

心身練磨 8

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福山地区中学生英語暗唱大会 ・スピーチコンテスト 10/16 4名の生徒が堂々と発表！

10月16日（土）に福山中高等学校で「福山地区中学生英語暗唱大会・スピーチコンテスト」が開催されました。昨年同様、コロナ対応で各校4名以内の人数制限でした。4名の生徒は、出場できなかった生徒の分まで頑張ってくれました。

スピーチの部で、3年坂本実優さんが見事2位となり、広島県中学校英語暗唱大会への出場することになりました。県大会は、12月4日（土）に開催されますが、コロナにより、ビデオで生徒のパフォーマンスを撮影したものを審査する形です。

・1年暗唱の部

後藤香乃 [READING FOR FUN Alice and Humpty Dumpty]

徳永結衣 [READING FOR FUN Alice and Humpty Dumpty]

・スピーチの部

木村莉子 [Two JHSs Become one]

坂本実優 **祝！2位** [Be yourself]

<坂本さんの発表原稿>

Be yourself

Have you ever heard the term "LGBTQ"? Perhaps you've heard of it, but many people don't know the details. I want such people to think and know about what is happening in the world. So, I'm here as a first step. Some people around the world are suffering because of who they are. This is becoming a serious problem as the years go by. We are creating a world where human rights are not respected due to prejudice, making it difficult for some people to live. Today, I'm going to talk about what LGBTQ is, some of the issues involved, and my thoughts about it.

LGBTQ is a general term for sexual minorities, including lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those who don't know their sexuality. Human sexuality is diverse. According to an attitude survey of LGBTQ people, 71.7% of them have heard discriminatory statements at work or school. There may be people around us who are hurt by discriminatory behavior. Some people get bullied or ridiculed because they are sexual minorities. Sexuality is diverse, so it's wrong and shameful to bully people for it.

There are other issues around LGBTQ. For example, marriage. Denmark was the first country to allow equal rights to same-sex couples in 1989. However, marriage of same-sex couples is not legally permitted in Japan. Why can't we get married if we are the same sex? That's not equality. Each person has their own sexuality, just like they have different values and personality traits.

So, what is the goal of raising awareness about LGBTQ issues? I think education about LGBTQ people should be more widespread to help create a world where diversity is recognized. LGBTQ concerns can be communicated broadly, quickly, and simply if we think carefully about how to do it. I know it sounds difficult for young people like us to make efforts to address LGBTQ issues. But there are lots of simple solutions. For example, knowing about current problems and saying something to dispute wrong ideas. I believe common attitudes can shift if even one person tries to change some minds. Trying to understand others is also a good solution. Mutual understanding brings us closer.

In conclusion, what I want to tell you most today is that we are the ones who will change the world. We can change the future. Even if I hear discriminatory remarks around me, I will never let them stand and try to correct the people making them. No matter what it takes, I will continue to hope that the world will get closer to equality, with no one hurt by prejudice. Finally, I want you to remember that being yourself is important and living your own way is beautiful. Why don't we change the world together little by little?

Thank you for listening.



1年暗唱の部：後藤香乃



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