert scale was employed to elicit the responses. On the scale, one indicated the highest end, while four indicated the lowest end.

The results for the first question (How much did you know about child poverty in Japan?) indicated that 22% of the respondents didn’t know anything about child poverty in Japan. Next, 45% chose that they hardly knew anything, while 29% knew something about the topic. Only 4% chose that they knew a lot about it. This can be seen in Chart 1.

The results for the second question (How much did you become interested in child poverty in Japan after reading the newspaper article on the topic?) indicated that 2% of the respondents didn’t become at all interested. Next, 11% didn’t become so interested. However, this was followed by 75% who become interested. Lastly, 12% chose that they became really interested. This can be seen in Chart 2.

The results for the third question (How much do you think that we can resolve child poverty in Japan?) indicated that 6% of the respondents chose that they the problem could not at all be resolved. Next, 20% felt that the problem could not really be resolved. However, 65% felt the problem could probably be resolved. While 9% felt the problem could absolutely be resolved. This can be seen in Chart 3.

The results for the fourth question (How motivated are you now to take action to solve child poverty in Japan?) indicated that 4% of the respondents were not at all motivated. Next,
15% were not so interested. This was followed by 63% who a little interested. Lastly, 18% were very motivated to solve child poverty in Japan. This can be seen in Chart 4.

**Discussion**

**Questionnaire**

The results of the first question in the survey show that 67% of the students answered that they didn’t know about this issue at all or not really. Most Japanese people think that Japan is an advanced country, so they can’t imagine that poverty in Japan exists. Moreover, we think this problem is difficult to see from outside.

The results of the second question show that 87% of the students answered that they became interested in this issue after reading our newspaper. We think that newspapers are a good way to learn and understand the issue quickly, and informing others is the easiest way to make people interested in something.
The results of the third question show 74% of the students felt positive that they can solve this issue. We think that though some children are suffering from poverty, Japan is a wealthy country in the world and we have enough food to raise children without any financial difficulty. Therefore, many students believe either optimistically or naively that we can solve this issue.

The results of the fourth question show that 81% of the students answered that they are motivated to take action by the newspaper. We think that many felt that this issue was close to their daily life. Moreover, Japan cannot advance without solving this issue. Therefore, many high school students became passionate to solve this issue after knowing current situation.

**Email Interview**

Professor Ichiro Sugimoto, who is in the faculty of International Liberal Arts at Soka University of Japan, answered our question concerning what is the most feasible action to take towards eliminating child poverty in Japan by high school students through our email exchange. He said, “Actually, it is difficult for high school students to solve this issue directly, because the cause of child poverty is a special Japanese problem caused by globalization from income differences and is getting worse within the Japanese industrial sector. The solutions tend to be economical, such as support for education and governmental programs.” Therefore, we think that adults should take action by improving scholarship programs and by providing more educational opportunities to enable children to go to college. If they can attend college, they can find employment with a suitable income in order to live on their own. Moreover, we think if children learn about child poverty in Japan during their school days, they have more opportunity to solve child poverty directly in Japan when they become adults.
Phone Interview

The executive director of Kids-Door concerned with child poverty, said to us in a phone interview that “high school students cannot directly tackle child poverty, but they can contribute to child poverty by doing simple things.” We think that high school students who are so busy with study and club activities, cannot tackle child poverty since it would take too much time to establish or contribute to an NPO in order to ameliorate child poverty in Japan. Moreover, he said to us “students would have to hold and organize events. Rather, high school students need to focus on their studies. However, high school students can do simple things such as gaining knowledge on this issue, sharing that knowledge with others and suggesting ideas how to tackle child poverty.” High school students can spread information very quickly, so we think that the expansion of information will increase the opportunity to support poor children, and high school students can appeal to adults to support poor children. As a result, more adults will become aware of child poverty in Japan and make an attempt to address this issue. Next, the director said to us, “poor children need educational support, because their learning environment is so unstable. For example, they cannot purchase reference books or go to cram schools due to lack of financial resources. In addition, their circumstances are likely to contribute to an educational gap and they will be at a disadvantage to gain employment in the future. Consequently, poor children tend to rely on social welfare from the government.” Therefore, we think that if poor children can stabilize their learning environment through educational support, it may be unnecessary to receive welfare.

Proposal

Based on our research, we would like to propose two ideas. We think that we need two approaches to solve this issue--one for high school students and one for adults. High
school students should especially raise their awareness, and adults should improve educational financial support.

**Raising high school students’ awareness.** Some of third year high school students who are eighteen years old have voting rights; this means that they have the opportunity to participate in politics. Therefore, they can take political action to solve child poverty. Learning about the issue affects not only the present, but also the future. High school students should prepare by becoming knowledgeable about child poverty so that they can solve this issue when they become adults. Therefore, they need to learn about it while they are high school students.

**Importance of improving educational and financial support.** We realized the importance of education as solution for child poverty in Japan. Actually, child poverty is a problem of the parents, because child poverty is a cyclical chain from parents to children. To cut the chain, we think that education has an important role, because it contributes to providing equal opportunity to learning and to acquiring practical abilities, so education will enable poor children to get a chance to go to university or to earn a sufficient income in the future. We think it is necessary for adults to support children through creating educational support services. In this regard, we would like adults to take some action for supporting poor children. For example, adults can contribute to improving education by providing aide to the scholarship system among other initiatives. We feel it may be difficult for high school students to contribute directly to solving child poverty. However, we can influence the adults around us to take action, so we are not powerless.

**SNS Activities**

These activities can raise high school students’ awareness and appeal to adults to improve educational and financial support at the same time.
**Website.** We would like to suggest creating a website that introduces the data on child poverty. We could design the website by posting URLs of the articles, activities, and data that we find relevant. This website could be a good tool to access Internet resources about these problems easily. Furthermore, such a website could be a portal to promote participation and support for organizations tackling these problems. For example, a map could be posted on the website that shows the facilities where volunteers are dedicated to helping poor children. Such a map would be able to increase the number of the people who try to participate in such activities. This would likely help decrease the child poverty population in Japan. On the website, we could also conduct a survey to collect data to investigate in more detail the current situation of child poverty in Japan. Moreover, we could make and post graphs and tables for each of the survey questions on the website, which would raise awareness towards the resolution of child poverty. Lastly, such a website would be an appropriate medium to reach youth and high school students who use Social Network Services. It would be effective to raise awareness toward these issues among this population. Through learning about this issue on the website, adults would be motivated to support poor children.

**SNS applications.** We would like to suggest providing information about child poverty in Japan on LINE, which is a SNS application that many Japanese people use, as well as create other educational applications. We could send information on LINE to subscribers. Then, we could answer the questions submitted by subscribers. Through posting articles, news, and information about volunteers, we could give opportunities to subscribers to learn about this issue seriously. In addition, we could raise the general awareness of subscribers as well. Moreover, we could create additional educational applications together with organizations that are tackling child poverty in Japan. By cooperating with such organizations, we could carry out dynamic activities and provide the most important information on
alleviating child poverty in Japan by experts in the field. Such educational applications about child poverty could help others learn about this issue through short movies, quizzes, and by providing a platform where people could learn how to be a volunteer.

**University Partnership Program.** We would like to suggest that experts in the field of child poverty be invited to the University Partnership Program (UP). UP is a program that our high school holds every Thursday. Every student can participate by listening to specialized lectures given by professors in various fields. In this regard, we would like to invite professors whose specialize in child poverty. The purpose of such lectures would be aimed at allowing students who participate in UP to become more aware of child poverty in Japan. The pedagogical approach applied in the UP program provides an active learning environment where students would be able to gain knowledge and more importantly, think deeply about child poverty in Japan.

**Limitations**

There are limitations in this research. First, our data was collected among one private high school. Since this school places a particularly strong emphasis on global issues, it may not be representative of other high school students. Thus, a more representative sample of students from both private and public schools should be undertaken. Secondly, our survey was conducted among high school students. Therefore, the survey does not represent the adult population, or other age groups outside of high school students. A more diverse random sampling of the general public is necessary to get a better picture of the real situation in Japan concerning child poverty. Thirdly, there may be regional differences between urban versus rural areas. This distinction was not examined in our research. This survey was conducted in an urban area. This survey also did not investigate the economic background, gender, or any other possible confounding variables that may have also influenced the survey findings. All
in all, a more representative sampling across a wider range of people and areas is necessary. Although we have suggested creating SNS applications and websites to raise people’s awareness, there are some limitations to this proposal. First, we need to get permission from our school. Teachers will be concerned about the security and costs, so it would take a long time until we are allowed to use SNS as a tool for spreading our ideas. In addition, the issue of maintenance of such media is problematic, as students would come and go. Thirdly, we need to find some organizations, which we can work with. There are a lot of organizations working on child poverty. However, there are only a few organizations willing to cooperate with high school students. This means there would be difficulty in finding an organization, which could understand our proposals.

**Conclusion**

In this research, activities to tackle child poverty in Japan by making opportunities to learn and serve low cost dinners were investigated. Based on the literature review, we deepened our knowledge about child poverty, focusing on solutions that high school students could manage. Then, an awareness questionnaire was conducted to learn how many students had an interest toward child poverty. Interviews were conducted to hear the opinions from experts in the field on what high school students could do. The results indicated that students could become more aware. Although it is difficult for high school students to solve child poverty in Japan directly, they could influence others. In the end, the proposal was divided into two approaches—one for adults and one for high school students, because each of them have different roles in solving child poverty. For high school students, raising and spreading their awareness is a priority to solve child poverty. For adults, providing financial and other resources would be helpful toward realizing a poverty-free Japan for children.
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Equalizing Food Distribution to Achieve Zero Hunger
飢餓終息に向けた食糧問題の撲滅

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概要

7億9500万もの人が飢餓に陥っている一方、先進国を中心とした国々では年間に2億2000万トンもの食料が捨てられています。今日の飢餓の要因は慢性的な食料不足ではなく、食料が平等に分配されていないことにあります。リサーチの中で私たちは、国際援助の重要性や、食糧問題に対する様々な支援団体の存在を学びました。また創立者池田大作先生が2009年の平和提言の中で提案された「世界食糧銀行」の可能性を探り、飢餓終息への方途を見つけるため、次の三つの設問を考えました。

1. 食糧不平等分配の問題を解決するためにどのような国際援助が必要であるか。
2. 各国にたくさんのフードバンクはあるが、世界食糧銀行がいまだ存在していないのはなぜか。
3. 食糧不平等分配の問題を解決するために私たち高校生にできることは何か。

これらの設問を軸に、三つの機関にインタビューを行い、栄養教育の大切さ、世界食糧銀行設立に向けた課題、きっかけづくりの重要性を学ぶことが出来ました。調査結果を基に、二つのことを提案します。一つ目に世界食糧銀行の創設に向け、地域的な食糧銀行を創設することです。国内のみならず世界中で需要と供給のバランスを保つため、世界的な機関を介して全ての国が平等に食べ物をやりとりすることが有効だと考えました。まず第一歩としてEUによってつながりをもつ欧州内での地域的な食糧銀行の創設を提案します。EUの貿易に関する条約等、様々な考慮すべき項目はありますが、世界銀行創立につながる取り組みが期待できます。二つ目は、先進国と発展途上国それぞれでの教育の普及です。先進国では教育機関において、生徒が参加しやすいキャンペーン等の推進を提案します。今私達が食べている「食」が、異国の地で飢餓に苦しむ人たちの「食」に大きくかかわっているとの意識を持ち行動すれば多くの人を救うことが出来ます。そのために、食糧問題について考えるより多くの機会を提供することが必要であると考えます。発展途上国では、栄養教育のより大幅な普及が必要です。その土地にあった作物や栄養豊富な食べ物について知ることでより効果的に健康状態を改善することが出来ます。この研究を通して、飢餓の終息は世界中のすべての国の解決に対する貪欲な姿勢がなければ実現できないことを深く学びました。本論文を通して、食糧問題に興味を持ち、食糧問題の解決に向けて行動する人が増えていくことを望みます。
Equalizing food distribution to Achieve Zero Hunger

There are many kinds of problems, such as child labor, immigration, and gender issues, in the world, and many people are forced to live under the difficult situations. Especially, the food issues are much more immediate problems than others because people have to eat to live independently. Actually, in developing countries, more than 795 millions of people are suffering from hunger (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation [FAO], 2015). On the other hand, about 220 million tons of edible food is disposed every year (FAO, 2011). This unbalanced distribution of food is called unequal food distribution. These data indicate that crops are not given to people evenly and that the cause of hunger is not necessarily the lack of crops but actually unequal food distribution. In our research, we researched about Angola to learn about current situation of hunger. After making three research questions, we conducted interviews to three organizations in order to find solution to terminate the hunger problem.

Literature Review

Definitions of Hunger

According to Hunger Free World, hunger means the situation in which someone cannot eat enough food over a long period of time and becomes malnutrition (HFW: What is hunger). On the other hand, the World Food Programme (WFP) defines hunger as “not having enough to eat to meet energy requirements” (WFP: Hunger Glossary, 2016).

Some people suffer from hunger because of natural disasters and conflicts, but this research focuses on chronic hunger, which most people with malnutrition suffer (Hunger free world [HFW], n.d.). Chronic hunger occurs due to various causes like politics, education, and environment, and most people in hunger died from malnutrition rather than starvation (HFW n.d.).

Unequal Food Distribution

Today, about 2.5 billion tons of grains are produced every year in the world (FAO, Estimates of 2015-2016). If these crops were divided to everyone in the world evenly, each person can eat 320 kilograms of crops in one year. For example, this amount of crops is considered enough because the Japanese eat 160 kilograms in one year generally (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan,
In this way, enough food for people is currently produced in the world.

The problem is the unequal distribution of crops. According to the Table For Two project, about two billion people are in obese condition because of excessive consumption in the world (Table for Two, 2016). On the other hand, twenty five thousands of people have been died from hunger especially in developing country (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, 2009). In addition, in Japan, about 6.42 tons of food that can be still eaten are being thrown away every year (MAFF, 2013), and 220 million tons disposed food. In this way, these examples show the unequal distribution of food in the world, and this situation is called unequal food distribution.

Current Situation in Africa

We researched Angola to learn how Angola improved the hunger situation. Angola accomplished the Goal of World Food Summit about reducing extreme poverty and MDGs (FAO, 2015, p.17). Researching Angola’s situation is one way to consider about solution of hunger.

The reason why Angola overcame hunger is international support. Angola strengthened cooperation with China. That connection helped Angola’s economic development. China has been the largest trade partner with Angola since 2005. In addition, Angola has been financially supported by other countries, such as China. As a result, the government could use a lot of sufficient money to tackle the problem (Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ [BTMU], 2014). Moreover, JICA started Rice Development Project in Bie and Huambo, Angola in 2013. The aim was to increase the production of rice. For this, JICA supports farmers to get sufficient skills to produce rice. As a result, Angola succeeded to increase GDP by 10%, and Angola became the third economic power in South Africa these days (Japan International Cooperation Agency [JICA], 2013).

Organizations

Many organizations aim to solve hunger problems in the world. This section introduces some of the successful governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Hunger Free World. Hunger Free World (HFW) is a non-governmental organization which attempts to create a world without hunger. HFW tries to establish systems for local residents to obtain food on their own (HFW, n.d.). HFW has been working with four aims: to create a region, to raise awareness, to change the system, and to foster the youth (HFW, four activities, n.d.). To create a
region, HFW works with the local residents and try to solve the problems related to the six fields: nutrition, education, health and sanitation, income generation, gender equality, and environment. As an activity to raise awareness, they support to let people act and understand the right for food (HFW, the action of HFW, n.d.). In the activity of changing system, HFW attends international conferences and discuss with governmental agencies to change social systems (HFW, the action of HFW, n.d.). Lastly, HFW carries out activities for regional development and educating youth (HFW, the action of HFW, n.d.).

**Table for Two.** Table for Two (TFT) is a non-profit organization that has been working to serve healthy meal to both children in developed and developing countries, and help to right the global food imbalance (TFT USA, 2016). The TFT program collects donation through a system where if someone buys a certain meal or food item, twenty yen per meal or item is donated for school meals of children in developing countries (TFT, n.d.). Twenty yen is the amount of money to serve one lunch meal in developing countries (TFT, n.d). With this program, people in developed countries can easily donate school lunch to children in developing countries.

**World Food Programme.** The World Food Programme (WFP) is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting against hunger problems in United Nation. They transport food to where it is needed, saving the lives of victims of war, civil conflicts and natural disasters (WFP, 2017). Also, they help communities rebuild shattered lives by donating foods (WFP, 2017). The aim of WFP is to create a world where everyone can eat enough food to live. Every year, WPF produces a hunger map which indicates the levels of hunger using colors (WFP, 2017).

**Alliance Forum Foundation.** Alliance Forum Foundation aims to reduce poverty using technology. One of their projects is called the Nutrition Project. Alliance Forum Foundation copes with chronic malnutrition, especially in Zambia. The foundation tackles the problem with Spirulina, edible algae, which have high protein, vitamin, and mineral (AFF, n.d.). In the project, Spirulina was first introduced to governmental organizations, such as the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, which creates nutrition policies and recommends to mothers through local clinic doctors to include Spirulina in daily meals (AFF, n.d.). Mothers who used Spirulina report favorable changes of their children; for instance, children became active and recovered from skin inflammation quickly (AFF,
n.d.). The foundation also delivers school lunch made with Spirulina to community schools in low income area (AFF, n.d). The foundation also educates students about nutrition and sanitation, using picture-story show and teaches how balanced meal, hand-wash, brushing teeth positively affect their health (AFF, n.d.).

**Food Bank**

One of the current essential support systems that aim to reduce unequal food distribution is food bank. There are many food banks in the world. In America, there are more than 200 food banks and they try to solve hunger problems and reduce poverty (Feeding America, 2017).

Food banks in Japan collect edible food, which is going to be disposed, and deliver the collected food to those who are in need and facilities. Second Harvest Japan is a major food bank in Japan. They collect food and deliver them for people who do not have enough food. They collect uneaten food from food processing factories, farmers, supermarkets, and individual and deliver the food to welfare facilities (Second Harvest Japan [SHJ], n.d.). Food banks can help not only people in need but supporting companies because the companies can reduce disposal costs (SHJ). Like this, food banks in Japan play a role of a mediator between supporters with a lot of leftover food and recipients who need food (SHJ).

