

Feature: **Presenting "Deai"!**

A New Photo Resource "Deai: The Lives of the Seven Japanese High School Students"

In November, 2001, The Japan Forum published a new photo resource "Deai: The Lives of Seven Japanese High School Students" mainly for Japanese-language teachers and students studying Japanese language at secondary schools outside Japan.

"Deai" is designed to transmit the stories of the seven Japanese high school students to their peers in the world through photographs and text, presenting their personalities and "a day in the life" of each student. In these photographs and stories, we glimpse young people anxious, sad, contemplative, and excited, as they confront the variety of events in their lives. These seven students, born and reared in disparate parts of Japan, from Hokkaido in the north to Okinawa in the south, speak candidly about their lives up to the present, describe the pursuits that absorb their energies, and reveal their dreams for and concerns about the future.

The communication among human beings that is most important for establishing and maintaining ties with other people begins with the meeting of one individual and another. We have developed "Deai" to bring such encounter and meeting into school classrooms and as a resource for taking the first steps to ongoing communication among high school students of the same generation.

While the ultimate purpose of "Deai" is person-to-person understanding of the seven high school students presented, it also focuses on the issues of grasping the culture in which they live. We have devised a set of materials consisting of photographs and text that allow students to learn about the culture that forms the backdrop of the lives of the seven.

One common pitfall in education for cultural understanding is of teaching information that is excessively stereotyped

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and rigid. If one attempts to explain Japan or the Japanese in sweeping or absolute terms, it often becomes clear later on that such explanations do not apply to all Japanese. Culture is by no means static, but is constantly changing. Diversity is everywhere even within a particular, apparently well-defined culture. As one approach for avoiding this pitfall, "Deai" focuses instead on individual students and then mentions the culture that emerges in their respective daily lives.

We hope young people will acquire Japanese language while getting to know these seven students. We will be glad if they can discover something shared or feel empathy with them that they will always remember.

In this issue, we introduce the content of "Deai." In the following issue in March, we will present practical ways that "Deai" can be used in Japanese-language classes.

Special Edition

This is a special edition of the *TJF Newsletter* featuring the "Deai" photo teaching resource. Our regular features—"Meeting People," "Japanese Culture Now," and "Voices"—will be back in the next issue. Returning to our usual format, No. 24 will also feature lesson plans designed for classroom applications of the "Deai" photo resources.

Meet the Seven Deai Students





I live in Yokohama in Kanagawa prefecture. I'm an optimistic, easygoing type of person. But I'm also ambitious and full of curiosity. I love taking pictures, especially of people. In the future I want to become a journalist good at both writing and photography.





I have heard that I was guite self-assertive when I was small.





I think photography can be a kind of mirror of one's thoughts. Even when I photograph a subject other than myself, all the photographs I take reflect my mood.

My Family ·····

This is my parents and sister. I think the first social organization you encounter in life is your family. It is our first training ground for overcom-



ing conflicts and building relationships with others





I have some close friends, but at one time I had trouble getting along with people. Through that experience, I learned that you have to have confidence in yourself and faith in others to build strong friendships.



Yokohama has the second largest population of any city in Japan. It is a dynamic, stimulating urban environment, with many movie theaters, libraries, museums, and other cultural attractions.

大石 勘太…おおいし かんた Oishi Kanta



I'm seventeen and I live in Tokyo. I'm a member of the drama club. I've been writing fiction since I was in junior high school and I hope to become a full-fledged mystery writer. My motto is "Say something different from what you said yesterday." What appeals to me is the idea of flexibility depending on the time and situation.



When I was in third year of junior high school, I read Ellery Queen's The Tragedy of Y. I was pretty overwhelmed when I realized from reading this book what it takes to write a real mystery.



I want to do in theater what you cannot do with film and television. I want to transmit a kind of electricity, a flash of inspiration or insight.



There are eight in my family, my parents, three older sisters, two older brothers, and myself. My family is a great source of stability for me.



Friends are the group that recognizes and encourages me. Friends exchange ideas and stimulate each other to improve.



Tokyo is a place that incorporates many languages and cultures. It is the epitome of information. My story could only happen in this city. I'll probably never move away from here.

坂井 未知…さかい みち Sakai Michi



I'm sixteen. I was born and raised in the city of Ichikawa in Chiba and I am now a dormitory student at a high school in Hokkaido in the town of Shibecha. I am a stubborn person. I believe in enjoying everything we have in our daily lives. I hope to become a veterinarian.



