



Let's Cheer Up! Relay Talk

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■How are you doing these days?

The students are back and our YNU campus seems to regain energy since the in-person lectures have started again in April.

I feel really sorry for the international students as some of them have been unable to enter Japan and are still studying online from each of their own countries. I hope the situation of the Covid-19 will get better and they can come to YNU as soon as possible.

■You are a graduate of YNU. Could you share some of your memories at YNU?

I was a member of "International Student Center 105" and supported international students for 4 years. I feel a bit delighted to know "Astage Camp", which started way back in our days, is still going on. Through acting as a student tutor for some of the international students and also studying abroad as an exchange student, I was lucky to have chances to make friends around the world.

■Could you tell us some of your job-hunting experiences?

Since it took me longer than everyone around to get a tentative decision for my work, I was often impatient, frustrated and depressed. Thus, when I finally got one, I thought it was a "goen (ご縁, a kind of fate)".

Job hunting is not something that you could get whatever outcome you want just by making efforts. After you've done everything you can, the rest is a "goen". I think working here now is also some kind of a "goen".



■If you have something that you enjoy at home, please let us know.

I've been enjoying online yoga for about a year. Especially night yoga is good to make a habit of getting asleep early.

While I love travelling and walking around cities, the Covid-19 situation have been making it difficult for me to do so. These days, I take a walk around my neighborhood, avoiding the crowds. Although I've already lived in the area for 10 years almost, there still are lots of chances to find new things.



■Could you send a message to international students?

People I met during the period of studying abroad have been my precious friends and sometimes good mentors for more than a decade. I still enjoy having conversations with them online nowadays and it makes me feel refreshed.

I know some of you are so disappointed in the Covid-19 situation that things are going very differently from what you were planning. You should know that there are many students who are as much frustrated as you are. This period should enhance the bond among students at YNU who are going through the same difficulties. I believe many of you would stay in touch with each other for a long time. Let's imagine a brighter future and embrace your days now.

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