Although there are many food banks in each country, there is no world food bank. Our school founder, Daisaku Ikeda stated that “To ensure secure access to food for all the world's people, we need to design a mechanism to keep a certain amount of grain in reserve at all times as a global public good” and he suggested establishing world food bank in his peace proposal in 2009 (Daisaku Ikeda, peace proposal, 2009).

**Research Questions**

Based on the literature review, we created three research questions:

1. What kind of international support is necessary to effectively improve food distribution problem?

2. Even though there are lots of food bank in each country, why world food bank has not existed yet?
3. What can we do to contribute to solving unequal food distribution problem as a high school student?

First, based on the research about Angola, we found the importance of international support to reduce the number of people who are in hunger. In Angola, thanks to financial support from China and agricultural support from Japan, Angola succeeded to increase the GDP by 10%. As this example shows, we researched more about the role of international support.

Second, as Mr. Daisaku Ikeda suggested the establishment of world food bank in Peace Proposal 2009, the world needs a worldwide organization to reduce the inequality of food distribution. In our research, we learned that many countries have food banks and are trying to solve the problem of unequal food distribution. Nevertheless, there is no world food bank today. Therefore, the needs and possibility of establishing world food bank should be researched more.

Third, through researching food problems and unequal food distribution, we learned the connection between our meals and the meals of other people in the world. Those who live in developed countries have a responsibility for solving unequal food distribution. As high school students, we would like to seek what we can do to contribute to solving food problems and hunger.

Methodology

To find the answers for the research questions, three interviews were conducted in October and November in 2016. First, a JICA staff who has worked at Solomon island as a nurse of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer, was asked some questions about international support in late October. Second, the telephone interview was conducted with a Food bank Osaka staff in November about the system of food bank. In addition, the staff was interviewed about the possibility of establishing world food bank. Third, an interview to AIM service, which offers lunch in our school cafeteria, was held in early November. The staff members were asked about the situation of food loss and food waste in our high school. These interviews were conducted in Japanese, and the interview questions are listed in Appendix.
Results

The interviews provided insightful answers to the research questions about international support, world food bank, and what high school students can do to solve hunger problems.

International Support

The JICA staff was not sure whether JICA financially supports other countries, but the staff shared that providing knowledge to local people benefit them even after the volunteers leave. The problem that local people have is that they do not have knowledge especially regarding nutrition because they do not receive such education. Thus, the interviewee believed that teaching local people life skills can improve local people’s lives more directly than financially supporting countries.

Regarding the obstacles of international support, the interviewee mentioned cultural differences. What is normal for us may not be normal for local residents. Dispatched staffs learned that they must not impose their ideas on local people, and they need to respect the lifestyles and thoughts of local residents.

World Food Bank

We interviewed a staff of the Food Bank Osaka to learn about their activities and the possibility of establishing a world food bank.

According to the interviewee, the activities of the Food Bank Osaka do not cost money. The food is collected by the Food Bank Osaka staffs and volunteers from the food manufacturer companies, or the donating companies transport food to the Food Bank Osaka. Donating and providing food is free. Providers bring products with misprinted packages and items that do not meet the standard to be sold, and food bank donates the collected food for free.

One of the problems that the Food Bank Osaka is facing is the lack of volunteers to deal with the increasing amount of donated food. Thanks to the increased donation of food, the Food Bank Osaka has been able to deliver more food to more facilities. They also opened new branches in more areas to expand their activities. However, they do not have enough volunteers to deliver food to facilities.

Lastly, we asked about the idea of world food bank. The officer of Food Bank Osaka answered that if activities are carried out in a wider scale, the problems would be how to secure the
fund and volunteers for the activities. Currently, food banks in Japan operate based on donation and volunteers, and companies. However, when managing a bigger food bank, finding donation and volunteers will become a great obstacle. Moreover, currently, there is no system to manage the exchange of food and cooperate all the countries. Therefore, the staff stated that one of the challenges to establish a world food bank is whether countries can unite and how much network they can make with each other.

**What High School Students Can Do**

In the interview with AIM service staffs, we learned about successful campaign to reduce food loss, which was conducted by our junior high school students. Some students initiated this campaign, and during the campaign, students were encouraged not to leave any food. As a result, the amount of food loss in junior high school was decreased by half compared with the average of previous year. This campaign was a successful example where small trigger changed students’ attitudes and their awareness towards solving food problem. In other words, we should provide more opportunities to let people think and act for reducing food loss. We believe it is important to raise awareness of people who live in developed countries and let them feel related to the people who are suffering from hunger because global unequal food distribution will not be solved without the cooperation of all countries. Also, raising awareness about food problem develops compassion towards those who are in need because people can put themselves in other people’s shoes.

Also, the staff introduced that Kansai Soka Elementary School conducted an essay contest hosted by World Food Programme last year. The main purpose of this essay contest is to help student realize the importance of food and their meals. In this campaign, students write an essay about their meals. For each submitted essay, companies which support this contest donate 120 yen, which serves 4 school meals in developing countries (WFP, 2016).

Lastly, the staff gave us some comments as a nutritionist that students should be given more opportunities to learn about food culture and the process of food production.

The Food Bank Osaka staff also suggested that high school students can try to reduce food waste by gathering food that is not consumed in each house and sending it to food banks.
Discussion

The literature review and interview results suggested the importance of providing nutritional education, the importance of establishing a world food bank, creating network between countries to establish world food bank, and providing small triggers for school projects.

Interviewing a JICA staff, we learned that although unequal food distribution is one of the reasons of hunger, we found chronic malnutrition is also the factor of hunger. People in some countries are suffering from hunger because they do not have enough knowledge about nutrition and cannot eat balanced meals. This problem is becoming more serious. This problem can be solved by nutritional education. We think it is necessary to provide not only financial support but also educational support when countries support other countries suffering from hunger. Nutrition project by the Alliance Forum Foundation is a successful example of nutrition education as it provides not only knowledge but also measures the effectiveness and educates mothers how to produce Spirulina.

The literature review and the interviews illustrated the necessity of a world food bank which balances the supply and demand of food of all the countries. Although there are some organizations like WFP which supports people who are undernourished in the world, there has not been any organization which balances the demand and supply of food in the world. The biggest problem in the current world is that food is not distributed equally. We believe that the world food bank can be a mediator which enables all countries to exchange food and support each other. With the current system, there is a lot of food that is being wasted. However, if we can establish a world food bank, people can utilize the unconsumed food and benefit those who are in need.

The Food Bank Osaka staff explained that countries need to create a strong network among themselves to establish the world food bank. However, establishing connections between all countries in the world is not easy, so we think it is necessary to start making connections locally. Currently, food banks operate locally, but if regional food banks, like Food Bank Asia or Food Bank Europe, function well, establishing a world food bank will become more feasible.

The project conducted by the AIM service in our school suggested that a small trigger can change people’s attitudes toward solving food problem. In our junior high school, students did a campaign to reduce food loss in school. As a result, the amount of food loss in junior high school was
reduced by half in one year. This shows that we should provide more opportunities to encourage
people to think and act for reducing food loss. Raising awareness of people in developed countries is
important so that more people can feel relevant to those who are suffering from hunger in developing
countries.

Proposal

Based on the literature review and the interview results, two proposals are made to achieve a
world without hunger problems.

First, we propose to establish a Europe Food Bank as a first step towards establishing a world
food bank. Through this research, the necessity of a world food bank has been clarified, but the
interviews suggested some obstacles to establish a world food bank. As the interview showed, there is
a need to make connections between countries to create a bigger food bank, so we suggest
establishing a regional food bank in Europe as a first step towards a world food bank. Since Japan is
surrounded by the sea, it is difficult to exchange food and make connections with surrounding
countries. In Europe, EU unites many countries, and they have good transportation systems between
countries. Therefore, we believe it is easier to balance supply and demand of food among countries in
Europe.

Second, we propose to educational institutions that schools promote campaigns which aim to
support those who are in hunger. Educational institutions, such as high schools, play an important role
in student’s lives, so they should provide more opportunities so that students can participate in
campaigns to solve food problems. For example, one campaign that students participate is the essay
contest hosted by World Food Programme, which AIM service shared with us in the interview. This
contest is effective because students can think about food problems and explain their feeling towards
hunger in their own words. Also, educational institutions are the best place to conduct such campaigns
and attract students to raise the awareness towards food problems. Other campaigns that students can
participate include the Red Cup Campaign hosted by WFP and Onigiri (or rice ball) Action hosted by
Table For Two. People can join the campaign only by buying target items (WFP, n.d.) and taking a
photo with a rice ball and sending to TFT (TFT, n.d.). Through these campaigns, students can think of
the importance of food and the fact that there are many people who cannot eat enough food in the
world. As a result, students can develop compassion towards those who are in hunger.

**Limitations**

First, more research is needed to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a regional food bank in Europe. Due to time limitation, we could not research treaties related to food exchange and transportation between countries in EU. In addition, we have to consider more about how to secure the fund and human resources for the regional food bank. We also need to think about the role of a world food bank more as there are already global organizations like WFP and FAO, which tackle food problems.

Second, more research is needed about the WFP’s essay contest we proposed because it is still vague whether this essay contest is really an effective way to encourage students to take actions towards solving food problems. We do not know how much impact this essay contest can provide to elementary school students. Also, the situation between elementary school and high school is different, so we have to find out the way which makes participating campaign more effective.

**Conclusion**

The food distribution problem is one of the closest global issues for all human beings because people cannot live without food. This research indicated that unequal food distribution problems can be solved if countries and people cooperate. Specifically, establishing a world food bank will help countries access food more equally. Also, if educational institutions provide students with more chances to think about food problems, more people can learn about the food problems and the value of food. Even a small act like reducing food loss and participating in essay contests can make those who are in hunger happy. In order to eliminate unequal food distribution in the world, people who have a plentiful food should have compassion and a sense of responsibility to support those who are in hunger.
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Appendix

Interview Questions

Interview Questions to a JICA staff
1. Which do you think financial support or skills development is effective. Also, what’s the benefit given from each support.
2. Do you feel that you could contribute to make local people’s lives better directly? Why did you feel it?
3. What were obstacles that prevented you from doing JICA activity?

Interview Question to Foodbank
1. How do you transport food?
2. Have you ever faced the difficult situation that makes you prevent from what you want to do? And what was the obstacle?
3. What are the things that are needed to reduce such kinds of difficulties do you think?
4. Have you ever thought about expanding your activity on a larger scale? (If the answer is yes,) Then, why the larger activity doesn’t accomplished?
   When you continue to work on a larger scale, what shall become an obstacle?
   (If the answer is no,) Then, why do you think so? Are there any concrete obstacle that makes you think so?
5. What do you think about world food bank?
6. What kind of activities can we do as high school students?

Interview Question to AIM service
1. First of all, we want to know the current situation of this cafeteria. About how much of food waste does our lunch leave in a day?
2. Then, about how much of food are wasted even though that can be eaten? How many the percent of such kinds of foods?
3. We are thinking that to know the current dealing process with food waste might connect the solution of this problem. How do AIM service process food waste?
4. Are there any efforts not to left food?
5. (If AIM service connect any company, we can learn more and that’s help us to make project) Does AIM service connect any company or project for reducing food waste?
6. What can high school student do for food waste?
概要

1957年9月8日、5万人の青年を前に、創立者の恩師、戸田城聖先生は原爆禁止宣言を発表され、核は絶対悪であるという考えを表明されました。その意志を継いだ創立者池田大作先生は毎年の平和提言で必ず核廃絶に向けた提案をされるなど、今日まで世界を核の脅威から救う為に活動を続けてこられました。そのような創立者とする関西創価高校の生徒である私たちには、両先生の意志を継ぎ、核廃絶の為に行動をする使命があると思います。その上で関西創価高校の生徒に自らの使命を自覚させる事が最も重要であり、その為に欠かせない現在の反核教育の向上をテーマに研究を行う事を考えました。この研究を行う上で私たちは以下の二つの設問を考えました。

1. 関西創価高校の生徒はどれくらい核廃絶に関心があるのか。
2. どのように関西創価高校における核廃絶の為の教育を改善していくべきか。

私たちは8月6日から8日に広島フィールドワークに参加し、核兵器について学ぶ事に子供たちが深刻なトラウマを持っており、広島平和記念資料館の展示が変わるというお話を見ました。その後に関西創価高校の3年生を対象に核廃絶に関するアンケートを行いました。その結果、生徒たちにとって核兵器について学ぶのに最も効果的なのがビデオを観る事であり、原爆投下の被害やアメリカ側の当時の考えといった歴史的な内容は知っているが、核兵器に関する各国の政策や核抑止論といった現在の問題については知らない傾向にある事が分かりました。また、1月29日から2月4日に海外フィールドワークでは核時代平和財団のクリーガー会長と出会い、他校の生徒と関わる事が生徒の核廃絶に対するやる気につながると教えていただきました。以上の調査を踏まえ、私たちは「核兵器なき世界への潮流を作り出すパイオニアの育成」と題し、学年毎に次のようなカリキュラムを作りました。①ビデオを始めとした綿密な事前学習をした後に広島フィールドワークを行う。②一年次で学んだ事を元に関西創価小学校の児童に核兵器について教える。③アメリカ創価大学やブラジル創価高校など世界中の姉妹校の生徒と核廃絶サミットを行う。なお、本提言は関西創価高校に向けたものなので、他の日本の学校や他の国々では適用できない可能性があります。しかし、私たちの提言が世界を核廃絶に向けて前進させる一助になる事を念願します。
Education for Nuclear Abolition

In September 8, 1957, Josei Toda, the mentor of Daisaku Ikeda made declaration calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons in front of 50,000 youth. Taking over his determination to abolish nuclear weapons, Daisaku Ikeda has been taking actions, such as publishing annual Peace Proposal, in which he suggested the solutions for nuclear issues. He also created Soka educational system, including Kansai Soka High School. In first entrance ceremony of Kansai Soka High School, he announced the school’s motto, “Never build your happiness upon other’s misfortune.” This motto means that Kansai Soka High School students have the missions of creating a world full of dignity of life. On the other hand, there is a notion of disregard for life behind the possession and usage of nuclear weapons. Therefore, the authors thought that Kansai Soka High School students should accomplish their missions by being concerned about nuclear issues and determined to take actions to make a world without nuclear weapons. Currently, Kansai Soka High School students learn about nuclear issues, such as nuclear proliferation and nuclear testing, through several kinds of programs and lectures. However, the authors thought that the curriculum can be more effective to inspire its students to lead nuclear abolition as global leaders. Then the authors decided to research Kansai Soka High School students’ awareness of nuclear issues and how to improve its anti-nuclear education.

Literature Review

Young people, especially Japanese high school students, should learn about nuclear issues because they have the responsibility of creating world peace. Therefore, the authors of this proposal decided to research about education for nuclear abolition. Also, the authors decided to focus on anti-nuclear education in Kansai Soka High School. To make proposals to improve the current education in Kansai Soka High School, the authors needed to
understand the core of Soka education. Therefore, the authors researched about the founder’s ideas in Kansai Soka High School. Also, some authors learned about nuclear weapons through Hiroshima Fieldwork, so the authors also mentioned about Hiroshima Fieldwork in this section.

Declaration Calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons Made by Josei Toda

Josei Toda, a mentor of Daisaku Ikeda who founded Soka educational system in September 8, 1957, he announced his mind for nuclear weapons in front of 50,000 youth at the stadium in Mitsuzawa, Yokohama. Even though he was a Buddhist and a death penalty abolitionist, he said that the death penalty will be needed for to anyone responsible for using nuclear weapons, even if that person is on the winning side (Ikeda, 2017). Based on this Toda’s idea, the Soka movement has continued to make actions for nuclear abolition until today.

Kansai Soka High School

SGH Kansai Soka high school was appointed as Super Global High school (SGH). According to the website of SGH, this program focuses on improving the education in Japanese high schools to foster the global leaders who can be active in the world with the power of communication, solving problems, and so on. The program is intended to cultivate two powers in students, which are creativity and dialogue. To fulfill this purpose, Kansai Soka High School developed a curriculum in which students learn about global issues from the perspective of development, peace, environment, human rights. All students join such SGH program (Kansai Soka High School, 2017).

Guiding Philosophy

Daisaku Ikeda is the founder of Kansai Soka High School. He presents the Peace Proposals every year and acts to create a world without nuclear weapons. Also, as a founder, he gave Kansai Soka High School students a basic philosophy of Soka education, which was
“Never build your happiness upon other’s misfortune”. Daisaku Ikeda put his great expectations for the students in this principle to be considerate in their daily lives and contribute to eradicate misery. He said that action based on this philosophy will create peaceful atmosphere of Kansai Soka High School and that eventually lead to world peace (Ikeda, 1973).

**Hiroshima Fieldwork**

The authors joined Hiroshima Fieldwork, which was conducted as one of the SGH program in Kansai Soka High School, in order to learn the cause and detrimental damage of nuclear bombings and about Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT). To discuss about these topics, fieldwork members participated in the Peace Forum. The Peace Forum was held in the Hiroshima Jogakuin, which is one of SGH schools. The authors interacted with other high school students in Hiroshima, Okinawa and Hawaii. In this forum, the participants thought about NPT from several ways. First, the participants made the presentations about the problems of NPT and solutions. Because of this, they must have researched about NPT a lot before this forum. Second, the participants were divided into several groups to revise their presentations through discussion. Listening to other school’s opinions helped students deepen their understanding of NPT. Third, other school’s students described the issues of NPT by drama. It was easy to understand NPT even though this is very complicated. Through these experiences in Peace Forum, interacting with other schools is good for learning about nuclear issues deeply.

**Anti-Nuclear Education in Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

*School programs.* Many schools in Hiroshima conduct various kinds of programs to teach children about the history of nuclear bombings. For example, students in Hiroshima hear the experience of nuclear bombing from the victims called “Katari-be”. Also, some schools hold fieldwork to visit the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima. They learn how cruel
nuclear bombings were and what actually happened there. Students often sing the songs, such as “Hiroshima-no-arukunide”, “Fukuro-no-shounen”, which describes nuclear bombings from the children's perspectives (Ikeno, 2016).

**Materials used in anti-nuclear education.** “Barefoot Gen” is a series of comic books written by Kenji Nakazawa. The story is about one victim boy’s life after the nuclear bombing in Hiroshima. He experienced World War II, and is also one of the victims of nuclear bombing. This comic book shows how cruel nuclear bombing were. The story is almost non-fiction, based on Nakazawa’s experiences. Many students in Japan, especially in Hiroshima and Nagasaki read it or watch a movie of this story. Despite of the popularity, some adults disagree with making students read this comic book at school because they think that the descriptions are too violent and vulgar for children. In fact, there are some libraries in Shimane prefecture that limited to lend it (Shimane Prefectural Government, 2017).