I have loved insects and animals from my childhood (left). I read every book I could find on them.



Twice a month I spend weekends with a family that runs a dairy farm. I help out with the cows. This cow is very friendly and inter-

ested in human beings. I'd like to work with protection of wild animals in South America or Africa.

There are seven in my family, my parents, two sisters and grandparents. For me, family is my "home to go back to" or the "fam-ily nest." It is my fam-



ily that accepts me just as I am, both my good sides and my bad sides.



My friends are very important to me. When you're living away from home, it's really important to have supportive friends with whom you * can share things both happy and sad.



I think Shibecha (left), with its lush landscape and kind and friendly people, suits me well. My hometown Ichikawa (right) is a residential suburb of Tokyo, but it is also a settled old community with old temples and other landmarks. I like Ichikawa, too.

玉城 俊一…たま Tamaki Shun'io



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吉田 功二郎…よしだ こうじろう

I'm eighteen. I live in the city of Himeji, Hyogo prefecture. I'm rather shy around strangers, but depending on the time and situation, I can be quite aggressive and active. I am very fond of animals and plants. I'm aiming for some kind of work as veterinarian relating to protection of wild animals



I was born in Nagasaki. When I was in third grade, my family moved to Himeji. I had trouble adjusting to the new environment and in junior high I stopped going to school for a while. It was when I got into the high school I chose myself that I found an environment that really suited me.



I have lots of pets, dogs, cats turtles, and birds. I feel at ease when I am with my pets. I'm hoping to become a veterinarian and help save the wild animals hurt and injured as a result of human actions.

There are five in my family: my parents, big brother, younger sister, and myself. For me, family is just always there. It is like



a fact of life; if I did not have a family, I wouldn't know where I belonged.



Friends, for me, are people with whom I can act naturally, without reserve. For example, when I'm feeling depressed about some-

thing, I don't have to tell them all about it, I can just enjoy their company and, in the course of having fun with them, I eventually get over whatever it was that was bothering me



From the area I live in (left), we have a good view of Himeji Castle (right) which was designated a world heritage site by UNESCO.

山本 隆幸…やまもと たかゆき Yamamoto Takayuki



I'm eighteen. I was born and raised in Kyoto. I've been playing American football since I was in the third grade. I am positive and openminded by nature. If I like something or someone, I'm committed, heart and soul, Although I was born with a hearing disability, I've never really thought of it as a handicap. I hope to join a strong professional football team in the future.



My encounter with American football during elementary school changed the course of my life. It brought out my abilities as an athlete. I've also learned

lots of other things through interacting with my teammates, such as how to get along with friends and what to say in various situations



I'm playing cornerback. If I make an interception, it can really make a difference in the game. Being able to have that kind of effect on the game is what I like about playing cornerback. Our victories in the high school national championships two years running are precious memories.



My family consists of my parents, older sister, and me. My parents run a fish shop in the local arcade. My family is the mainstay of my life. Whenever I have a problem, they're always there for me if I want to talk it over

My friends understand me and are always ready to help me out of a jam. Without my friends, any troubles I have would be



doubly difficult to handle. And besides, it's just no fun not having friends around.



Kyoto is famous for its centuries-old temples. I like the area around my house, because it's peaceful and pretty and still has a lot of old buildings. Kyoto is most of all the place where I feel totally at home.

柳 有真…ユウ ユウジン Yoo Yoo Jin



I'm eighteen. I am a third-generation Korean resident of Japan, born and raised in Osaka. I'm a very curious person. If I find something that catches my fancy or captures my interest, I'll pursue it even at the sacrifice of sleep. I would far rather be active in some sport than studying at my desk. I'm planning to study to become a sports counselor.



At home, I spoke mainly Korean and I was raised according to Korean cultural customs and ways of thinking. In my childhood, outside was "Japan" and home was "Korea." As a result, the two cultures exist sideby-side within me.

> I love being a swimming teacher because I can get the exercise I love and can take care of children at the same time. Sports teaches

me so many things-happiness and sadness, alertness, my own physical limits, the importance of teamwork and friendship, what it means to be thoughtful of others.

Life at



There are five in my family, my parents and my two older sisters. Family, for me, is warm and welcoming. My love of sports comes from the influence of my family.

I don't think we have to always stick close to our friends; a little distance is a good thing. But when I am with my friends, I want to



really enjoy being together, so I avoid talking about unpleasant subjects and try not to let my own troubles show



My hometown, Higashi Osaka (left), is a residential area close to downtown Osaka. I'm actually more familiar with Senri (right) in Minoo where my school is.





