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School Introduction:

Maiko High School
Environment and Disaster
Mitigation Course

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The environment and disaster mitigation course started at Maiko High School in April 2002, 7 years after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Disaster. It is meaningful to set the course at a school located in the disaster area as the center of the disaster mitigation education first in Japan. We learned a lot of lessons from the disasters so far but they were discussed only by the specialists in the 20th century. The citizens didn't pay attention to the lessons and thus were not prepared for the coming disasters. This is why many disasters continue taking place in everywhere in the world. The 21st century must be the age to cope with the disaster and mitigate it. It depends on whether we send our lessons to the world or not. The purpose to start the environment and disaster mitigation course is to send the lessons we learned from the Great Hanshin-Awaji Disaster to the world and make the citizens aware and prepared to cope with the disasters.

Our activities

We are the student of Maiko High School. We belong to the only and unique course in Japan. This course was established to study the lesson of Kobe Earthquake which took place in January 17th, 1995. The purpose of this course is to raise the student to be the community leaders.

In the project by JEARN we focused on a small town called Sayo-cho in our prefecture.

1. Sayo-cho

Sayo-cho is one of the towns in Hyogo Prefecture where we live.

A typhoon 9 landed on the town in August 9, 2009. 20 people were killed by flood.

2. Restoration volunteer activity

We visited Sayo-cho in the summer vacation last year. We removed mud and cleaned houses.

In Sayo, There were a lot of mud in houses and the furniture were very dirty for use.

We found how big the damage was and how awful the disaster was.

3. Visit to an Elementary school

We visited an elementary school in Sayo three times. Our first visit was made last summer in August, then, in November and in this July. We enjoyed eating lunch with children, drawing pictures, and playing dodge ball. I had heard that some children were still suffering from awful experience but I felt easy because they seemed cheerful.

4. The project by JEARN

We practiced three things for Japan January Presentation.

First, we learned from the lecture by Mr. Maki of Kyoto University. We focused on how to reduce the number of the dead. We will introduce this in our presentation. So please look forward to our presentation.

Second, we used "Google map" and made a flood map in Sayo-cho. We put the damages by flood and marked the flooded rivers on the map.

Third, we thought about flood disaster drill. In Japan, we hold earthquake disaster drills but flood disaster drill is hardly held. The contents we thought are the following.

- I. Flood happens.
- II. Evacuation advice is announced.
- III. People escape to the refuge.
- IV. Discussion

Flood happens and evacuation advice is announced. Participants listen to this and escape to refuge with family and families in neighborhood. While evacuating, they are requested to think about dangerous places and the damages when flood happens. When they arrive at the refuge, they discuss about dangerous places and the route to refuge. This discussion helps them notice new things and think more about how to escape more safely. Though this process we can raise more awareness in disaster reduction.

The native people in Sayo-cho were removing mud and cleaning hard every day when we visited Sayo-cho. They accepted us from outside of the town. We never forget that we felt grateful and we want to keep good relationship with them.

We would like to tell our experience of both volunteer activity and disaster drill near my school. We would like to tell what we learned from these experiences. We also want to learn Turkish culture and make good friends with as many people as possible. We really feel grateful that we can take part in this meeting by JERAN in Turkey. We will do our best in Turkey.