**Actions high school students are taking.** High school students in Nagasaki visited the victims of nuclear bombings and recorded their stories to make a movie for high school students in Tokyo, who tend to have limited opportunities to learn about nuclear bombings. They also collected the signatures for nuclear abolition from high school students (around Japan) and sent it to United Nations (Allen et al., 2016).

**Issues in anti-nuclear education.** In Hiroshima, every August 6, the date on which nuclear weapons were dropped, many of the students, including elementary school students, visit Peace Memorial Museum and learn about what happened in Hiroshima in 1945. Even though the students are still children, they learn about nuclear bombings through document or video, in which the damage of nuclear bombings are vividly described. For example, in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, many exhibitions related to the effect of nuclear bombings were displayed such as the pictures of survivors. However, as the time passed, the museum realized that children can be traumatized by seeing such exhibitions and changed the
contents of the exhibition. Some of the new exhibitions do not try to convey the facts by pictures and videos but by text (Peace Committee, 2016).

Research Questions

1. Are Kansai Soka High School students concerned, well-informed and thoughtful about nuclear issues?

2. How can Kansai Soka High School improve the education for nuclear abolition?

Although one Learning Cluster group researched about nuclear issues last year, we this research was about same topic because the previous research did not focus on education. The authors of this proposal thought that education is essential for nuclear abolition. To create the curriculum better, knowing the current situation of students is the most important. Through this research, something to improve education in Kansai Soka High School appeared.

Methodology

In order to investigate opinions and perspectives for nuclear issues, the questionnaires were conducted among grade 12 high school students, Hiroshima fieldwork members and teachers in Kansai Soka high school. The questionnaires were answered by selecting choices or filling in the comment boxes. In addition, Hiroshima fieldwork members were interviewed.

Questionnaires to Grade 12 Students

Questionnaires were completed by 285 grade 12 students. There are several opportunities to learn about nuclear weapons and the history of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Kansai Soka high school. We focused on collecting data from grade 12 students because they have undergone all education programs of Kansai Soka High School. The questionnaires included four questions which were created in relation to our research questions. The first question asked students what they thought of countries having nuclear weapons. The second
question asked the best way to learn about nuclear weapons. The third question was about what students learned in high school about nuclear issues. The last question was about what actions students want to take for abolishing nuclear weapons.

**Surveys to Hiroshima Fieldwork Members**

The questionnaires were conducted among Kansai Soka High School students who participated in the Fieldwork to Hiroshima during the summer (7 girls and 5 boys from grades 10-12). Among them, two students were interviewed how their views were changed toward nuclear weapons through their experiences in Hiroshima fieldwork.

**Questionnaires to Teachers**

Moreover, the questionnaires were conducted by the teachers in Kansai Soka High School. Their opinions were helpful to know current education of Kansai Soka high school and how this school should do to improve education. The teachers were asked four questions. First one was what they think about existing nuclear weapons. Second one was to check the experiences that they talked about nuclear issues in the classes. Third one was opinions for what high school students should learn about nuclear issues. Last one was the best method that teachers teach high school students about nuclear weapons.

**Results**

**Questionnaires for Students**

The questionnaires were answered by 285 grade 12 students. There were 112 male students and 106 female students. 33 students were gender undetermined and 34 students did not answer the questionnaires. Also, these questionnaires were conducted by 12 Hiroshima fieldwork members. There were 5 male students and 7 female students.
Question 1: What do you think of countries having nuclear weapons?

Most students thought that nuclear weapons should be never allowed. However, some students thought nuclear weapons are necessary for only crisis. Few students had their own opinion; whether it is important that countries have nuclear weapons, and people use nuclear weapons or not.
Question 2: What is the best way to learn about nuclear weapons?

Most students chose watching video, listening to the experiences of people who were bombed, and seeing pictures in order. Therefore, watching video is the most impressive way to learn about nuclear weapons.
Question 3: What did you learn about nuclear weapons in high school?

Most students have learned American perspectives, the damaged by nuclear bombings, and the reason why nuclear weapons were used. There were few students who have learned global actions, policies, deterrence theory, and peaceful use of nuclear energy. Hiroshima fieldwork members learned many things about nuclear weapons. However, there were few members who learned each country’s nuclear policy compared with other opinions.

List of Options
A: Process of bombings
B: Cause and effect
C: American’s perspective
D: Global action for nuclear abolition
E: Nuclear deterrence theory
F: Each country’s nuclear policy
G: Peaceful use of nuclear power
H: Nothing
I: Others
Question 4: What actions do you want to take for abolishing nuclear weapons?

According to the survey, these graphs show that boys tended to think that they did not want to do or have no idea for nuclear abolition. However, the ratio of the girls who answered that they did not want to make action in the future was few. These graphs indicate that boys tended to not be interested in making actions in the future. All members who went to Hiroshima field work thought that they wanted to make actions in the future.

List of Options
A: Researching about nuclear issues
B: Learning about the history of nuclear bombings
C: Watching TV about nuclear weapons or news
D: Participate in movements for nuclear abolition
E: Starting a new movement
F: Talking with family about nuclear issues
G: Visiting bombed area
H: Thinking nothing about nuclear abolition
I: Reluctant to make any actions
J: Others
Interviews

Interviews were conducted to two Kansai Soka high school grade 12 students (one male and one female). Our first question was “How did you change your mind for nuclear weapons through Hiroshima fieldwork?” At first, a male student said that Japan bombed nuclear weapons and had responsibilities. The reason why Japan was bombed is Japan took some terrible actions to America. However, after finishing Hiroshima field work, he changed his idea. He said that even though the opposite government lost correct direction, nuclear weapons should not be used forever. A female respondent, on the other hand, had been to Hiroshima for several times because her grandmother is a victim of nuclear bombing. Therefore, the student was interested in nuclear weapons before Hiroshima field work. She learned about nuclear weapons a lot toward Hiroshima Fieldwork. Hiroshima Fieldwork became a more meaningful experience than her usual visit so she realized the importance of learning nuclear weapons.

Our second question was “What should high school students learn about nuclear weapons?”

First, the fieldwork members emphasized the students’ ignorance of nuclear weapons. Even though Japan is a contamination country, most Japanese do not know about nuclear weapons a lot. The fieldwork members recommended that the students should visit the bombed places with knowledge, but it is difficult for students. Therefore, the fieldwork members said that the students should learn many things such as global situation and nuclear weapons are evil absolutely.

Another questionnaire was conducted to 9 teachers in Kansai Soka High School. Our first question was “What do you think about countries having nuclear weapons?” All teachers were against for having nuclear weapons. In addition, no one chose “Nuclear weapons are always necessary” and “Nuclear weapons are necessary only in crisis.”
Our second question was “Have you ever taught nuclear weapons in your class?” 5 teachers have taught about nuclear weapons, 3 teachers wanted to teach from now on and 1 teacher did not want to do.

Our third question was “What do you think high school students should learn about nuclear weapons?” Most teachers think that students should learn the damage caused by nuclear weapons, global action for nuclear abolition, and nuclear deterrence theory.

Our fourth question was “Which way do you choose when you teach about nuclear weapons?”
The highest answer was watching video. The main reason was video can give a big impact on students’ mind. The second highest answer was listening to the experience of being bombed. The main reason was hearing the voices from the survivors are precious experience. One of teachers answered all choices because the most effective way to learn about nuclear weapons is depend on the mind of individual.

Discussion

Questionnaires for Students

The questionnaires were conducted to grade 12 students and 12 Hiroshima fieldwork members in Kansai Soka High School. The first question was “what do you think of countries having nuclear weapons?” On this question, about 75 percent students chose that “the possession of nuclear weapons should never be allowed”. The results were similar to the survey done by Learning Cluster in last year. Compared with the students who joined Hiroshima FW, there were not the big differences between Hiroshima fieldwork members and 12 grade students. Based on this data, the students tended to think that nuclear weapons should be abolished. Second question was “what do you think is the most impressive way to learn about nuclear issues?” There were many students who chose “watching video”,

“listening the experiences of people who were bombed”, and “seeing the pictures” in order. Based on this data, watching video was the best impressive way to learn about nuclear weapons for high school students. Third question was “Choose everything you have learned in high school.” Over 75 percent students learned three topics: “American attitude toward nuclear weapons”, “cause and effect”, and “process of nuclear bombing”. There are many students who know the history of nuclear weapons, but they did not know the current situation of nuclear weapons. The students tended to learn history but not to learn current situation. Fourth question was “what actions do you want to take for abolishing nuclear weapons?” Unexpectedly, about 30 percent boys answered “thinking nothing about nuclear weapons”, and about 10 percent boys answered “reluctance to do for nuclear weapons”. These rates were much higher than girls’ one. Compared with the results of third question, academic effort was not related to briskness for nuclear abolition. In addition, all members who joined Hiroshima FW wanted to take actions for nuclear abolition. Based on these data, fieldwork led the students to want to make actions for nuclear abolition.

**Questionnaires for Teachers**

The questionnaires were conducted to 9 teachers. The first question was “what do you think about the nuclear bombs should be treated?” The result of this questionnaire was that all teachers chose that nuclear weapons should never be allowed.”. The second question was “have you ever picked up the story about nuclear weapons in your class?” The five teachers answered “yes”. This means that teachers have the strong conviction about anti-nuclear weapons education. The third question was “what do you think high school students should learn about nuclear weapons?” In this question, all teachers chose “the damage caused by nuclear bombings”. Even though it is very shocking, the teachers wanted the students to learn how cruel nuclear bombings were. Final question was “which do you choose when you will teach about nuclear weapons?” and most chosen answer was using videos. This result
was the same as what students answered. The reason why the teachers chose that options was that it is easy to understand and realize the awfulness of nuclear weapons by viewing sight. It means video has the most impressive impact on the students’ and teachers’ mind.

**Interviews for Hiroshima Fieldwork Members**

Two students who joined Hiroshima Fieldwork were interviewed in order to know about the differences between Hiroshima Fieldwork members and other students. First question was “how did you change your mind for nuclear weapons through Hiroshima Fieldwork?” According to the two students, Hiroshima Fieldwork made students think stronger that nuclear weapons are absolute evil. Second question was “what should high school students learn about nuclear weapons?” Since the two students learned about nuclear weapons a lot, Hiroshima Fieldwork became the important experiences for them. Therefore, the two students emphasized the importance of prior-learning. Based on their answers, high school students should learn many things such as current global situation, world affairs, and one firm belief that is nuclear weapons are evil absolutely.

**Proposal**

Based on the discussion, the authors propose the curriculums for Kansai Soka High School students depend on each grade. The goal of this curriculum is “To foster pioneers who create a tide for a world without nuclear weapons!” The authors want Kansai Soka High School students to make actions with compassion, wisdom and courage. Compassion means to sympathize with the victims of nuclear bombings. If the students don’t have compassion, they will not be active for nuclear abolition. Wisdom does not simply mean knowledge, but it means the mind to create value in people life. The authors want students to think about nuclear weapons with wisdom. Lastly, the authors want students to take actions with courage.
Grade 10 Students

The curriculum for grade 10 students is Hiroshima Fieldwork with the sufficient prior-learning. It is very important to conduct prior-learning because the students can understand the importance of learning in Hiroshima. From our survey, the students watch video about what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In addition, the students research about not only history but also current nuclear issues like nuclear deterrence theory to know about nuclear weapons deeply. In Hiroshima, the students learn how cruel nuclear weapons are through visiting Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and listening experiences by the victims of nuclear bombing because it can foster the mind of compassion.

Grade 11 Students

The curriculum for 11th grades is to interact with Kansai Soka Elementary School students. The survey shows that students have the passion about the problem of nuclear problems, but they do not really understand the way they need to do for this purpose. In the 10th grade, they learned a lot about nuclear issues. Therefore, it is important to output what they researched so far to the others as a next step and they can deepen their study more than before. In addition, the author would propose that students should make the materials by themselves such as presentation or picture book so that students can have the responsibility to tell about the nuclear issues to young generation. Also, children can learn about nuclear bombings with less shocking.

Grade 12 Students

The curriculum for grade 12 students is holding Soka Nuclear Abolition Summit. The students consider about nuclear issues with international relationships. Kansai Soka High School has sister schools around the world, such as Tokyo Soka High School, Brazil Soka High School, and Soka University of America. Among the students in these schools, the
students might be able to have meaningful discussions on nuclear issues. Through this program, the students can learn why nuclear weapons still exist and how difficult it is to abolish them from the perspective of several countries. According to the results of our questionnaire, Kansai Soka High School students know the cruelty of nuclear weapons, but they do not understand what prevent people from abolishing such weapons. The authors think students should face with the difficulty and complexity of nuclear issues because that is a reality. Through this conference, the students can realize their missions to change the current situation and they will be encouraged by the existence of companions for nuclear abolition.

Conclusion

Dr. Krieger said “Hope create Actions. Actions create Hope.” Even though the current nuclear issues are very difficult to solve, people especially youth must advance ahead for nuclear abolition with hope because they are the generation of change for the 21st century. Therefore, the students in Kansai Soka High School who learn the great philosophy from Ikeda and Toda have the great mission of making actions for nuclear abolition. In literature review, these studies were mentioned about current education in Japan, and what the authors learned through Hiroshima field work. The authors wanted to change the current nuclear education in Kansai Soka High School. Therefore, two types of surveys, questionnaires and interview, were conducted. Through these surveys, three important points were appeared. First, watching video was the best way to learn about nuclear issues for high school students. Second, learning about nuclear weapons deeply before visiting Hiroshima made Hiroshima fieldwork be more fruitful. Third, learn current nuclear issues in the current education. Based on these findings, the authors created the curriculum depend on each grade for fostering pioneers who create a tide for a world without nuclear weapons. First, grade 10 students join Hiroshima fieldwork with the sufficient prior-learning to have compassion. Second, grade 11
students teach the children in Kansai Soka Elementary School about what the students learned about nuclear weapons to cultivate wisdom. Third, grade 12 students hold Soka Nuclear Abolition Summit with other Soka educational schools. As researching about education for nuclear abolition, the author suggested that educating youth having one strong spirit that is very important for creating a world without nuclear weapons. Until nuclear abolition will be achieved, the author determined to continue seeking the humanistic path toward nuclear abolition.
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Appendix B

原爆教育に関するアンケート

男性・女性 教科

私たちはラーニングクラスターで核廃絶のための教育について学んでいます。そこで、先生方が原爆教育についてどのような意見を持っているかを調べることにしました。お忙しいところ恐縮ですが、ご協力いただければ幸いです。なお担当教科ごとの結果を公表することはありません。（社会科を除く）

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3. 生徒が高校生のうちに学んでおくべきだと思うものを全て選んでください。
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□被爆の被害・原爆の悲惨さ
□アメリカ人の原爆投下に対する意識
□核軍縮、核廃絶に向けた国際社会の取り組み
□核抑止論について
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□詩を読む、聞く
□写真を見る
□その他（ ）
理由

ご協力ありがとうございました。
現在、世界には約1億6795万人もの子供が児童労働を強いられています。これは世界の子供の人口の11パーセントを占める割合です。2016年7月22日、私達はJICAを訪問し児童労働に関する授業を受け、児童労働は私たちの生活に密接につながっている問題であり、それを解決していくのは私達一人一人であるのだと気が付きました。インターネットや本を用いてリサーチして児童労働の悪影響、原因を調べるなかで、消費者の意識を変革することが児童労働の撲滅につながるということが分かり、また人々の意識を上げるための消費者教育は有効であることを知りました。そこで私たちは児童労働を解決するために、二つの設問を上げました。

1. 児童労働に対する意識を向上させるためにどのような消費者教育が求められているのか
2. どのように青年は児童労働の撲滅に向かって他の人々に影響を与えていけるのだろうか

私たちは関西創価高校の2年生20人、3年生20人の計40人をランダムで抽出し、インタビューを行いました。インタビューを通して、多くの生徒が児童労働に対する知識をTVまたは授業から得ることができましたが、自分たちに何ができるのかまでは考えることができなかったということが分かりました。私たちはこのことから、児童労働に対する意識を向上させる、問題を解決するための教育プランとしてワークショップスタイルの教育を提案します。このワークショップは、ゲーム、ビデオ視聴、ディスカッションで構成されており、生徒が能動的に学べる形になっています。先進国の企業、または消費者のどちらかを担当し、生徒が異なる立場から児童労働という問題を見つめるなかで、児童労働の問題は私たちの生活と密接にかかわっているということを実感することができます。次に児童労働の実態について学ぶビデオを見て、児童労働の実態をより詳しく学ぶことができます。最後のディスカッションでは、グループで学んだことや考えたことを共有するなかで自分たちの生活と児童労働の関係性を理解し、また意見を共有して解決方法を考えるなかで、自分たちにも児童労働に対して何か行動を起こせるという自信につなげていきます。なお、提言を作るにあたって利用したインタビュー結果は関西創価高校の生徒だけを対象に行ったインタビューであるために他の学校ではまた違った結果が得られることが考えられます。私達の研究が、消費者の児童労働に対する意識向上に少しでも役立つことを願っています。
An Educational Program for Japanese High School Students against Child Labour

As the world gets more globalized, we can buy a number of and various kinds of imported products. However, few people have probably thought that those products can be made at the expense of children’s rights, which is known as child labour. According to International Labour Organization, about 168 million children, about 11% of the children all over the world, are engaged in child labour. It means that one out of nine children in the world is a child labourer. The products displayed on the stores you often go are possibly made by child labourers. In fact, Japan imports many products which might be made by child labourers such as cacao beans, cotton and coffee. For example, according to Nagoya International Center, 80 percent of cacao in Japan is from Ghana, and in Ghana, approximately 100 million children are said to be working in cacao farms. When we visited Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on July 22nd, 2016, a lecturer there helped us realize that child labour was closely related to our lives and immediate eradication of child labour is our mission. According to Global March International Secretariat, consumers are playing a key role in both encouraging and eliminating child labour. Although they can eliminate child labour, many do not know what they can do. To help them be aware of their roles and understand what they can do, we propose consumer education for Japanese high school students. This education, we believe, enables consumers to understand what they can do and eventually help them avoid buying products made by child labourers. Our proposal focuses on the youth because they are the future generation who, with passion, makes the world the better place.
Literature Review

Current Situation

Definition of child labour. According to International Labour Organization, Child labour is defined as the work that affect negatively children’s potential, dignity, and childhood, which makes harmful effect on their physical and mental growth. The labour includes the work 1) that deprives children of opportunities to receive education and 2) that involves physical danger, lacks social security, and harms children’s morality, causing various problems including depression, drug dependence, and sexual exploitation (Humanium). For example, slavery, child trafficking, sexual exploitation are the example of the worst forms of child labour (International Labour Organization).