A Day in the Life •



The first thing I do in the morning is eat breakfast. Some of my friends don't eat anything in the morning, but I wouldn't be able to stand the hunger until lunch time without getting a healthy breakfast.



I am in second year at Prefectural Tsurumi High School My favorite subject is World History I'm interested in how people lived in each era and what they were thinking about. It's people



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condo, but by the time l get up, everyone else is gone. This day I made myself a breakfast



who move history.



When I don't have any classes. I sometimes go for a walk in a nearby park with my girlfriend.



I am a dormitory student at Hokkaido Shibecha High School. We get up around 6:15 every morning and have breakfast after cleaning up our rooms and assigned parts of the dormitory.



This day is my day to participate in the traffic safety campaign. We take turns with this patrol drive during the regular national traffic safety weeks in spring and fall.



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June 23 is Memorial Day, the day we pray for the



I'm in the third year at Tokyo Metropolitan Yamabuki High School attending

the part-time curriculum. I belong to the

Fourth Division, a vocational course in

Information Technology, where classes

are held between 5 and 9 at night.

addition to general subjects like math and English, we study Okinawan culture like history, language, literature, music, etc. I think these studies will be useful to me in making my own music.





repose of the souls of people who died mainly in the Battle of Okinawa during World War II. We presented a "Declaration of Peace" supported by the students of Haebaru High School. I read it aloud for the class in our homeroom period.



I belong to the Local Culture course. In





I get to the station near my school at about 8:12. It takes about an hour from my home to get to school, but it's a good time to talk to my friends, so I actually kind of enjoy it.







Another subject I like is chemistry. I like the way different substances are formed through the combination of different chemicals.







I'm a third-year student and we have almost no classes in the third term as we near graduation. Since I've already been admitted to university by recommended placement, I'm using the extra time to go





I get up around 6:00. It that day whether I use aet to school on time









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Messages from the Seven Students •

I believe in love. There are all kinds of love-for a boyfriend, for one's family, for friends-and I feel love for all kinds of people. I think this must be true of anyone, regardless of the culture in which we are brought up. "What do you believe in?" I'd like to ask all sorts of people in the world that question.

OK

I have a girlfriend, and as we get to know each other, I discover one new aspect of her after another. Every time I get to know a new side of her, I feel as if I am meeting a new person, as if I am having a fresh encounter with a new person. I feel that new encounter in the slightest smile, the way she might flare up over nothing in particular, or just when we're talking normally. In that sense, I think we are always experiencing new encounters.

I hope that by looking at our photographs, you will get some idea of what Japan's culture is like and how we high school students live. If, after looking at these photographs, you would like to know more about Hokkaido or more about Japan, I hope you will write me a letter. I would like to make as many friends as I can, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Hello. I'd like to tell all you folks who are studyin chance, I hope you will study Japanese and visit th sing it for you.

The sound of the waves Falling in love, shedding tea Feelings like this are the same Don't put up walls! We are all one in spirit under the deep blue sky and sea

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our. I bring an inch) every day eating, we chat of things rams, gossip romances-it's

After classes, if you are on duty for clean up, you have to stay and do it. We're eager to get this work out of the way, so we finish it fast, in about 15 minutes



On the way home. I sometimes stop by a convenience store to look through the magazines without having to buy them. I have a look mainly at fashion magazines to check out articles on clothes, hairstyles, and variety goods.



Before falling asleep I try to think happy thoughts, like what I did best during that day, or what I'm hoping will be even



This is a class in writing English. There are just four students in the class. English is not really one of my strong subjects. I enjoy Japanese language class more



scenario for the drama club. Before my girlfriend and I got together, I used to think of her when I wrote short scenarios



better tomorrow. About 2:00 a.m. I get in the bath with a book. I love the bath because it's so relaxing. I usually fall asleep around 4 a.m. and then sleep an aver-

age of six hours.

In the dorm, the time between 9:00 and 10:00

p.m. is study time. We study in the dining hall.

Since I was little I did my studying in surround-

ings where other people were relaxing, so I

can study just about anywhere.

ne class on "human beings in the industrial We often have speakers come to talk pecific subjects and go on field trips. The o help us think about what kind of work we do and what future course we should take.



After classes I go to practice at the folk performing arts club. I play sanshin accompaniment to the dance. play the taiko drum, and also do a bit of dancing. We have performed at many events in Okinawa.

