

## 高校生英語 休講期間中の課題⑬～5月1日用～

### ●次の英文を読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。

Ryoji Sato was born in a small town in Gifu in 1929. He was the youngest child in a family of three children. When he was three, his mother died at the age of 33. After that his father raised the children \*by himself. In such a difficult situation, Ryoji's father always said: "Work to \*contribute to society and make people happy even if you have to dress in \*rags." These words were \*engraved in their minds.

In 1945, Ryoji got a job at \*Japanese National Railways. He became a \*bus conductor in 1953. When his father died in 1961, Ryoji thought deeply about the real meaning of his father's words, and around this time, he had a \*life-changing \*experience.

The government began planning to build a \*rock-fill dam in the \*Sho-gawa River in Gifu in 1952. In 1960, the huge dam was completed. Unfortunately, 360 small villages were going to be under water because of the government's dam project. \*In addition, two 400-year-old cherry trees faced the same \*fate. However, many of the people who were \*displaced from the small villages wanted to save them. A large-scale tree transplanting was \*conducted \*successfully.

Three springs after the dam's \*construction, the villagers got together and enjoyed seeing the cherry trees in full \*bloom. At the party, an \*elderly woman suddenly started to stroke one of the trees \*gently and cried aloud \*with joy. Ryoji was there. The trees made their \*reunion possible. Ryoji \*realized that these cherry trees surely \*connected people and brought peace to the villagers.

In the spring of 1966, Ryoji planted a cherry tree at the office where he worked in Nagoya. Ryoji had a dream to plant cherry trees along the \*entire length of the road from Nagoya to Kanazawa. \*Whenever he had time, he planted cherry trees. In 1971 he got cancer. \*Despite his \*serious \*illness, he continued planting them. In 1976, his life ended at the young age of 47. He planted over 2,000 trees.

A 250-kilometer \*ultra-marathon is held every spring to \*honor Ryoji's dream of peace. It is called the Skuramichi International Nature Run. The \*participants run under the blooming cherry blossoms. These trees represent a \*Milky Way on Earth as a \*symbol for peace across the world.

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by oneself:ひとりだけで、自分で contribute:貢献(寄付)する contribute to ~:~に貢献(寄付)する

rag(s):ぼろ(服) engrave(d):感銘させる national:国家の railway:鉄道

Japanese National Railways:日本国有鉄道(日本の国が経営していた鉄道事業) conductor:案内人、車掌

bus conductor:バスの車掌 life-changing:人生が変わる(一転する)ような experience:経験

rock-fill dam:ロックフィルダム(岩石や土砂を積み上げて建設されたダム)

Sho-gawa River:庄川(岐阜県と富山県を流れる一級河川) in addition:さらに、加えるに

addition:追加、足し算 fate:運命、宿命 displace:移す、強制退去させる conduct:処理する、指揮する

successfully:うまく、幸運に(も) construction:建設 bloom:花、開花 elderly:かなり年配の、初老の

gently:優しく、穏やかに with joy:喜んで reunion:再会 realize:理解する connect:つなぐ

entire:全部の whenever:...する時にはいつでも(必ず) despite:...にもかかわらず serious:思い、真剣な

illness:病気 ultra-:極端な、超 marathon:マラソン honor:名誉を与える participant:参加者

Milky Way:天の川、銀河 symbol:象徴