Causes of child labour. Poverty is one of serious causes of child labour. In many poor families, parents are not educated and do not have work in which they earn enough money to support their families by themselves. Under the circumstance, they cannot let their children go to school and instead must force them to work. Those children will be uneducated grown-ups without skills to get proper jobs. As a consequence, they take jobs with lower payment, just like their parents. When they have children, those children again are not allowed to go to schools because they have to work and support their families. (Sinha, S.).

Our actions as consumers are also closely related to child labour because our demand for cheap products creates the vicious circle of child labour. We, consumers, want to buy products at the cheap price, and we are more likely to choose cheaper ones if we have choice between the same products with different prices. In order to sell the products and make profit, companies try to lower the cost of production as much as they can. This leads the companies to employ cheaper labour force by, for example, making factories in developing countries. In those countries, the labour force is more likely to be child labour because children are cheaper than adult workers.
As shown above, consumers are actually playing a truly important role. They need to be more aware of the issue, pay attention to the background of products they buy, and require manufacturers not to use child labourers (Child Labour Network).

**Consumer Education**

How can consumers be more aware of the issue? Today, many organizations promote consumer education to raise consumers’ awareness in order to eliminate child labour. One of the organizations which provide consumer education, Consumer Classroom, says that consumer education is a fundamental education and teaches people the skills, attitudes and knowledge which are required to live appropriately in a consumer society. The organization helps and encourages teachers to teach the youth the conscious and proper way to behave in a consumer society, and makes the youth understand their role as consumers to create a sustainable society.

In Japan, for instance, one program of consumer education named “What We Can See through Chocolates” was introduced in high school. In the lesson, students understood the situation of child labour, thought about actions in order to create the world without child labourers, and realized the importance of raising voice and take actions. After the program, one student said “I was able to get hope to change the world through our actions.” Another student said, “I want to do what I can do and fulfill my responsibility as consumers” (Consumer Affairs Agency). So, consumer education can help its learners not only to understand the issue and to raise consumers’ awareness towards the elimination of child labour but also to find out what they can do and do that.

**Research Questions**

Based on our research, we believe that consumer education is effective to abolish child labour, and it will eventually break the vicious circle of child labour. We also believe
this education is more likely to be successful with the youth because the youth are going to create the future. To provide an effective consumer education program to the youth and to help them to take actions toward the elimination of child labour, we asked ourselves two questions.

The first question was “What kind of consumer education is required to raise awareness towards child labour?” We ask ourselves this question in order to find out what is effective to raise consumers’ awareness. As mentioned in the literature review, child labour and consumers are closely related. Therefore, we believe raising awareness of consumers through consumer education can have significant impact on abolishing child labour.

The second question was, “How can high school students help others get involved in the abolishment of child labour?” We would like to shed light on how the youth can influence others towards abolishment of child labour because the youth has the future and they will have a lot of opportunities to meet others. If they help each other and create the good solidarity, they will be able to create the world without child labour.

**Methodology**

The goal of our research is to propose an effective educational program that helps the youth deeply understand child labour, find what they can do to solve this issue, and take actions toward the world without child labour.

In order to reach the goal, we interviewed high school students about child labour. After they answer, we analyze students’ answers to find out their thinking, attitude toward child labour, and degree of their awareness on the issue of child labour. Based on our findings, we propose a lesson plan for high school students to deepen their understanding of the issue of child labour and to motivate them to take actions against child labour.
Purpose

We interviewed high school students to learn how much students know about child labour and to find out what kind of education students need and why. With the result of the interview, we will make our proposal for educational programs.

Subjects

From November 7th to November 11th in 2016, we asked questions about child labour to ten male students and ten female students randomly selected by a computer from each of second and third year students in high school.

Procedure

We asked four questions of students in Japanese, in the morning, break time between classes, or after school (See Appendix). It took about five minutes to ask these questions per a student. During the interview, we were very careful not to lead interviewees to answer what we hoped by providing information, and we gave them enough time to answer each question.

Data Analysis

When all the forty students finished answering, we gathered the answers and analyzed. Even though we collected the data from 40 students, some of them did not answer clearly. The data was classified and analyzed in several ways. The result was shown below, using figures or tables with percentage and numbers.

Results

In order to learn the students’ recognition about child labour, students were asked whether they knew the word “Child labour,” and all of the 40 respondents answered that they have heard child labour before. The second question was given to find what kind of media affect students’ recognition toward child labour the most. To this question, about 39 % of the respondents answered “TV” followed by “class”, which was 24% (see Figure 1).
The Result of Question 2. TV and class affect the students’ recognition toward child labour the most.

In the third question, students answered whether they could learn what they could do against child labour through the media they answered. To this question, the number of respondents who answered NO was twice more than the number of respondents who answered YES (see Table 1).

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Finally, in order to learn the students’ way of thinking toward child labour, students were asked what word they associate the word, “child labour,” with. The number of respondents who answered poverty and who answered developing countries were the same, 8, and the highest number of all (see Figure 2).
Q4 What do you associate "child labour" with?

![Graph showing responses to Q4](image)

Figure 2. The Result of Question 4. Respondents associated child labour with developing countries and poverty the most.

**Discussion**

From the first and second questions, all students know child labour, and many of them learned child labour through TV programs or in class (including GRIT). Since the majority of the students knew child labour through TV programs, it can be assumed that visual aids is effective to let students understand the issue. In order to research the influence of TV and class on students’ attitude toward solving child labour, we compared the answers on the question 3 of those who answered “TV” on the question 2 and ones of those who answered “class” on the question 2. To our surprise, the result showed that TV and class taught students child labour but did not help them learn what kind of actions students could take toward the abolition of child labour (see Figure 3 and 4).
Many students answered they thought the main causes of child labour are “Poverty” or “Non-educated students.” Therefore, it is safe to say that students understand the situation where children engage in child labour due to poverty and that those children work without attending to schools. Also, many students associate child labour with “developing countries”
probably because they have learned or heard that child labour takes place in developing countries, but not in developed countries. In the interview, one of the students said she could not feel child labour was a serious issue because she lives in Japan. This can mean that students do not feel that the issue is close to their lives.

**Proposal**

In order to raise the youth’s awareness toward the issue of child labour for the future without child labour, we propose an educational program with workshop. Workshop provides spontaneous learning environment which allows learners to feel closer to a topic and to explore their ideas. We believe this helps the learners to find out what they can do about child labour. This workshop consists of following three sections: game, video, and discussion.

First, students will be divided into two groups: a group of consumers and one of companies. In the group of consumers, students are divided into a few smaller groups, and each group plays a family. These families consist of the different number of students, and each family is given a different amount of money. The group of companies also has smaller groups within it, and they make the same product. However, they are assigned to sell the products with different price; some sell at a higher price, and others sell at a lower price. The companies have to compete against each other to make the biggest profit. When the game begins, each family buys the product from the companies for its members, as they consider the money they have. A few minutes later, seeing the result, students in the groups of companies discuss what they do to make more profit; for example, they can lower the price of the product or raise the price. Then, students in the consumer groups are asked to buy the product again. As this goes on several times, a teacher asks questions such as what students in company groups do to sell more products and if they lower the price. Then, the teacher explains the one way to lower the price is to cut the labour cost, and to do so, they fire their
employees and/or employ cheaper workers such as children. By doing so, the teacher can enable students to explore the system that consumers affect the economy and can cause child labour. By finding that their lives and behaviors are closely related to the issue, we hope that they realize their responsibility as ones who cause the issue.

After that, all the learners watch videos that show the current situation of child labour. From the interview result that most of the students learned child labour through TV, the use of visual aids is considered to be effective.

Then with understanding gained from the game and the videos, students divided into groups which consist of those who play consumers in the game and of those who play workers in companies. First, in the discussion, students are encouraged to share why they, consumers and companies, make each decision; for instance, students in the groups of consumers can share why they buy cheaper products and those in the groups of companies why they raise or lower the price of the product. This also gives the students an opportunity to explore how child labourers are produced and to discuss what they can do against child labour. With their experience in the previous game and perspectives of consumers and ones of companies they learn, they are more likely to have more practical and feasible solutions.

**Limitations**

Although the research was conducted as accurate as possible, there are still some limitations. First, since only 40 students were given a questionnaire, the results would be different if this questionnaire were given to a greater number of students. Second, since we asked only students in Kansai Soka High School, one of Super Global High schools (high schools which focus on the training of globalized leaders who will be able to play active roles on the international stage through education), it can be said that students in Kansai Soka High School might have more opportunities to learn about global issues; therefore, they may have more opportunities to learn about global issues and know the global issues better than other
Conclusion

The number of child labour has significantly decreased for the past decade. However, still many children who are forced to work under dangerous environment or who are prevented from going to school are left in the world. When students think about child labour, they feel the issue is not related to their daily lives. However, our research tells that our behavior is closely related to child labour. The interview results showed that many students do not know what they can do about child labour. Our proposal, therefore, tries to solve the issue by raising students’ awareness toward child labour and to lead them to take actions to eliminate child labour. Our proposal suggests the workshop style educational program consisted by a game, video, and discussion, in order to let students actively think about child labour. In order to realize the world without child labour, each of us need to find what we can do about child labour. Even though children are working in places far away from Japan, as shown above, our actions can tell that child labour is not acceptable indeed. We hope our proposal help the world to reach the goal.
References


Appendix

Interview Questions

Q1: Do you know the word "child labour"?

Q2: How did you know about child labour?

Q3: Did the media give you an opportunity to think about what action you can make to contribute to the eradication of child labour?

Q4: What do you associate “child labour” with?
概要
2001年9月11日に発生したアメリカ同時多発テロ事件を境に、世界中でテロへの危機感が高まっています。この緊迫したテロ対策として挙げられるのが、空爆や武力行使による反撃です。しかし、今なお、テロによる被害は後を絶たず、暴力の応酬による負の連鎖が生じています。そこで、私たちは、この暴力の連鎖を打ち切る、非暴力的手段によるテロ対策を探るため、次の2つの設問を考えました。

1. 現代社会におけるテロの原因は何か？
2. 私たち高校生が提案することのできるテロ対策は何か？

様々な調べ学習を通し、私たちは、テロの一つの根本的要因にたどり着くことができました。それは、テロリストが内に抱える排他的心理です。全ての根源は、この他の異なる価値観や意見を否定する排他的心理にあると考えました。しかし、一方で、今日のテロ対策には、この排他的心理をさらに助長させる暴力的手段が数多く存在します。これらの武力行使は、短期的な結果を得ることはできますが、長期的なテロ対策には適していません。したがって、非暴力的な手段が必要とされます。私たちは、その平和的手段こそ、「対話」であると提案します。人類の歴史を振り返ると、1989年の冷戦終結などを始め、数多くの戦争は、首脳間による対話で終結を迎えています。同様に、現代のテロ問題は、この対話の力によって、互いを尊敬し、生命を尊重し、排他的心理を協調的心理に変えることで、真に解決することができます。このことから、私たちは次の3つのことを提案します。①9月11日を国連提唱の国際的記念日「対話の日」に指定すること、②国連の監修による「対話への挨拶」運動を各高校で実施すること、③対話の重要性を世界中に広めるビデオを作成、拡散することを提案します。この提言の作成にあたり、私たちは実際にテロリストたちと接触し、対話を行うことは非常に困難であるため、まずは身近な人との人間関係を向上させていこうと結論しました。また、対話によるテロ対策は、非常に長期的な目標であり、短期的な結果が望めないことが欠点として挙げられます。しかしながら、私たちが目指す平和な世界は、暴力を絶対的として許さない、生命尊厳の平和の文化であり、この過程には、いかなる尊い生命の犠牲もあってはならないと考えます。この高校生平和提言を読むことによって、互いの差異を認め、価値を見出す対話の可能性に気付き、共に平和の文化構築へ挑戦する人が増えていくことを願ってやみません。
Using Dialogue to Counter Terrorism and Create Inclusive Communities

Since September 11, 2001, with terrorist acts having taken place at the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the world has been threatened by the fear of terrorism. Nations have tried to solve terrorism through the use of violence. Contrary to the purpose, the power of violence just accelerates the spiral of retribution as today’s terror-attacks show. Some individuals, however, have overcome dispute and violence through non-violent action means such as the example of the life of Mahatma Gandhi (Ikeda, 2002). In order to realize the world without violence, people must overcome the difference and prejudice against other people whoever they are through peaceful means. This proposal explores how high school students can make inclusive communities where no one feels left behind, where the fear of terrorism can be transformed into the confidence in the bonds between individual community members. The goal of this proposal is to explain an alternative method for fighting terrorism and creating peace that citizens can do in their everyday life. Now is the time to choose the culture of peace with courage and believe in the power of dialogue to ensure the peaceful advance towards the future of human beings.

Literature Review

Basic Recognition of Terrorism

Definition of terrorism. Internationally-agreed definition of terrorism does not exist. Though, United States of America (18 U.S. Code § 2332b - Acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries) defines the term "federal crime of terrorism" as an offense that: is calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to counterattack against government conduct; and is a violation of one of several listed statutes, including § 930(c) (relating to killing or attempted killing during an attack on a federal facility with a
dangerous weapon); and § 1114 (relating to killing or attempted killing of officers and employees of the U.S.).

**Recent History of Terrorism-World Trade Center and Pentagon Attack**

On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center in New York City, and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, were both attacked by terrorists who hijacked commercial airlines, ordered by Osama bin Laden, the commander of the terrorist group: Al-Qaeda (Bergen, 2006). Due to this attack, a total of 2,977 people were killed. These attacks became most miserable murder caused by terrorists in 21 century while terrorism took place since a long time ago, and for the sake of retribution, America initiated Afghan War and Iraq War (CNN.com, 2016).

**Counter-Terrorism Institutions**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.** The number of victims of terrorist acts, including injuries, abductions, and hostages, exceptionally increased from 2011 to 2014. (mofa.go.jp, 2016)

Also, with the upcoming 2020 Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan is required to cope with terrorism to prevent terrorists from attacking. Actually, some terror attacks were implemented to threaten Japanese citizen, for example, bombings in Bali, Indonesia in 2005, hostage killing in Iraq in 2004, attack in Mumbai, India in 2008, attack on a natural gas purification plant in Algeria in 2013, hostage killing in Syria in 2015, and Bardo National
Museum attack in Tunisia in 2015. To tackle this threat of terrorism, Japan has strived to fabricate firm connections across a wide range of fields and long-term countermeasures to eradicate and prevent terrorism. Consequently, Japan participated in the G7 Summit Meeting, and Ministry Plenary of the Global Counterterrorism Forum. In this way, Japanese government has provided capacity building assistance for counter-terrorism for Middle East and around Middle East (mofa.go.jp, 2016).

The Japanese ministry of foreign affairs held a series of seminars entitled, “Dialogue among civilizations between Japan and the Islamic World,” from 2001 to 2009. These seminars were held seven times, and representatives of twenty-five countries exchanged their principles to promote mutual understanding (mofa.go.jp, 2010).

**Japan Middle East Student Conference (JMESC).** The Japan Middle East Student Conference (JMESC) was established in 1993, and consists of Japanese university students. JMESC’s principle is, “Take action before something happens (working translation),” and JMESC is trying to eliminate the prejudice against Middle Eastern countries reported through media, and create opportunities for free discussion between Japanese and Middle Eastern university students. JMESC aims for promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Middle East, reinforcement of commitment from Japan to Middle East, and training of human resources as a bridge between Japan and Middle East. Based on these purposes, JMESC has planned and participated in events connected to building better relationships with Middle Eastern people. For example, JMESC held seminars called, “Dialogue between Japan and Islamic world toward the future,” which were focused on human resource development, employment, and differences in both Japanese and Islamic societies (Japan Middle East Student Conference, 2016).
The United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilization. The United Nations declared 2001 as 'The international year of dialogue among civilization' to raise collective efforts to interact among civilizations and strengthen the relationship among nations which promotes universal respect of human rights and fundamental freedom for all. The aim of the year was to explore diversity and respect differences which exist between religions, nations, cultures, and civilizations. Governments, international organizations, and other civil societies were motivated to implement cultural, educational, and social programs to promote the concept of this designation, and tried to foster dialogue about diversity and ethics (United Nations, 1998).

Current Situation of Counter-Terrorism in Japan

Three principles for counter-terrorism. Department of risk management, Nihon university, was established in Tokyo on April, 2016. This department's purpose is to learn about the kinds of security, for example, disaster management, information security, public security and global security. According to studies of this faculty, prevention before happening terrorist attack is utmost important for Counter-Terrorism. The notion of prevention has elaborated three principles for Counter-Terrorism. The first principle is “Do not allow terrorists to enter Japan.” To realize this principle, the government has to strengthen management of entry into Japan and international cooperation. The second principle is, “Do not allow terrorists to build bases for terrorist attack.” Terrorists often need an infrastructure to prepare for a terrorist attack, so the government must not allow terrorists to build their bases in Japan and must actively find people who may be connected with terrorists. The third principle is “do not allow terrorists to carry out terrorist attack.” The scariest thing is happening terrorist attack, so government and police have to strengthen security and management of explosives and some materials like that (Nihon University, 2016).
**Strategies of Counter-Terrorism.** To prevent terrorist attack, the Japanese government created the “Plan of Action for Prevention Before Terrorist Attack” (Office of Prime Minister in Japan, 2004), which is focused on how to prevent a terrorist attack before it happens. Previously, the Japanese government had been implementing another plan for counter-terrorism focusing on dealing with terrorist attacks after the fact. “Plan of action 2008 to realize strong society against crimes” (Office of Prime Minister in Japan, 2008) and “Strategy for creation the safest country in the world, Japan” (Office of Prime Minister in Japan, 2013) were written about mainly how to build strong society against all malicious crimes which include terrorism. According to this plan, strengthening security at shorelines like airports and harbors and information gathering with foreign countries are good ways for precaution. In addition to these strategies, Japanese understanding and cooperation are also important to prevent terrorist attacks. Through these various ways, Japan can create an original strategy for prevention of terrorist attacks (Office of Prime Minister in Japan, 2004).