I am the head of the kyudo (Japanese archery) club. We practice kyudo for about two hours after school. You need firm mental discipline to make your arrow hit a target that is 28 meters away. What attracts me is how you can learn to concentrate your mind as you draw the bow.

We have football practice pretty much every day except for the day following a game and during exam periods. Everyone on the team gets on really well, so even the toughest practices are fun. I go in there determined to show how good I can become.

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After school I often study at McDonald's. The only subjects I study on my own are music and English. I'm hoping that in the future I can meet people from various countries and cultures, play my music for them, and talk to them. To be able to do that, I have to get a proper grasp of English.

'm a member of the basket-

about two hours after school.

I find devising strategies for

ball club. We practice for

plays really interesting.



On the way home from school, I and my friends ended up at a secondhand manga, paperback, and CD store. You can get manga or CDs for less than half a price of new ones. This is just the kind of store for a

guy like me with very limited spending money. My monthly allowance is 4,000 yen.



too hyped up to go sleep at night, I sometimes go out and play my guitar on the street. Before going to sleep, I light

When I've got a problem that I can't

find a solution for no matter how much I think about it, or if I'm just



the aroma censer in my room and try to calm my nerves. With houseplants and dried flowers here and there, it is a room I can really relax in.



After practice, a friend and I went to a store that specializes in equipment for American football. When I have free time, I also go to the shops for young people to check out the clothes. I'm very good at hunting out quality items at bargain prices.



I'm checking my e-mail on my way home in the train. On a typical day I exchange over fifty messages with my friends. We chat just as freely as we would if we were together.





After school I study at prep school and get home around 9:30. After supper, I just laze for a while, then study for entrance exams or do homework, take a bath, write in my diary and go to sleep around 3:00 a.m.

g Japanese that Okinawa is a really great place. If you have the is part of the country. I wrote this song to express my hopes. I'll

My hope

- Soothes my heart like the gentle receding tide
- Yearning after what we can't forget
- for us all We are fellow human beings!
 - Let's go on like brothers and sisters

I believe the stars in the heavens will answer my dreams someday

Japan is a beautiful country, through all its four seasons. I hope you will visit here someday. I recommend autumn as the best time to come.

I was born in Kyoto, which is such a cool place-I hope you'll come and check it out some day. I have a hearing disability, but I don't let it keep me from playing my favorite sport, American football. I'm determined to keep playing football, and I hope you'll all cheer for me. Take care and see you around!

Since I've been pursuing one sport or other since I was really small, I'd far rather be engaged in some athletic activity than studying. I think it's really hard to try to study all kinds of things, and I hope you can see from these photographs how hard I'm trying.

Structure and Content A Four-dimensional Resource

What is "Deai"?

The Deai resources consist of two parts: the Deai Kit—containing 192 sheets of photographs, a booklet, and two CD-ROMs—and the Deai website, which offers a wealth of information useful for teachers in planning classes and classroom activities.

The Deai Kit is made up of three kinds of materials introducing the lives of seven Japanese high school students: large photograph panels, a printed text booklet, and two CD-ROMs. The materials are working resources. How they can best be used in the Japanese language class-room is up to the imagination and discretion of the teacher.

For reference and support for teachers, however, the Deai Website offers specific teacher-support information for planning classes and classroom activities in addition to all of the materials included in the Deai Kit. The Information will include 1) a mini encyclopedia of terms for understanding the content of the photographs and the written text, 2) list of vocabulary relating to the photographs, 3) curriculum maps

The Deai Kit

Photo Sheets (192 sheets)



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A Day in the Life

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The photo sheets for each Deai student consist of two series: those for the "Profile" and those for "A Day in the Life." The Profile photographs include images of early childhood, family, friends, area where they live, and activities they are involved in, and so on. The "A Day in the Life" photographs vividly portray the students as they really are in their daily lives.

On the back of each photo sheet are printed in reduced size a black-and-white reproduction of the photograph on the front of the sheet, the photo sheet number, title, and captions (in Japanese and English), and a set of icons and symbols identifying the Deai student of the photo sheet set and the theme (s) to which the photograph relates. 15 themes are selected from those frequently used in language classes. Providing this information on the back makes it easily accessible for teachers who can show the photo sheets to students in *kamishibai* fashion in the classroom.



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Text Booklet



Messages and Stories of the Seven Deai Students

A message for high school students overseas along with the stories of each student in English and Japanese are included. In these texts, prepared on the basis of interviews, the students tell in their own words about their upbringing, their families, friends, the places they live, the pursuits currently absorbing their interest, and their dreams for the future. Comments by others (family, friends, teachers, etc.) about the student, along with the students' own accounts, help to flesh out the profiles.

