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New Communities Open on Tsunagaaru New Opportunities for Student Participation!

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TJF is now developing theme-oriented communities within Tsunagaaru to provide teachers with projects designed for involvement as a class, as an extracurricular activity or individually. One is a community in which members will be able to talk about their values. Another is a community for enjoyable discussion of familiar subjects that allows students to discover

their differences as well as things they agree on and share. We hope these new features of the site will encourage students' participation. We hope you will consider participating as a class, but individual participation is just as welcome. We invite you to have a look and consider introducing these communities to your students.

A community where members will be able to talk about their values



The "Time Capsule" community has just opened! (To open around the end of November, 2009)



Imagine that you are preparing a Time Capsule for yourself set to be opened 50 years from now. What would you prepare as a gift and message to yourself in the future? Please share...

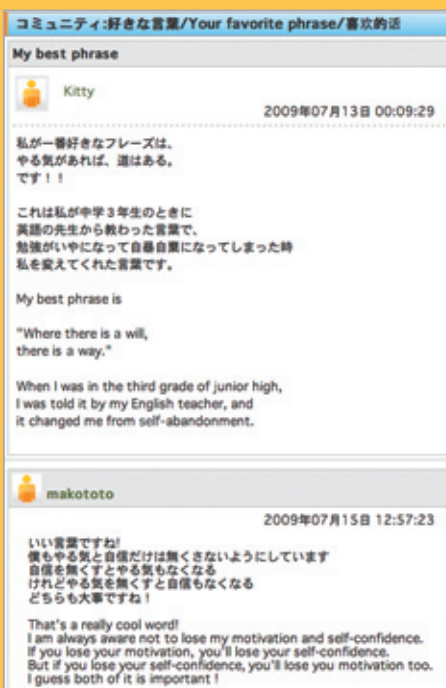
- 1) your choice of gift. If it is something you have now, try photographing it to show online!
- 2) your message to yourself.

From around the end of November, we plan to send a message to members proposing as follows: "Next, imagine that a Time Capsule has arrived for you from yourself fifty years in the future. The Time Capsule contains a message and a gift. What do you think the message says and what do you think the gift might be?"

Community on familiar subjects



Your favorite phrase



What is your favorite phrase?
Where did you encounter it?
Were you encouraged or comforted by it?
Or, did it make you think more deeply?
Share stories about the phrase.
Explain the meaning if necessary.

Try logging in to
Tsunagaaru's "Community"
page and check the
postings now!



Your fashion taste



What kinds of clothes do you like?
Introduce your favorite clothes and accessories.
Post photos and include the following in your explanation:
* The points you are particular about
* Occasions when you wear this kind of clothing