**Research Questions**

As high school students who cannot interact with terrorists directly, the actions that can be taken to counter terrorism in the world today seem limited. As a result, the purpose of this proposal is to find the actions that can be done by high school students. In pursuit of these actions, the following research questions were created:

1. What are the roots of terrorism in current society?
2. What kind of suggestions for counter-terrorism can high school student give to institutions such as the United Nations, government agencies and local public organizations?

Currently, the world uses military force to prevent the prevalence of terrorism. However, even though the global military forces can effectively diffuse one act of terrorism
through the means of violence, another act of terrorism will take place again, therefore the goal should be the elimination of the roots of terrorism. These two research questions aim to address the actions that can contribute to eradication of terrorism by the efforts of high school students.

**Methodology**

To seek the answer of research questions, two research methods that focused on daily life was conducted. The first project was to experience creating a sense of inclusiveness, in order to have a dialogue, recognition to the person, and interaction with him or her is prerequisite. Thus, to establish the fundamental of trust, greeting was decided as one of the best way to begin a stage for dialogue. Thus, “Greet to Great Dialogue,” which was named in case this project can be recommended as campaign to high school students later, was carried out. The goal of this campaign was to collect participants’ personal experiences in trying to create a personal connection with another person in their immediate environment that they think they exclude from their lives. This campaign lasted for eight days, from October 31, 2016 to November 12, 2016. Three days, November 3,5, and 6, had no activity. The participants of this campaign were the members of our group, who are second, and third year Japanese High school students, two boys and two girls. Each group member determined to connect with two individuals studying in the same class, at the same high school. The total number of participants was twelve, including group members. Every morning, during class, and after school, each group member attempted to greet their two individual subjects and note the details of each interaction, such as when and how long the interaction was held, the subjects’ reaction, and the group member’s own feelings. Group members reflected on why that day’s interaction happened the way it did, and then made a determination for the next day’s interaction.
The second project was to collect personal experiences related to dialogue. The goal of this project was to collect additional information on the positive effect of dialogue. Each group member personally spoke with individuals in their lives whom they already had a connection with, and recorded experiences related to overcoming a difficult relationship using dialogue. The lengths of these personal stories are up to 15 minutes, and the identities of the participants have been kept anonymous. Using personal experiences, and those of others who have successfully overcome difficult relationships using dialogue, a solid action plan were going to be made to submit to organizations including Kansai Soka high school, other schools and community organizations, as well as government institutions.

**Results**

Each group member participated in a daily campaign named Greet to Great Dialogue Campaign to greet several students over the course of eight days. The purpose of greeting campaign was to making the environment in which people can have a dialogue whoever they are. For this reason, some classmates who did not have good relationship with us were chosen and were conducted this Greet to Great Dialogue Campaign. As a result, all members were successfully able to build a good connection with their classmates. The following is a sample explanation of the results of 3rd year female student.

At the beginning of this campaign, one female research participant disliked a classmate because she could not understand the classmate’s behavior in class and felt scared to initiate communication. Therefore, greeting everyday required so much courage for her. The research participant continued greeting until she could get a response. The most surprising moment was when the research participant and the classmate enjoyed collaborating on the same team during P.E. class. Experiencing these interactions, the research participant was able to realize the friend’s unique character and good points.
Conducting with “Greet to Great Dialogue” Campaign, in the course of ten days, eight experiences were collected related to overcoming difficult relationships using dialogue. The purpose of collecting these experiences was to gather evidence of using dialogue to overcome differences. All experiences were classified into four categories: new perspectives, finding one’s own prejudices, opening one’s mind, and interactions with people of different beliefs.

The first category of experiences, “new experiences,” were related to rebuilding relationships between two individuals due to the realization of a new way of thinking, and also using dialogue to persuade an individual to change their own perspective. In one experience, a man left his hometown and started to work in a different prefecture. However, there were only new things for him in his new workplace, so he had no idea about the meaning of working. He frankly spoke with his senior and was encouraged to work for his family’s life.

The second category of experiences was related to finding one’s own prejudices and overcoming them through dialogue. In one experience, a girl thought that her friend was hating her. The girl had a dialogue with another friend and recognized she behaved badly to the friend and. It was misunderstanding she was hated by the friend.

The third category of experiences were related to changing people’s mind through having dialogue with them whom people used to reject or had a bad image to. In one experience was about a man who was a diplomat. His first job was to develop a village in Philippines. He tried to dialogue with the local villagers. However, they did not respond to him. The head person of the village especially disliked Japanese people because his son was killed by Japanese soldiers during WWII. The diplomat continued to try interacting with them, and eventually the villagers decided to communicate with him. As a result, he was able to successfully develop the village together with the villagers.
The fourth category of experiences was related to creating a sense of solidarity among people by understanding each other’s beliefs. In one experience, a boy had anxiety about his school club. He was wondering why his club members were not united. The team decided to hold a meeting, and all club members talked about their feelings about club activities. The result of dialoguing together was that all club members were able to unite and decide one goal to go to same direction together.

Discussion

The collected experiences of dialogue suggested for the step by step elimination of exclusion in human beings. People who implement terrorism attacks insist on their own beliefs, and stop having interactions with other opinions. To resolve this situation, it is highly required to have two components: a new perspective that can respect other beliefs and the ability to notice our own prejudices. As people eliminate prejudice against other beliefs, they can gradually open their mind and start to interact with each other. This interaction will provide people with new perspectives, and this cycle will continue to repeat itself and involve other people, thus expanding one’s sense of inclusiveness.

The second method of qualitative data collection was known as the “Greet to Great Dialogue Campaign.” Each group member chose two target students, whom the group member originally did not want to connect with willingly. In the span of eight days, each participant attempted to build a relationship with each target student. The results of this interaction project were that subjects’ attitudes towards us were changed like having conversation by themselves, the number of friends of each group member increased, and the members’ attitudes towards subjects were changed from being passive to becoming active and from having a lack of confidence to feeling more confident to have conversations. Becoming more familiar with interacting with people who have different ideas during this
campaign, group member’s feelings of inclusiveness increased, and they experienced the power of dialogue. However, the complete extent of the effect of the campaign was difficult to see because it was difficult to deepen their relationships in such a short term. If the campaign had lasted longer, stronger relationships could have been built. Through this campaign, the necessity of time was found to be crucial to build strong relationships where people can trust each other perfectly. Counter-terrorism is also a long span measure. It might take long time to eliminate all threats, but only such continuous efforts to connect with human beings is the path to a peaceful, and inclusive world. Continuous dialogue is urgently required among and within nations, civilizations, religions, and individuals to achieve permanent peace.

Proposals

As a result of the data collection, these ideas are being suggested to promote the creation of a sense of solidarity among people in order to eradicate the feelings of exclusion that people hold towards other people.

1. Establishing September 11th as the day of dialogue in international days which are observed by United Nations

In the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, 2977 people dead (CNN.com, 2016). Not to forget this tragedy of terrorism, and to emphasize dialogue as a way to eradicate terrorism, this day September 11th is determined as the “Day of Dialogue.” By establishing the day of dialogue as internationally-agreed days, in addition, dialogue will be celebrated as significant aspect of human life, and also by promoting dialogue by utilizing social media, people can establish chain reactions of human to human connection via sharing and deepening the vitality of dialogue.
2. Conduct the “Greet to Great Dialogue” Campaign in high schools as a United Nation’s activity

Through the Greet to Great Dialogue Campaign, individuals create the opportunity to construct and improve relationships by implementing this campaign as a school activity on the “Day of Dialogue.” The more this campaign continues, the more people can feel closer to each other, and eventually they can have dialogue in their immediate surroundings.

3. Request the United Nations to promote the creation and sharing videos of experiences of overcoming obstacles through dialogue

To promote dialogue via social media, videos that describe people’s experience of dialogue will be made. Sharing the video emphasizes the importance of sharing one’s own experiences of having dialogue and inspires others to voluntarily continue to share their experience of dialogue, and many people are using social media to get current information in the world, so sharing videos make it easy to spread the great power of dialogue.

Through these proposed ideas, people can spread the action of dialogue and have the opportunity to transform their own feelings of exclusion into a sense of inclusion.

Limitations

In order to have dialogue with terrorist, direct contact would have to be made. However, this is not accomplished due to current condition. Also, compared with violent action that is conducted in today’s world like air bombing, dialogue is long-term manner because people cannot have a dialogue with terrorist directly. Thus, counter-terrorism through dialogue will take time to expand the range of inclusive communities to the realm of terrorists.

As for campaigns, Greet to Great dialogue campaign was held only eight days because of lack of time. To see the effects of continuous dialogue more, the campaign needs
to be held for a longer span. Also, this campaign was held in only Kansai Soka high school, and the results were lack of varieties because participants were only four students. In some days, the results could not be collected because the targets were absent.

In addition, making and sharing video via social media is not permitted by school yet due to matter of privacy. Therefore, currently, the effect of sharing video is obscure to show the importance of dialogue by utilizing social communication tools. Consequently, it is difficult to show the example video that tells people dialogue as vital component to eliminate exclusion from our hearts in the action of making video.

**Conclusion**

This proposal gives the way to promote dialogue instead of violence for counter-terrorism. The literature review shows tragedy of terrorism and approach of institutions for counter-terrorism. In the research questions, significance of study clarifies the benefit of promoting dialogue. The methodology describes the way of this proposal’s research including the approach to construct the result which becomes the components of the discussion. The proposal gives methods to high school and institutions based on the date collections. Counter-Terrorism is not just stopping terrorist attacks. Counter-Terrorism must defuse the sense of exclusion within people; otherwise the tragedy of terrorism will take place again and again. Daisaku Ikeda (2002) said “fire cannot extinguish fire.” Similarly, violence cannot extinguish violence. People have to extinguish the frame of hatred with a flood of dialogue.
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Appendix

Record of Greet to Great Dialogue Campaign in 2016

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Social Interaction for Independent Agriculture

People who suffer from shortage of nutrition are one ninth in world. For solving this problem, a lot of policy was conducted. For example, donations for developing countries and exchange of technology have been conducted many times. However, I think that supporting is not enough to solve this problem. My research question is “For supporting independent agriculture, how do we promote social interaction?” Currently, social interaction plays an important role for zero hunger because farmers need to do business for living independently. Farming investment is one solution, but this solution sometimes causes the problem such as robbing land. My proposal is strengthening the interaction of social and political organization and making international rules of farming investment in United Nations Assembly. By doing this, the rights of framers can be protected. However, rules cannot force countries. In conclusion, strengthening the interaction of social and political organization and making international rules will help made zero hunger in the world.
論題
飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力
～自立した農業のための民間交流の促進～

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第1章 序論

「飢餓」とは、おなかに何も入っていないという空腹状態、活動的な生活を送るために身体が最低限必要とするカロリー（エネルギー）を摂取できていない状態である低栄養、またタンパク質、エネルギー、微量栄養素（ビタミン・ミネラル）の摂取が不足している状態の栄養不良を指す。特に急性栄養不良は衰弱と呼ばれる。

現在、2015年にFAO（国際連合食糧農業機関）が報告した『世界の食料不安の現状2015年報告』によると、「2014～2016年現在、世界中でおよそ7億9500万人の人々が栄養不足に苦しんでおり、これは9人に1人の割合となる。もっとも、全人口における栄養不足人口の割合、すなわち栄養不足蔓延率（PoU）は、1990～1992年の18.6％から2014～2016年の10.9％に低下しており、増加する世界人口に占める栄養不足人口は減少していることがわかる。」と述べている。これらから考えられるように、飢餓人口は減少しつつあるも、依然として大きな問題であることがわかる。

2016年の1学期から2学期にかけて、関西創価高校ではスーパーグローバルハイスクール事業の一環として高校3年生が各国の大使となって模擬国連を行い、私も参加した。そこでその議題は「飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力」であり、結果として高校3年生として決議案を作成することができた。それらの経験から、飢餓を終息するにはどのようにすればよいのかを更に考察を重ねることになった。

その結果として、「自立した農業を支える民間交流を促進するために、官民連携を強化し、農業投資における国際的なルールの制定を国連総会でするべきである」と結論づけた。

第2章 飢餓の終息と民間交流

今回の研究をすすめるにあたって、「飢餓の終息」とは飢餓に苦しむ農業従事者が自らの能力によって生活できるようになる状態であると考えた。食べ物が必要としている人々のもとに供給されることも重要ではあるが、最終的にはその人々が援助のない状態で生活できる状態にすることが必要不可欠であると考えた。私は2017年1月5日に飢餓の終息に向け様々な活動を行っている国際協力ＮＧＯ団体のハンガーフリーワールドの熊坂直輝さんに電話インタビューを行った。そのインタビューの中で熊坂さんは「私たちは様々な援助を行いますが、最終的には現地から撤退します。なので、現地の人が力をつけることが大事だと私は思います。」と述べておられた。これらのことから、いかにして現在弱い立場である人々が自ら生活する力をつけるかに焦点をあてた。

この上で重要な役割を果たすのは民間交流である。それは、援助から自立した立場に移る上で農業従事者がビジネスを行うことが必要になるためである。だが、資金もない状態でビジネスを行うことは難しい。また知識もないままに行うのはリスクがある。そこで農業投資によるビジネスを始めることが、自立への第一歩として考えた。次章からは農業投資について考察する。
第３章　農業投資

第１節　農業投資の現状

「農業投資」とは農業従事者が資金をもとに農業技術や貯蓄技術を向上させ、生産性の増大を図るということであるが他の意味もある。民間企業や国家、国際機関など農業に直接従事していない外部による資金援助により生産性の向上を目指すという意味や、経済援助だけでなく技術援助も一種の農業投資である。JAICAF（国際農林業協働協会）が2013年に発行した『生産増大と生産性向上のための農業投資の促進』によると「農業投資は貧困を削減し、農業の生産性を向上させ、環境の持続可能性を高めるための最も効果的な方法の1つである。しかし、すべての投資が農業生産と生産性にプラスに作用するためには、かかる投資が農場レベルの資本形成に寄与しなければならない。この点で、農業家自身による投資は欠かせであろう。持続可能な開発と農業における投資を進めることは難しい。それに対して、大規模農業や企業経営の農業においては利益をつくることは消費者に比べて容易であり、農業投資を行い、技術向上させ生産の増大を図っていくことができる。結果として、資金を持つ農業従事者と持たない従事者の格差がひろがり、飢餓が深刻になる。」

その他に「土地収奪」の問題も起こっている。これは現地の農家の土地が様々な条件によって奪われ貧困に追いやされるという現象である。背景には土地権利の複雑化や、地元有力者等による土地収奪・強制的な外部事業者との契約、農業投資の高まりによる土地をめぐる争いなどがある。

以上の点から農業投資にはメリット・デメリットが存在する。次節では特に土地収奪の例について述べる

第２節　農業投資による土地収奪

フィリピンでは国内のエネルギー自給率の増進をめざした「代替燃料プログラム」の一環として、2007年2月にバイオ燃料法が発行したことに伴い、バイオエタノールを2009年2月から国内の自動車用ガソリンに5％の混入を義務づけられた。しかし、バイオエタノールの国内生産量は国内需要を大幅に下回り、海外の輸入に依存せざるを得ない状況がある。そこでバイオエタノール製造・発電供給事業として、サトウキビを原料としたバイオエタノール製造・販売、またサトウキビ農業からの再生可能エネルギー電力供給を目的とした事業が展開された。この事業ではフィリピン資本であるECOFUEL Land Development Inc.（以下ECOFUEL社）がサトウキビ栽培・供給し、日本、フィリピン、台湾企業の出資する合弁会社であるGreen Future Innovation.Inc.（以下、GFⅡ社）がバイオエタノールの製造・電力を行う。

サトウキビの栽培対象地域となったイサベラ州では、農民が数十年にわたり、米、トウモロコシなどを栽培していたものの、土地所有権の複雑さから法的な土地権利書を所持しない農家も多い。そのため、本来の地主や耕作者が知らぬ間に、第三者が違法な土地権利書を偽造する土地収奪のケースが数多くある。今回の事業と関連するものでは、本来の地主等が耕作者の合意を得ぬままECOFUEL社とサトウキビ栽培を目的とした契約の締結を進める事例が多々見られた。さらにそうした契約が締結されていない土地でもECOFUEL社が作付けを失ってしまった事例も報告されている。そのため、耕作者は生計手段を喪失し、他の農地で農業労働に従事せざるを得ない状況となっている。事業者は「未利用地のみをサトウキビ栽培に利用する」と説明して
いるが、実際には現地の農業従事者の生活を脅かすことになっている。更に、サトウキビ栽培地で働く農業労働者一人当たりの賃金が法定最低賃金を遵守していない事例や未支払いの事例もある。他にも社会保障・保険等の福利厚生が提供されていないことや、危険作業にも関わらず防護服・保護具等が提供されていないことも問題視されている。

上記の例からもわかるように農業投資による土地収奪の問題は深刻である。これらの問題を解決するには官民連携を強化した農業投資の充実と国際ルールの制定が必要であると考えた。次章からは官民連携の農業投資について考察する

第４章 官民連携の農業投資

民間企業が農業投資を行うことは農業従事者だけでなく企業にとってもリスクは伴う。農業従事者のリスクは前章で述べたとおりだが、企業にとっても投資が成功するかどうかの見通しは不透明である。またODAなどの公的な資金による支援は先細りの傾向にあり、増額の見通しも明るくはない。そこで官民連携の農業投資を推進していくことが重要であると考えた。

官民連携の農業投資の実例はこれまでにも報告されている。その1つの例としてG8が2012年に打ち出したニューアライアンス(The New Alliance For Food Security and Nutrition)がある。これは「官民連携」の形をとってアフリカの貧困を削減しようという試みで、アフリカ各国の政府とG8諸国間の民間企業がパートナーシップを組んで農業開発支援を行うというものである。例えば、ガーナではイギリス政府がリードし、そこにいくつかの民間企業が参加を表明し、農業開発の一石を投じるというものがある。ただし、この政策には批判的な意見も多く、「政策目標がビジネスにとっての投資環境の観点になっており、小規模生産者にとっての環境整備ではない」「貧困削減を大きな目標として掲げているが、実際に行われている事業がどれだけ貧困を削減したかを評価する指標がない」など言われている。

上記の点を踏まえた上で私は飢餓の終息に向け官民連携の農業投資を図っていくべきだと考えた。その理由は国家が農業投資に関わることで、前章で述べた農業投資による土地収奪などの投資を受ける弱い立場である農業従事者の権利侵害の抑止力になると考えたからである。農業従事者と民間企業が直接交渉した場合、従事者はビジネスの知識など浅いため、不利な状況に追い詰められてしまう可能性がある。そこで、国家を介することで対等な交渉ができると考えた。