Photo Captions

The photo captions listed in the text booklet are the same as those printed on the back of the photo sheets. In accordance with the photo sheets, they consist of two series: those for "Profile" and those for "A Day in the Life." They are accompanied by reducedsize, black-and-white reproductions of the photos in order to have the images close at hand while reading.

Theme Charts

The theme charts show the relationship of the themes above mentioned to the photographs, making it possible to check what photographs relate to which themes. and sample lesson plans for use in Japanese-language classes, and 4) Reference, a repository of supplementary data and information.

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Under contract between TJF and the individual photographers, TJF holds the copyright to all the photographs included in the "Deai" resources with the exception of some photographs. TJF also holds the portrait rights for the Deai students, their parents, siblings, and other relations, as well as friends, teachers, school-related and other persons appearing in the photographs. TJF assumes all legal responsibility

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ains a total of more than 1,300 photographs. In addition to the the photo sheets, it contains photographs selected from several pictures that could not be included in the printed sets, close-up pecific subject matter and photographs of relevant interest, as well displaying the diversity of Japanese high school students selected ns submitted to the TJF Photo Contest in 1997 through 2000.



ins the video messages of the seven Deai students for high school as. The purpose of these messages is to communicate the indiand atmosphere of the students to users of the Deai materials bice and actions. The scenes from the lives of the students also is of their actual daily lives. The segment "My Favorite Places" on the area around the student's home or school. "My World" vities that each is absorbed in and/or what they most treasure or and in their lives. regarding copyright and portrait rights in this project. The names of the seven Deai students given in this resource are pseudonyms.

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The Deai Website



Teacher Support Information

Curriculum Maps, Sample Lesson Plans and Activities for Japanese-language Teaching

This site offers curriculum outlines, lesson plans, and activities for use in Japanese-language classes which are accompanied with references and activities.

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By the authors and users of Japanese-language textbooks: In conjunction with the textbooks (*Ima!*, *Kisetsu*, *Mirai*, *Obentoo*, *Wakatta!*, *Yookoso!* etc.)

By teachers and educational advisors around the world: Original activities and ideas

Reference

Reference contains relevant materials and data needed by teachers in putting the lesson plans to practical use in the classroom. Students themselves can also directly consult this resource when they are assigned a task such as writing a report. Included are numerous illustrations and photographs, the URLs of websites for further research, graphs and tables showing a variety of data and reference information, original teaching resources as well as authentic materials like the promotional brochures of the high schools attended by the seven Deai students.

Mini Encyclopedia

The "Mini Encyclopedia" contains the entries on Japanese culture, society, and the educational system necessary for understanding of the content of the photographs and the written text. Illustrations and photographs accompany these explanations.

Vocabulary List

The vocabulary list is made up of terms relating to the photos and the fifteen themes. Entries give the Japanese (kanji and kana), and English translation.

List of kana order

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List of alphabetical order

The Deai Kit

How to Order the Deai Kit

Secondary schools engaged in Japanese-language education in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States may receive the Deai Kit (1 set), one set per institution, free of charge upon submission of the enclosed application form. For schools in other regions please contact TJF.

Those interested in receiving the set for their institution should fill out the application form and return it to TJF either by fax or post.

Packets will reach Canada and the United States starting from mid-January 2002; arrangements are still in process, but delivery to recipients in other parts of the world is expected to be from February onward. Details will be announced via e-mail to those submitting the application form.

From March 2002, in collaboration with the associations of Japanese-language teachers, TJF will hold workshops in different parts of North America on use of the "Deai" resources. Workshops will also be planned in other regions in cooperation with Japanese-language educators in each country. When the schedule of workshops is set, details will be posted on the TJF website. For further information, please feel free to contact TJF.

On December 1, 2001, a test version of the "Deai Website" was opened on the TJF Website http://www.tjf.or.jp./ deai/. The teacher support information will be available from mid-February 2002. We hope to continually renew and update this information after that based on feedback from users of the resources.





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 The Way We Are: Japanese High School Students' Lives 1999 (Selections from the third TJF Photo Contest in 1999. Text in Japanese, English text insert. 2000). ¥500.
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speaking areas, an insert giving the complete translation of the text is provided to the Japanese edition. We look forward to the ideas and responses to this fourth volume of photographic messages when it reaches high school students overseas.