ただし、この案にはデメリットも存在する。国家が投資を得るためだけに交渉を行い、実際の問題には触れないようにする可能性がある。あくまでもこの農業投資は「農業従事者が自立した生活をできるようにする」が目的であって、大幅な利益を得るためではない。確かに、投資を行うことで利益は十分に得られると推察できるが、最終的にはその支援がない状態で自立することが目標である。そのため、国家は従事者の状況を把握していくことが重要となる。更に権利侵害を防ぐために、農業投資における国際ルールの制定・強化が必須である。次章では国際ルールについて述べる。

第5章 農業投資における国際ルール

現在、農業投資についてまとめられた国際的なガイドラインは主に2つある。1つめは「責任ある農業投資（RAI：Responsible Agricultural Investment）で2009年にニューヨークで行われた高級実務者会合で採択された指針である。これは責任ある農業投資はどうあるべきかを7つの原則にまとめて述べている。2つめは2013年に世界食料安全保障機関で採択された「国内食料安全保障における土地、漁業と森林の保有の権利に関する責任あるガバナンスについての任意自発的指針(VGGT：Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security)」である。こ
第6章 結論

「飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力」との論題でとくに「自立した農業のための民間交流の促進」について調べた。

第4章・第5章で見たように官民連携の農業投資と国際ルールの制定は重要な役割を果たすことと考えられる。しかし、現状ではどちらも成果が現れていないことが目に付く。それらを改善するためには、世界中の国家参加する国連総会で採択されることで強制力を増していくことができる。この根拠をもとに「飢餓の終息に向け、自立した農業を支える民間交流を促進するために、官民連携を強化し、農業投資における国際的なルールの制定を国連総会ですべきである」と結論づけた。

今回この研究を通じて、飢餓の終息に向け何が必要であるかを考えたことにより、ただ援助するだけでなくいかにして自立した農業を行えるかが重要であることを学んだ。これは他の難民問題などの国際問題を解決するうえで重要であると考える。また今回初めて自らアポをNGO団体にとりインタビューを行った経験を通じて、インタビューをする難しさを感じた。と同時に、今まできて講演などで来てくださった方もこのような手続きを踏んで頂いているから聞いていたことを改めて気づかされた。この大変さを知ることでより人間の話を聞く意欲が高まったので、これから更に気をつけていきたいと感じた。

今後はとくに国際ルールの詳細について考えていきたいと思う。現状存在するガイドラインの分析を更に深め、より効果のある国際ルールについて考察を重ねていきたい。

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Solution of Hunger Problems

Last year, I thought about world hunger problems in class. Then, I learned that there are enough food for all living people, but many countries suffer from hunger. My research question was, “Is it necessary to have steady of food for solving hunger?” Currently, supplying food is not equal and agriculture activity is not enough in areas with hunger problems. I have three proposals. First, infrastructure maintenance is needed. If infrastructure upgrades, productivity would rise so many people can get more money. Second, improvement of agriculture technology is needed. If farmers in hunger area can use many machines and mass production is possible, they can get food for eating them. Third, financial support is needed. The first and second proposals need money. Then, I suggest that United Nations should buy farm products and give them to areas with hunger. This system needs the support from developed countries. In conclusion, developed countries have to provide financial aid to WFP until poor countries can solve their problems by themselves.
論題
飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力
～アフリカにおける現状と課題～

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第1章 序論

「飢餓」とは長時間にわたり十分に食べられず、栄養不足となり、生存と社会的な生活が困難になっている状態。今世界で飢餓に苦しんでいる人々の数は8億500万人にのぼる。これは世界の9人に1人だ。飢餓の原因は食糧が足りないからだと思われがちだが、現在の世界には「すべての人が健康で生産的な生活を送るために必要な栄養を摂取できる」十分な食糧がある。だが、今も飢餓で苦しむ人がいる。学校の授業で模擬国連を学年全員で行った。全員がどこかの国の大使となり、自国のためになる政策を考え、他国と協力しながら、決議案可決に向け、交渉等を行いながら、世界のことをについて考えた。そこで、「飢餓終息には食糧供給の安定が必要だ」との問いを立て、飢餓の現状、それに対する現在の政策、また飢餓の原因について調べ、どういう政策をし、どういう援助をすれば飢餓問題は解決するのかということについて考察を加えた。

その結果、「飢餓終息に向けて、途上国が自国で問題が解決できるようになるまでの、先進国へのWFPへの資金援助増額が必要である」との結論を得た。

第2章 飢餓の現状

特定非営利法人HFWによると、飢餓とは「長時間にわたり十分に食べられず、栄養不足となり、生存と社会的な生活が困難になっている」状態。FAOの調査によると世界では現在、7億9500万人の人々が飢餓に苦しんでいる。これは世界の9人に1人の割合だ。以下図1のハンガーマップには世界の飢餓状況を、栄養不足人口の割合により国ごとに5段階で色分けして表現している。

図1 世界の飢餓状況
『WFP 飢餓について』より引用
上の図を見てわかるようにアフリカやアジアでは飢餓人口が多くなっている。全人口の3.5%以上のもの人々が栄養不足になっている国もある。

具体的な政策としてWFPでは学校給食プログラムとして「途上国の学校で栄養価の高い給食を提供」している。これにより飢えを防ぐだけでなく、教育を受けることにより、よりよい未来を開くことができる。また、前進のための食糧購入（P4P）も行っている。「途上国の小規模農家から、余っている作物を適正な価格で買い取り、それを支援食糧に用いるというもの」で、飢餓地域の支援だけでなく、農家も安定した利益を得ることができ、生産を拡大することができる。これは全ての人にプラスな取り組みだ。しかし、これを行うWFPの活動資金は全て任意の拠出金・募金でまかなわれている。各国政府や企業、個人がWFPに寄付をし、そのお金で活動しているが足りていないことも事実である。支援を削減しなければいけなくなっている地域も存在する。

ではなぜ飢餓が起こっているのか。ほとんどの人は食糧が足りていないから増やすべきだと思うだろう。だが、実際には違う。世界には全ての人が十分に生活する量の食糧がある。ただ、それがしっかりと分かち合われていないというだけだ。飢餓解決のためには食料配分を見直し、それだけでなく飢餓地域が自分の地域で農業活動をすることが必要だと考えた。

第3章 飢餓問題解決に向けて

第1節 インフラ整備

ここからは飢餓地域の中でも特にアフリカ地域のことを考えていきたいと思う。アフリカの飢餓人口は2.3億人。人口の数ではアジアの方が上回っているが、人口比率での栄養不足割合が高くサヘル以南では4人に1人が栄養不足だ。

FAOの調査によると、世界的には農業従事者が減少してきているが、アフリカでは50%、70%以上という国も多い。だが、労働力不足や紛争によりお金を稼ぐことはできていない。特に問題なのはインフラの未整備だ。インフラが未整備なため、天候の影響を受けやすい。そのため収入が不安定になる。逆に、インフラが整備されると化学肥料、高収量品種を入手しやすくなり、生産性が上がる。また、生産物を鮮度を保つためにも早く市場まで運ぶことができ、今までよりも高値で売ることができる。また、短期間しか保存できないものも売ることができるようになる。これにより、生産物の種類も増えるため利益が増える。これは既にいくつかの国で確認されている。

また、農業の機械化が進む先進国では、安価に大量の農産物を作ることができる。そのため、先進国が安価な農産物が、国内に輸入されることにより、生産性の工場が困難な小規模・贫困農家が厳しい状況に追い込まれることになる。これらの理由からインフラ整備をすることにより、大幅な生産性の工場が見込める。

第2節 農業技術の向上

農業技術の向上は飢餓問題において大事な点だ。まず、農業の機械化を進めることで大量に生産することができる。そうすれば、市場にもたくさん出すことができ、収入が増えるだけでなく、自分たちが食べられるように確保することができる。今はお金が必要なために、ほとんどを売ってしまっている状況になっている農家もあるが、機械化が進むと自給自足が保証される。また、機械化により農業に携わる人々も減少することができるため、労働不足による
労働を強いられる児童も労働する必要がなくなる。そうなれば、学校に通うこともでき、教育を受け、自らの力で未来を切り開いていけるようになる。

農業技術が向上すれば、化学肥料なども自国で作れるようになる。その結果、輸入の必要がなくなり、国からの支出を削減できることがある。また、化学肥料生産に携わる人が必要なため、新たな仕事が生まれ、農業以外でも収入を得られるようになる。こうすることで、農業に頼りきっているアフリカ経済の活性化に繋がるだろう。

第3節 資金援助

今まで述べてきたことを実現するにはやはり資金が必要だ。今もWFP、FAOやNGOなどの援助により、飢餓人口は減少してきているが、10年で一億人ほどだ。まだ飢餓問題解決には遠いという現状がある。WFPは全ての資金を各国政府からの拠出金や企業、個人、団体などからの寄付によってまかなわれている。WFPによると2014年には全世界から53億8000万米ドル（約6670億円）の資金が集まり、年々増えている。しかし、紛争の増加や、感染症の増加等により、必要な資金は増えている。

そこでまず、先進国にWFP、FAOへの資金援助額の増加を要請する。今までどこかの国がしてくれるだろうという考え方や、自国の利益だけを考えていることにより、発展途上国への支援ということが疎かになっていた面があると思う。それを見直し、しっかりと援助をする必要がある。援助は永遠ではなく安定するまでを好む。ただしそれ、先進国と発展途上国が直接、資金や技術面での援助を行うと、不平等な貿易と同じように、対等な立場でのやりとりは難しいと考える。そのため、資金援助は全てWFP、FAOなどの国連機関への援助という形にし、先進国から国連機関として飢餓地域へという流れを世界的に作ることを提案する。

また、先ほどの章でも述べたが、今世界には全員が十分に暮らせるだけの食糧が存在する。しかし、その配分に偏りがあるため、食糧が多い地域があり、反対に飢餓の地域が存在する。そのため、食料配分も見直すべきだと考える。そこで提案したいのは「前進のための食糧購入（P4P）」だ。先ほどの章でも述べたが、「途上国の小規模農家から、余っている作物を適正な価格で買い取り、それを支援食糧に用いるというもの」である。このプロジェクトを更に進めると、規模を拡大することで飢餓収束につながるとと思う。残食量や肥満率が高い国というのは、すなわち食糧が余っているということだ。そこで、もともとの輸入量を制限するとということだ。しかし、制限の仕方によっては逆に制限された国が飢餓になってしまう可能性があり、また、自国にとって損なことをされるとWFPへの資金援助額を減らしてしまう国も出ることだろう。そのため、まず対象となる国を肥満率、残食量などから選び、それを4グループに分ける。1グループあたり3ヶ月、輸入量が多い作物を減らすというものだ。4月から6月までのアメリカの小麦の輸入量のうち、1割はWFPが購入するというシステムをつくる。これにより、アフリカの生産物が安価で大量に先進国に購入されているという現状も少しは良くななり、途上国にWFPからお金が支払われ、また、WFPが購入した食糧は飢餓地域へ支援物資として配分される。このようなシステムを作るべきだと思う。対象とする国、どれくらいの割合をWFPに回すのかなどたくさんの問題があるかもしれないが、担当となっている国は3ヶ月間資金援助額を減らすことも許容すべきかもしれない。これが具体的なシステムとして導入することができれば、今までよりも短い期間で、飢餓人口を減らすことが出来ると思う。
第4章 結論

「飢餓終息には食糧供給の安定が必要だ」という問いを立て、飢餓の現状や現在行われている政策、飢餓の原因について調べてきた。

第3章で述べたとおり、飢餓の終息には、資金、技術などの面で国際協力が不可欠である。今現在もWFPがたくさんの支援を行い、年々飢餓人口は減少しているが、資金不足などの問題もある。これは世界各国の協力が必要だ。また、先進国と発展途上国の立場が対等ではないため、直接的な取引等は新たな問題を生むことになると考えた。このような根拠を基に、「飢餓終息に向けて、途上国が自国で問題が解決できるようになるまでの、先進国のWFPへの資金援助増額が必要である」という結論を得た。

今回のこの研究を通じて、飢餓の原因や現状を深く知ることができた。また、世界の国々が自国のことしか考えることができていないために、このような格差が生まれるのだと思った。

他国を援助することは自国にとって損なことのように思えるが、同じ地球市民として苦しんでいる人々を助けることは損なことではない。私達人間は、一人では成長できない。たくさんの人とに助けてもらい、支え合いながら生きることで成長していくことができる。それと同じように、一国が成長するためにも、たくさんの国の成長が必要だ。「他人の不幸の上に自分の幸福を築くことはない」という精神が国際社会でも大事だと思う。

そのような精神のもとで途上国に支援を行った人々が、紛争に巻き込まれ、亡くなってしまうという事実もある。今後はそのような人々の安全を守るための政策を考えるとともに、紛争問題解決についても考えていきたいと思う。

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Reducing Hunger through Gender Equality

Today, a lot of people, especially in developing countries, are suffering from hunger. There are many causes of hunger, such as lack of education, conflicts, and disaster. However, I focused on gender gap as a cause of hunger in my research. My research question is whether the population suffering from hunger can be dramatically reduced by reducing gender gap. In developing countries, women occupy the 45% of agricultural population, but women produce less than men because women cannot get enough resources and opportunities. For instance, women do not receive enough agricultural education. If women suffer from hunger, their children are born with high possibilities of suffering from hunger. Also, early marriage is one of the big social issues in developing countries. Early marriage prevents women from education and social community. Therefore, even after they give birth, they cannot earn enough money to give food to their children. As the final analysis, if gender gap reduces, the population suffering from hunger can be reduced because there are many women and children who suffer from hunger because of gender gap.
論題
飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力
～男女格差の解決は飢餓の解決につながるか～

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第1章 序論

飢餓とは長期間にわたり、食べられず栄養不足となり、生活と生存が困難な状態を指す。現在、世界ではおよそ7億9500万人もの人が十分な栄養を摂取できず、飢餓に苦しんでいる。また、飢餓に苦しむ人のはほとんどが、発展途上国に住んでいる。その中でも、イエメン、アフガニスタン、タジキスタンなどのアジアの国々と、ナミビア、スーダン、エチオピアなどのアフリカの国々で飢餓人口が集中している。飢餓が起こる原因は、教育不足、災害、紛争など様々挙げられるが、飢餓が起こる原因の一つとして、男女格差に注目した。男女格差の問題は、女性の基本的人権を脅かすようなものから、教育や政治、経済に関するものまで非常に幅が広い。この事実から、飢餓という世界的な問題の背景には男女格差という問題が潜んでいるのではないかと考えた。そこで、男女格差を緩和することで、飢餓人口を大幅に減らすことができるのかという問いを立てた。この問いをもとに、飢餓に直結するような男女格差の問題と、またそれが緩和されたらどのような影響が出るのかを調べた。その結果、男女格差を是正することで、飢餓を減らせるという結論に至った。

第2章 男女格差の現状

現在、世界中の女性が様々な男女格差に直面し、社会進出を妨げられている。教育面での男女格差は、日本などの先進国ではほぼ解消されているが、サハラ砂漠以南のアフリカでは、小学校を卒業できる女子は23%しかおらず、格差はまだ存在する。その原因として、貧しい家庭では子供全員を学校に通わせることができず、その場合男子を優先して学校に通わせるという傾向があることがある。

政治に関する格差はさらに大きい。2015年1月の段階では、女性の国務大臣の割合は全体の2割程度しか占めていない。さらに、2016年6月の段階で、女性の国会議員の割合が5割以上を占めている国は、50か国中2か国だけで、残りの国は3割程度しか占めていない。女性の政治参加が少ない原因は、差別的な法律や習慣の他に、十分な教育を受けられていないということがある。

経済的な格差も、今なお世界中の女性たちを苦しめている。平均すると、女性は男性よりも長い時間働くしていてもかかわらず、女性がもらえる給料は男性の半分程度しかない。また、企業などの社長や役職のポジションについている女性の割合も男性に比べて低くなっている。Global Gender Gap Reportの調査によると、このような経済的な格差は、2186年まで解消されないと書かれている。

第3章 男女格差と飢餓

前章でも述べたように、女性は男性と比べると、様々な場面で差別的な扱いを受けている。では、男女格差と飢餓の間にはどのような関係があるのだろうか。現在、発展途上国の農村部の農業従事者の約45%が女性である。しかし、彼女たちの農業生産量は、男性の農業生産量よりも極めて低い。これはなぜか、女性の農業に関するスキルが男性よりも劣っているという訳ではない。女性は不当な男女格差によって男性と同等の資源や機会を与えられていないのである。例えば、女性は男性に比べて、農業生産向上に役立つ農業機械や肥料などを十分に利用できていない。肥料の中には主に、窒素、リン酸、カリウムといった成分が含まれている。窒素は、葉・根・茎の生育を促進する。リン酸は、開花・結実を促進する。そして、カリウムは、病原中や寒さに対する抵抗力をつける働きがある。このように肥料には様々な効果があり、肥料を使うことで、農業生産の向上が期待できる。また、女性は、農業に関する教育も十分に受
けられていな。つまり、肥料の使い方、適切な植物の栽培方法などの農業に関する知識が、男性に比べて不足しているのである。このような女性に対する不良な格差のために、女性は男性に比べて飢餓という状態に陥る可能性が非常に高いという現状がある。つまり、男女格差と飢餓はとても強い関連性がある。

第4章 男女格差と子供の飢餓

子供の健康は、母親の健康状態で決まるといっても過言ではない。つまり、母親が前の章で述べたような不良な格差によって飢餓に苦しんでいるならば、その子供も生まれながらにして飢餓に苦しむことになるのである。加えて、発展途上国では、女性の早すぎる結婚が社会的な問題となっている。現在、発展途上国の3分の1の女性が18歳になる前に結婚し、9人に1人の女性が15歳になる前に結婚している。女性の早い年齢での結婚は、彼女たちを社会から、また教育から遮断する。そのために、子供が生まれてからも十分な生計を立てることができず、自分の子供に与える食料を確保できないのである。このような状況下で、生まれてすぐに飢餓に直面し、5歳まで生きることができない子供が、世界中にたくさんいるのである。

第5章 結論

「男女格差を緩和することで飢餓人口を大幅に減らすことができるか」という問いを立て、男女格差と飢餓の関連性について調べてきた。第3章でみたように、男性と女性の物資面、また機会面での不良な格差により、女性の農業生産能力が大きく制限され、その結果、飢餓で苦ししませんかいいほどの多くの人たちが、飢餓によって生命を脅かされている。

さらに、第4章で述べたように、女性の飢餓は、その子供の飢餓の直接的な原因となることが分かった。これらの根拠から、「男女格差の是正により、今飢餓で最も苦しんでいる女性や子供などの弱い立場の人々を、飢餓から救うことができる」という結論を得た。今回の研究を通じて、飢餓の終息のために女性が大きな役割を担う存在であることが分かった。そして、飢餓の終息に向けて、女性が大いに活躍できるように、これまでの女性に対する誤った価値観や慣習などを廃していく努力を男性も一緒になってできたら好ましいと思う。

今後は、女性の農業分野での活躍を妨げている法律や制度などの具体的な原因について調べ、言及していきたいと思う。

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Solution of Starvation

People in developed countries live in luxury, but people in developed country suffer from starvation. Problems of the starvation are complicated and hard to solve easily. My research question is that “How can the world solve the complicated problem of starvation?” I will describe three current status of starvation and each First, grain are used as energy and feeding in developed country, but grain is exhausted and people suffer from starvation in developing countries. The solution of this problem is that international price of grain keeps stable. Second, there is lack of agricultural skill in developing countries. The solution is that Developed countries instruct skill for them. Third, there is too much food loss. The solution is that MU regulate to too much production and reduction of food loss. In conclusion, to solve hunger problem, we should broaden our horizons, stop pursuing only what will profit them individually, and developed countries have to give priority to develop into developing countries than profit of developed countries.
論題
飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力
～広大な視野に立って～

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食べ物があふれかえり、日々残飯が大量にでる日本とは裏腹に、世界には飢餓で苦しむ人々が約8億人もいる。なぜ飢餓がおこるのか、現状はどうななのか、将来どうなるのか、などの疑問もとに世界の飢餓について調査をした。飢餓は複雑な背景が交錯しており、非常に難しい問題であることがわかった。したがって、飢餓の原因や背景、現状を知るというのは、非常に重要であると考えられる。さらに、多角的な視野で問題を見ることが求められる。今回は特に重要な、農業分野での国際協力という立場からの解決策を論じていく。

第2章 現状・原因

世界では、およそ7億9500万人（9人に1人）が、健康で活動的な生活を送るために必要な食料を得られていない。その7割は子供である。第一章でも述べたように、飢餓の背景には複雑な問題が絡んでいる。発展途上国のインフラの未整備、土壌・環境問題、紛争や災害、宗教、政治、食料の国際価格の高騰など、問題は山積している。私は飢餓の大きな原因として、穀物、フードロス、農業技術の3つの観点から述べる。

第一に穀物について。一人あたり、1年間で必要な穀物の量は平均して180kgと言われている。それに対して、世界中で作られている穀物は約24億トンにのぼる。これを、世界の人口である71億人で割り、仮に全員に均等に穀物が分けられるとすれば一人あたり年間338kgの穀物を手に入ることができる。そうすれば、飢餓問題は格段に良い方向へ向かう。穀物だけでは栄養が偏るので飢餓の終息とは言えないが、命を落とすことからは救われる。なぜ飢餓が起きるのか。2012年、世界の食糧生産量は穀物として22億トンが生産されたが、46%が人間の主食として、34%が家畜の飼料として、20%が加工でんぷん甘味料およびバイオ燃料として消費された。飢餓が起こっているにもかかわらず、人間が主食として穀物を食べる量は、総生産の半分にも満たないである。途上国は、質の高い肉を作るため、エネルギーを得るために、飢餓地域への分配よりもその他の優先していたのである。つまり、発展途上国への特注よりも、先進国での贅沢が優先されているのが現状である。途上国が先進国のように、穀物を大量に買うことができないのは当然である。穀物の国際価格が高騰している上に、不安定であるからだ。

第二に農業技術について。貿易だけに頼らず、途上国が自国で農業を行い、食料自給を持続可能的に行ってくるには様々な障壁がある。災害や紛争なども大きな要因であることは実在であるが、それはあくまで一時的であり、根本的な飢餓の要因ではない。途上国では農業技術が不足しているから、自国で農業を活発にすることは困難である。

第三にフードロス（賞味期限切れや食べ残しなどにより、まだ食べられるにもかかわらず廃棄される食品のこと）について。先ほど述べたように、世界で生産されている食料が人類に対しても不足しているわけではない。平等にいきわたっているわけではない。発展途上国が飢餓に苦しむ中、先進国では毎日、大量に食料が廃棄されている。例えば日本。日本は年間5500万トンの食料を輸入しているが、1800万トンを食料廃棄しているという現実がある。この食料廃棄率は、世界の食料消費大国であるアメリカを上回っている。日本の食料廃棄量は3000万人分である。日本では発展途上国5000万人に匹敵し、これは途上国の5000万人分にあたる。

1日換算すると、日本人一人ひとりが、おにぎり2個分を毎日捨てていることになる。なぜ日本でこのようなことが起こっているのか。それは、食べ物がムダになってしまう仕組みが存在している。
いるためである。日本では、野菜や肉など、少しでも傷んでいたり、形や色合いが悪いと市場へ出回らない。市場へ出回る前の段階で業者が廃棄したり、市場へ出回る前の段階で業者が廃棄したり、生産者が処分したりしている。さらに、24時間いつでもどこでも食べ物が手に入る環境が整っているというのは、廃棄を予想した上で余分に仕入れや生産が行われているということである。また、世界では、食用に生産された食料の約1/3がムダになったり、捨てられたりしている。なかでも、先進国は毎年、サハラ以南アフリカの全食料生産2億3,000万トンとほぼ同量の食料2億2,200万トンを、食べ残しや賞味期限切れなどの理由で廃棄している。

第3章 穀物の国際価格の安定を目指して

バイオ燃料の開発や穀物が投機の対象になるなどの要因から、穀物の国際価格は高騰している。価格が高騰すれば、ますます途上国の飢餓は進む。それゆえ私は、国際市場に翻弄される世界の仕組みを抜本的に改革する必要があると考える。それは、先進国と途上国の貿易の推進である。

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第4章 地域に適した研究と技術提供を

今回、42期模擬国連決議の＜決議案A＞では、「1、世界中の土壌・穀物に関する技術をFAOに集約して商品化し、求める国に有償で供与する。得られた利益の一部は、技術提供国に回元する。2、FAOで新たな農業技術を開発し、商品化する。」＜決議案B＞では、「1、発展途上国が優れた農業技術を取り入れ生産能力の向上と貧困率の低下を図るよう、FAOを強化して技術交流の効果化を図る取り組みを導入する。」という決議がなされたが、これらの農業技術はあくまで技術提供国の土地の研究が綿密になされたうえで、それらに適した技術を提供しなければならない。各国はそれぞれ土地環境が異なるため、それぞれに適応する技術が必要である。ただでさえ被技術提供国は、環境が劣悪なために現在まで農業が発展することがなかった場合が多い。FAOもしくは先進国が、技術提供を求める国の研究と技術提供を国ごとに分担して行うことが必要であると考える。

第5章 過剰生産規制とフードロス削減の風潮を地球規模で

第2章で述べたように、日本などの先進国は食べ物があふれかえり、質を過剰に追及するようになった。そのため、廃棄が発生する前提で生産し、消費者に提供しているのである。このような風潮をフードロスに関しても起こすべきである。食糧問題は急務である。途上国の人々は今も苦しんでいるとともに、これからの人口増加で先進国も今までのように容易に食糧が確保できるか
第6章 結論

ここまで様々述べてきたが、すべて、広大な視野に立つということが必須である。昔と比べると技術が発達した今、人類は利益追求が過剰になっていると私は思う。利益追求が行き過ぎると人類は必ず滅びると私は予測する。国や肌の色で人を分けるのではなく、地球を1つの共同体、地球人として、というような広大な視野に立って、地球規模で国際問題に真摯に取り組むことが求められる。それが、グローバルスタンダードになればもっと円滑に国際問題は解決すると確信する。そして、人類の一人ひとりが先駆者であるという意識が必要なのは言うまでもない。物事は全て一人から始まるのであるから。

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Helping Small Farmers to Tackle Hunger Problems

In the world, there are some countries which productivity is low in the field of agriculture. In Romania and neighboring countries, there are a lot of small scale farmers. Due to this situation, connection of small farmer is low. It caused a problem of less productivity. My research question was, “How can we solve hunger by making systems that help small farmers?” Romania is a great agriculture country. Agriculture area is more than half of land area. However, a lot of small farmers have to buy expensive farm tools by themselves, so they have been on the wane. To defeat this situation, I want to suggest summarizing small farmers. By cooperative system, they can complement one another. For example, aspect of not only land, worker, technology, but also funds. Moreover, it is easy to receive assistance from EU. However, this has possibilities of losing each country’s variety. Thus, it is important for each country to respect one another, and this would help them to inherit traditional technology. To sum up, make cooperation system increase farmer’s productivity. It also contributes the end of hunger.
論題
飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力
～小規模農家の協力体制をつくることで飢餓の終息に繋がるか～

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第1章 序論

模擬国連とは、一人一国の大使を任され、特定の議題について担当国の政策や歴史、外交関係などに照らし合わせて、実際の国連における会議と同じように議論、交渉し、決議を採択することを目的とし、国際問題への理解や交渉術の深化を図る、世界中の学生によって行われている活動のことである。私達の学校は、今回三、四人で一国の大使を担い、三年生全員で模擬国連を行った。私は、ルーマニアの大使になり、ルーマニアの農業について調べ、クローズを出した。

ルーマニアは小規模農家が多いため、農協と農家のつながりが低く、農地の広さに対する生産性は低い状態にある。また、ルーマニア周辺国の大使にインタビューしていく中で、周辺国でも同じように小規模農家が多く、生産性が低い国々があると知った。ルーマニアとその周辺国ではあまり協力体制が整っておらず、もし協力体制を強化すれば今まで以上に生産性が上がるのでないかと考えた。そこで、「小規模農家の協力体制をつくることで飢餓の終息に繋がるか」という問いを立て、維持管理費は小規模農家と大規模農家でどれくらい違ってくるのか、EUとの関係はどうどのように変化するか、また、協力体制をつくるうえでの問題点について考察を加えた。

その結果、「協力体制をとることで生産性が増し、飢餓の終息にも貢献する」という結論を得た。

第2章 ルーマニアについて

第1節 ルーマニアの土地事情

表1からわかるように、ルーマニアの国土面積は2384万ha。日本よりも小さい国だが、農業面積は1398万haと、日本の456万haを大きく上回り、国土面積の2倍以上を占めている。加えて、農業従事者は全就労人口の約30パーセントであるためルーマニアは農業大国と言える。

表1 ルーマニアと日本
『農地の状況(2011年)』(農林水産省)より引用

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図1 ルーマニアの国境
『Wikipedia』より引用(赤線がドナウ川)
また、上の図２から見ても分かるように、ルーマニアとブルガリアの国境にはドナウ川があり、夏場は好天にも恵まれるため、肥沃な土壌が多くある。

第２節 ルーマニアと周辺国の農業事情

第 1 節でも述べたように、ルーマニアは肥沃な土地が多くあるため生産量は高い。しかし、農地の広さに対する生産性は低いという現状がある。その理由として、小規模農家の存在がある。ルーマニアは小規模農家が多く、それぞれで農具などを調達するため、費用が高くついてしまう。また、周辺国のチェコやブルガリアでもこの状況がある。そのため、これらの国の小規模農家を集約し、まとめる機関をつければ、費用は安く抑えることができる。生産性も上がるのではないだろうか。これまでルーマニアは EU に加入していたものの、EU から受ける補助金は少なかった。それは、EU が大規模農業を優先して支援をしているからだ。個人の農家を集約することで、EU の支援を多く受けられる可能性も高まる。

第３章 小規模農家の協力体制

そこで私は、小規模農家の協力体制をつくればどうかと考え、チェコ、ブルガリアと共同クローズを提出した。協力体制をつくることで、自国に足りないものを他国から補うことができる。ルーマニアの場合、あまったくている肥沃な土地を他国に貸し出すことによって収入を得る。貸し出された土地は自由に他国が使うことができ、作った農作物は自国にもって帰ることができます。ルーマニアは資金を得ることができ、ルーマニアから土地を借りた国は、自国の労働者に就職口を開ければ、利益が得られる。また、ルーマニアは他国がルーマニアの土地で作った農作物を安価で買うことができるようにすれば、輸入品をさらに抑えられる。

ただし、この協力体制は土地や労働者だけの問題に限られており、技術や資金の面から見れば不十分なところもあるだろう。しかし、放棄されている土地を有効活用することができ、さらには国のみならず他国にも利益ができることを考えれば、とてもよいシステムだと考えた。

第４章 模擬国連での決議案

それぞれの国によって抱える問題は異なる。例えば、ルーマニアは肥沃な土壌や農業技術はあるが、資金が少なく、広大な土地を活かされていない。スロバキアは、土地が少なく、労働者の数がそれに追いついていないため、飢餓が進んでいる。また、資金があるが十分な土地が無いため生産できない、という国もあるだろう。今回の模擬国連では、決議のひとつに「小規模農家が自立して利益を生み出していくように小規模農家の協力体制を作ることを推進する」というものがある。第２章で小規模農家を集約する機関と書いたが、それはあくまで個人の農家をなくすことではなく、尊重しながら足りないところは補い合い、ひとつつの機関という形をとることで、支援を受けやすくするというものである。NHK 食料危機取材班が書いた『ランドラッシュ 激化する世界農地争奪戦』のなかで紹介されていたオリビエ・デ・シューター国連特別報告官は以下のよう書いている。

小規模生産者は、農業の多様性、生物多様性の維持に貢献し、農村に価格変動や気候変動の抵抗力を与え、環境保全にも役立っている。しかし、このことが無視されているのだ。

大規模な農業投資は、アンバランスな競争をもたらし、農村社会を崩壊させる恐れがある。
また、星寛治さんは『農から明日を読む—まほろばの里からのたより』のなかで個人農家は「従来の地縁集団に埋没して終るのではなく、自立した子からの再出発」が今の社会に必要であると述べた。

今回、模擬国連で採択された決議案の中にもひとつの機関を強化した仕組みがあるが、ここで私は、小規模農家の多様性も大事にしながら、技術集約や協力体制を組むことを新たに提案したい。そうすることで、伝統的技術も受け継いでいくことができるだろう。

第5章 結論

「小規模農家の協力体制をつくることで飢餓の終息に繋がるか」という問いを立て、EUとの関係や、資金、問題点を調べた。

第2章で見たように、ルーマニアには使える土壌が余っている状況にある。また、周辺国には土壌が無く、労働者の働き口が無いという国もあった。ルーマニアやその周辺国では小規模農家のため資金が得にくいという現状もある。小規模農家の協力体制を作る事は、これらの問題を解決する上で重要になるだろう。

また、第4章で見たように、ただ大規模に集約するのではなく、個々の技術を大切にしながら協力していくことも不可欠だ。そして、協力体制をつくることでEUから支援を受けやすくなり、各国に利益も生まれる。この根拠を基に、「協力体制をとることで生産性が増し、飢餓の終息にも貢献する」という結論を得た。

今回この研究を通じて、私の学校の「他人の不幸の上に自分の幸福を築くことはしない」という指針が個人だけでなく世界規模でも重要な指針であると改めて感じることができた。他国の犠牲の上に、自国の繁栄を築かない。これは、飢餓の終息を考える上で欠かせないことであろう。各国が必要としているものは、他国の協力があれば解決できることが多いと思った。

今後は、さらに体制を整え、世界的な協力を強化するにはどうすればよいかについて考えていきたいと思う。

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Food Loss

Currently, many people around the world suffer a chronic nourishment deficiency from hunger. However, many developed countries dispose of many foods which we can eat. My research question is “what can we do close at hand to reduce Japanese food loss?”, then I examined about “food loss” and considered the following. Now, Japan disposes of 28 million ton foods. 6.5 million ton of them are food loss that is throw food, we can still eat. This statistics is double the quantity of food aid of the world. The half of Japanese food loss is household garbage. These reasons are leftover, excess removal of food and dispose of don’t used food by expiration use by date and best before date. However, it is not difficult to reduce food loss. For example, checking stock of refrigerator before you go shopping can prevent waste of food. I think that the first step to reduce Japanese food loss is change in their awareness. It is very important. According to my research, I reached a conclusion “we can reduce Japanese food loss greatly to change in their awareness.”
論題

飢餓の終息に向けた農業分野での国際協力
～「食品ロス」の削減～
第一章 序論

「飢餓」とは、長期間に渡って十分に食糧を得ることが出来ず、栄養不良（エネルギーやタンパク質などの栄養素がひどく不足している状態）が続き、生存や社会的な生活が困難になっている状態のことで、2014～2016年現在の世界の飢餓人口はおよそ7億9500万人までのぼり、9人に1人が飢餓に苦しんでいると言われている。1990～1992年と比べると約2億1600万人も減少するなどの著しい前進が見られる一方で、中央アフリカや西アジアといった一部の開発途上地域では、紛争などによる政情不安により、栄養不足の改善が妨げられているという現状がある。多くの人々は、慢性的な栄養不良などにより免疫力が低下し、治るはずの病で命を落としたり、身体機能の著しい低下で働けなくなったりする。こうした飢餓による被害を他よりも大きく受けるのは、都市部よりも農村部の人々、男性よりも女性、大人よりも子どもといった弱い立場の人々なのである。しかし、飢餓の原因は、食糧不足などではない。世界中の食糧をかき集め、それが平等に分配されれば、地球上のすべての人が十分に生きていく。その証拠に、国連食糧農業機関（FAO）は「農業がこのままの水準で発達していけば、地球は問題なく120億人を養える」（1984年）と報告している。

世界の多くの人々が、飢餓による慢性的な栄養不足に苦しめられている一方で、私の住む日本や他の先進国では、毎日たくさんの食糧が廃棄されている現実がある。私自身、幼いころから小食で、給食などでもすべて食べきることが難しく、私が食べ切れない分、飢餓困っている子たちにあげられただけほしいのに。と感じる機会が多々あった。そこで私は、先進国で、まだ食べられるのに捨てられている食べ物、すなわち「食品ロス」に注目した。そして、「食品ロスを減らすために身近にできることは何か」という問いを立て、現在の食品ロスの原因や状況、そして解決への取り組みを調べ、考察を加えた。

その結果、「国民一人一人の意識改革によって、食品ロスは大幅に削減できる」という結論を得た。

第二章 日本の食品ロスの現状

下の図から、現在、日本では、年間２８００万トンの食品廃棄物がだされており、そのうち、食べ残しや賞味期限切れなどの食べられたはずの食料、いわゆる「食品ロス」は642万トンにも上ることがわかる。これは、世界中で飢餓に苦しむ人々向けた世界の食糧援助量（年間約320万トン）の約2倍に相当する。また、日本人一人当たりに換算すると、毎日１〜２個のおにぎりを捨てている計算になる。
大量に捨てるのは、スーパーや飲食店だと思うかもしれないが、食品ロスの内訳を見ると、事業者が出す事業系と家庭から出る家庭系がおよそ半分なので、仮に家庭の食品ロスだけでも全世界の食品援助がまかなえる計算になる。事業系は、包装ミスや規格外品で流通できないものや商習慣による期限前の返品や売れ残り、そして食べ残しといったものが食品ロスになっている。私たち消費者が見た目の良さや安さを求めるため、容器のへこんだ商品やサイズの不揃いな農作物は処分され、私たち消費者の24時間いつでも食べたいというニーズに応じるために、大量仕入れや生産がされたりしている。一方、家庭系の食品ロスでは、私たちの食べ残しや食べられる部分の過剰な切除、そして賞味期限・消費期限切れによって手つかずのままで廃棄ということが主な原因になっている。
農林水産省「平成21年度食品ロス統計調査（世帯調査）」（複数回答による）より引用

平成21年度の世論調査によると、食品を使用せずに廃棄した理由について、食品の鮮度低下、腐敗及びカビの発生とともに、食品の消費期限・賞味期限が過ぎたためが大きな割合を占めている。平成19年に京都で行われた家庭から出る生ごみの調査では、手つかずの食品が全体の2割を占めており、その中の4分の1が賞味期限の前なのに捨てられるものがあるという結果が出た。

消費期限は、開封していない状態で、表示されている保存方法に従って保存したときに食べても安全な期限のことで、賞味期限は、開封していない状態で表示されている保存方法に従って保存したときに美味しく食べられる期限を指す。つまり、賞味期限を過ぎても、すぐに食品が食べられなくなるということではないのだ。消費期限と賞味期限の違いを正しく理解し、賞味期限が過ぎたら、見た目やにおいなど五感を使って、自分で食べられるかどうかを判断することも大切だと言える。

政府広報オンラインより。資料：農林水産省
第三章  食品ロスの削減方法

では、この大量の食品ロスはどのように削減すればいいのだろうか。食品ロス削減には、事業者・自治体・NPO法人等、様々な方面からの協力が不可欠である。食品ロスを発生させないためには、国民全員で、まずは発生抑制に取り組むことが重要だと考えられる。家庭内での削減方法として、食材を「買いすぎない」「使い切る」「食べきる」ことがとても重要だ。値段が安いかといって食材を買い過ぎてしまったり、在庫があるのを忘れて同じ食材を買ってしまったりするとは、結局使い切れない食材を腐らせてしまう原因にもなる。それを防ぐためにも、買い物の前に食品の在庫を確認し、必要なものを必要な分だけ買うことを意識しなければならない。また、食べ残しなどを減らすために、料理は食べられる量だけを作り、万一残ってしまった場合は冷蔵庫に保存し、早めに食べることも大切だ。外食のときには、料理のボリュームが予想外に多かった、嫌いな食材が含まれていたなどの理由で食べきれない場合が多い。それを防ぐためには、小盛メニューの利用や注文時の確認が有効である。もし、それでも量が多すぎて残ってしまう場合は、持ち帰りが可能かどうかを確認し、持ち帰るのも一つの手だ。ドギー・バックいずれにせよ、まずは個人の「食品ロス」の重大さを認識し、少しでも減らそうとする意識が大切だと思われる。

第四章  具体的な取り組み

先ほど紹介した食品ロスの削減方法をもとに、現在、世界で行われている具体的な取り組みを調べたところ、日本でもたくさんの取り組みがおこなわれていることがわかった。

○フードバンク活動

1960年代にアメリカで始まり、日本では、平成14年（2002年）からNPO法人「セカンドハーベスト・ジャパン」が本格的に始めた。包装の印字ミスや賞味期限が近いなど、食品の品質には問題がないが、通常の販売が困難な食品・食材をNPO法人等が食品メーカーから引き取り、福祉施設等へ無償提供するボランティア活動。米・パン・麺類・生鮮食品・菓子・飲料・インスタント食品等の様々な食品が取り扱われており、アメリカでは年間200万トンの食品が有効活用されている。

フードバンク関係図

農林水産省ホームページより引用
しかし、フードバンク活動の認知度は低いので、今後の活性化のためにも、より多くの人に知ってもらうことが課題となるだろう。

農林水産省ホームページより引用

○食材を無駄にしないレシピの考案

消費者庁が実施した「地方消費者行政活性化交付金」による支援の成果として、料理レシピサイト「クックパッド」での「消費者庁のキッチン」での食材を無駄にしないレシピの紹介が挙げられる。これによって、これまで食べられないと思っていた野菜の茎や皮、冷蔵庫に残った半端な野菜や余ってしまった料理を有効活用することが出来る。「クックパッド」以外にも「カゴメ」「ヤマサ醤油」「江崎グリコ」などの有名食品メーカーも、ホームページでオリジナルレシピやリメイクレシピを紹介している。これらの利用により、家庭系の食品ロスはさらに削減することが出来るだろう。

○30・10運動

長野県松本市では、2011年度から、ごみ減量化の一環として「30・10運動」に乗り出していている。宴会では、出席者が席を移動して酌をしあうことが多いが、料理が運ばれてきてからの最初の30分と最後の10分間は、自分の席で料理を楽しみ、食品ロスを減らそうという活動である。この運動は、コースター約2万枚を約110店の飲食店においてもらうなどをして市民に呼びかけており、市内の宿泊施設では、1年間で食べ残しが半分に減った例もある。
このほかにも、福井県の「おいしいふくい食べきり運動」やドギーバッグの利用・サルベージパーティへの参加など食品ロス削減への取り組みがたくさんあった。また海外にも、フランスでの「食糧廃棄禁止法」やイギリスの「Tesco (テスコ)」・デンマークの「WeFood」などの画期的かつユニークな方法が用いられている。これらの活動は本当に素晴らしいと思う。しかし、先ほど言ったが、これらの活動の認知度の低さは問題である。これらの活動が広く認知されれば、世界の食品ロスは大幅に減るであろうと私は思う。

第五章 結論

ここまで「食品ロスを減らすために身近にできることは何か」という問いを立て、現在の食品ロスの原因や状況、そして解決への取り組みを調べ、考察を加えた。

第二章で見たように、現在の日本の食品ロスの量は、世界の食糧援助量のおよそ2倍と深刻な問題ではあるが、第三章でも述べたように、それらを改善していく方法は身近にたくさんある。しかし、それを実行していくには、食品ロスの重大さや責任の大きさを国民一人一人が深く理解しなければならない。

この根拠をもとに、「国民一人一人の意識改革によって、食品ロスは大幅に削減できる」という結論を得た。

今後は、食品ロスの削減に向けた活動を、いかにして広めるかを考えて、飢餓の終息に向け努力していきたいと思う。

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各種成果まとめ
＜4月13日～17日＞ アメリカ・モントレーにあるミドルベリー大学院モントレー校の核不拡散研究所で行われた「日米露3国の高校生による核不拡散教育会議」に、高校3年生の岡本優雅君と吉田まほ子さんが招待され、素晴らしいプレゼンテーションを行い活躍した。

本会は同研究所により、長年にわたり、米露の高校生を対象に行ってきたプロジェクトだったが、3年前から日本の高校生も招かれ、これまで開成高校、横浜国際高校、広島女学院（SGH）、長崎の活水高校なども参加。今回は本校の平和に貢献するグローバルリーダー育成のSGHとしての取り組みが評価されての招聘となった。

本校は会議2日目の2番目に登壇。「他人の不幸のうえに自分の幸福を築くことはしない」との平和の信条に基づく深いプレゼン内容に、会場から喝采が送られた。アメリカのある私立学校の先生は、「岡本君と吉田さんのプレゼンテーションは斬新で、人間性の観点から核兵器に関する問題に対して、現実的かつ実用的なアドバイスであった。」と絶賛。

他校のプレゼンにも積極的に質問したり、貴重な講演を聞く機会もあり、大変充実した研修となった。
5月12日〜14日 国連本部（ニューヨーク）で開催された高校模擬国連国際大会に、本校の模擬国連部の2名（辻岡美和さん・上田花菜さん）が日本代表として出場した。

部長の辻岡さんは、ラーニングクラスターで培った様々なスキルや知識を試したい 똑ど2年生になってからMUNに入部。上田さんは、1年生のときからMUNで実力をつけて、受験クラスでの勉強と両立しての戦いだった。

この大会には、世界27ヵ国から約1500人の高校生が参加した。日本からは麻布高校、桐蔭学園中等教育学校、灘高校、関西育才高校、神戸女学院高等学部、渋谷教育学園渋谷高校より6チーム12人が参加。日本の高校生は、クウェートの大使になりきってオールイングリッシュで交渉を行った。

「高校模擬国連国際大会」は、米国国連協会の提唱で始まった教育プログラム。国連会議のシミュレーションを通じて、現代の世界におけるさまざまな課題について学ぶことができる。プログラムの参加には、英語によるプレゼンテーション能力、交渉を通じてよりよい解決策を探す課題処理能力などが求められる。日本からは毎年、前年度に行われたグローバル・クラスルーム日本委員会主催の全日本高校模擬国連大会で最優秀賞・優秀賞を獲得したペアが、日本代表団として派遣されることになっている。

今回2人は、クウェートの大使として、「紛争地域におけるジャーナリスト及び人道主義者の保護について」という議題を扱う委員会に参加し、大健闘した。
「世界津波の日」高校生サミット in 黒潮

■ 概要
2016（平成28）年11月25、26日の2日間、高知県黒潮町で開催された「世界津波の日」高校生サミット in 黒潮」に、本校の代表として高校1年生3名が参加した。2015年12月に国連総会委員会において、11月5日を「世界津波の日」とすることが全会一致で採択され、本サミットはその啓発イベントとして催されたものである。黒潮町は、南海トラフ地震による国の被害想定において、津波高34メートルという国内最高の試算を受け、それ以来、地震津波で一人の犠牲者も出さないことを理念に、防災インフラ整備、防災教育、防災産業の創出など、様々な取り組みを進めている。この度、日本を含む世界30か国の高校生361名が黒潮町に会し、本サミットが開催された。

■ 事前準備
参加にあたり、テーマを選択して事前調査を行い、8分程度のプレゼンテーションを英語で作成した。本校は「自然災害への備え」を選択し、防災のためにできることや、災害時のリスク軽減について調査した。具体的には、阿倍野防災センター、津波・高潮ステーションへの訪問学習、2011年の東日本大震災における「釜石の奇跡」特集番組視聴、同学年の生徒360名を対象に意識調査の実施などを行い、自らのリサーチ内容も加え、最終的に「同世代の高校生への提言」としてアクションプランをまとめた。全て英語で行われるうえに、対外的なプレゼンテーションを初めて経験する3名だったが、4か月かけて立派に作り上げた。

■ 行程
全体を通して、本校の生徒は積極的に取り組み、リーダーシップを発揮した。

《1日目》
開会式の後、2日目の分科会グループにわかれ、アイスブレーキングを。グループにはサモア、ギリシャ、ベトナムの高校生がおり、様々なゲームを教えてもらいながら和やかに進んだ。途中、翌日の分科会において書記、タイムキーパー、総会での報告をするメンバーが募られ、真っ先に手を挙げた本校の3名がそれぞれ書記、タイムキーパー、総会での報告を担当することとなった。すべてに挑戦し、吸収していこうという姿勢が見られた。
朝、分科会から2日目がスタート。どの学校も独自の観点から内容をまとめており、生徒たちにとって非常に勉強になったようだ。本校生徒も、まとめたアクションプランを中心に、しっかり調べてきたことをプレゼンテーションすることができた。その後フィールドワークで実際に避難訓練を行い、午後には津波避難タワーと安政津波の碑を見学。記念植樹と全体記念撮影の後、総会へ。YouTubeにもLIVE配信されるなか、本校生徒が分科会の代表として発表した。ジェスチャーも交えての発表は、わかりやすいと好評であった。夜にはフェアウェルパーティーが行われ、2日間共に学んできた国内外の友人との別れを惜しんだ。

■ 生徒の感想

・私たちのグループは「津波への備え」という議題に対して議論をしました。各校のプレゼンテーションやその学校とのディスカッションでは、様々な価値観や考え方を触れ、とても新鮮な気持ちを抱えたとともに、価値観が違う人たち、さらには同じ年代の高校生が一つになって、全世界のために真剣に語り合う姿に、私自身もさらに決意を固めて、真剣に臨むことができました。

今回の会議を通じて、言語や人種、価値観が違ったとしても、お互いが相手のことを分かろうとし合えば、強い友情や絆が必ず築かれることが確認することができました。英語もなかなか自信を持って話すことはできませんでしたが、相手を分かろうと努力し、積極的に挑戦し続け、数多くの国から来た高校生とかけがえのない友情を結ぶことができました。ここで学んだことを、自分だけに留めておくのではなく、周りの家族や友人に伝え、災害から人々を守り、更にグローバルリーダーへと成長していく決意です。

・夏休み前から皆と予定を合わせながら打ち合わせをし、奮闘してきた日々もあったという間に終わり、今では苦しかった多忙の日々も素晴らしい思い出になりました。
私は分科会の内容を総会で発表する大役を担いました。総会の直前で行われたディスカッションでは、自分の意見をうまく伝えることができず、とても悔しい思いをしましたが、同じ分科会の仲間や学校の友達、家族や応援してくださっている全ての方々を思い出し、それすらも糧に自分らしく頑張ろうと思い直すことができました。発表本番では、まだまだ改善は多いものの、自分らしく最後まで堂々とやりきったことが誇りです。他の参加者に「日本人としてよく負けずに頑張ったね」と励ましていただき、自分が日本を代表していたんだと実感し、その責任の重さを痛感するとともに、最後まで諦めずに頑張って本当に良かったと思いました。

今回のサミットには多くの方々が携わってくださっており、地元住民の方々にも温かく見守っていただき、本当に感謝の思いでいっぱいです。この感謝を決して忘れず、語学力を向上させ、立派なグローバルリーダーとなり、皆さんに恩返しができるよう、負けじ魂を燃やして頑張っていこうと思います。
漢語橋世界中高生中国語コンテスト 本選参加報告

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10月18日から29日に中国・雲南省昆明で行われた第9回「漢語橋世界中高生中国語コンテスト」の本選に中国語クラブの高校3年小林晴美さん、高校1年黒田恵美さんが出場・同行した。小林さんは出場者として、黒田さんは交流団の一員として参加し、10月14日から30日までの17日間、コンテストを含む、中国政府による招待研修が北京と雲南省を舞台に行われた。

＜西日本大会＞

同コンテストの西日本大会は7月16日、神戸市内の中華会館で開催された。この大会では、西日本方面から応募した中高生の中から、書類選考を通過した9名が出場し、中国語のスキルや中国文化をはじめとする中国に関する認識を問う、筆記・リスニング試験、「中国語を学び、世界中に友情を広げよう」というテーマのスピーチ、各出場者のしたスピーチに対する中国語でのディスカッション、自身の得意とする技芸の披露を行った。
露では、小林さんは箏、黒田さんは二胡で中国語の歌曲をそれぞれ演奏した。その結果、第1位に相当する特等賞の2名の中の1名に小林さんが入賞し、中国で開催される世界大会への出場資格を勝ち取った。また、第2位に相当する1等賞2名の中の1名に黒田さんが入賞、世界大会見学資格を手に入れた。さらに小林さんは特等賞2名のうち1名に贈られる最優秀賞も受賞した。

＜北京での体験＞
出場者・交流団の一行は、17日北京から空路、雲南省昆明へ移動し、会場兼宿泊所となった雲南師範大学に入った。この中国語コンテストは、世界各国の予選を経た中高生が中国語のスキルから、中国の政治、産業、文化に至るまで幅広い認識を持っているかが問われるもので、今年で9回目を数える。本年は、各国それぞれ2名1組のペア（日本は、東日本、西日本と分けて2ペア）で、計90ペア以上が招待され、約200名が参加した。出場しない交流団としてのメンバーも数と約400名の参加者であった。日本から2ペア4名の中で、小林さんは、西日本大会で同じ特等賞を受けた福井県の女子高校生とペアを組んだ。中国が国家を挙げて行ってこの大会の模様は、テレビで生中継されており、政府が中国語の世界普及を内外に向けて発信していることがうかがわれた。

1次審査は18日から行われ、中国語の文法・リスニングまた中国の政治・産業・文化への認識を問う筆記試験がまずあり、翌19日には、事前のくじ引きで当たったテーマについての各ペア、2分間のスピーチ（1人1分ずつ）による2次審査が行われた。「温故知新について」や「飛行機の旅について」などの様々なテーマがある中で、小林さんのペアが引いたテーマは「私の好きな動物」。小林さんは、2日前に北京動物園で見たパンダについて語ろうと決め、ペアの高校生と中国語でのスピーチを作成した。

そして本番、2人そろって浴衣を着て、北京動物園で買ったパンダの帽子を被り、多くの出場者からの喝采をもらいながらスピーチを披露した。20日は3次審査の中国文化も取り入れた技芸のパフォーマンスを出場者各人が披露。小林さんは箏曲部での経験を生かし、箏を弾きながら、中国の民謡を歌った。3つの審査が終了し、小林さんは惜しくも4次審査への進出はかなわなかったが、世界中の中高生からの賛辞を得た。
21日、現地の中学校を訪問した。習字の授業を中学生と一緒に受け、その後、西日本からの4人は（通訳ガイド1人がついて）1人の中学生の自宅を訪問した。家に到着すると中
学生の父親はこう言った。「(持っていた日本の国旗を)直しなよ！今日は家族だからね」。そして中学生の祖父が調理してくれた昼食を食べ、家族と共に現地を観光した。
17日間の体験を通じて、小林さんは、「自分の世界が広がり、価値観が変わりました。中国が好きな世界の仲間からたくさんのエールを頂きました」と。また、黒田さんは、「各国からの中高生と接し、また、中国語で中国の現地の方々と接する中で、世界にはさまざまな素敵な人がいることを感じ、視野が広がりました」。