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Japan's New My Number System

Gam Maya Pun

Good afternoon, everyone! Have you heard about the new my number system? My topic is about the new my number system in Japan and I have several question about the my number system.

- Questions No.1) what is my number system?
- No.2) who is concerned?
- No.3) when will it start?

Question No.1) What is the my number system?

The my number system is the Japanese social security and tax number system created because some people don't pay social security and taxes.

Question No.2) Who is concerned?

It will be applied to Japanese citizens and foreign residents who have been staying in Japan for more than 3 months and have a registered address in Japan. But it is not for those people who are staying in Japan for a short period like tourist visa.

Question No.3) When will it start?

The Japanese government will begin my number system on January 1st, 2016.



Finally, my conclusion is we don't know about the my number system so well, so we all are a bit worried about what will happen. Especially, some people who are worried about privacy issues.

Thank you.

Mother Is Everything

IHSAN NURDIN

Good afternoon, everybody, and good afternoon, all of my friends, especially all our teachers.

On this occasion, I want to talk about "Mother is everything."

What is the first thing you figure in your head when you hear the word, "Mom"? The best friend? An ideal adviser? A good teacher? Or the true hero? Whatever it is, one thing is clear that she is EVERYTHING.

It is hard to find a word to describe a person who always encourages us to be the real us; a person who shows the right path when we are lost; a person who always listens well to every single problem we have, and the person who never stops supporting us. Yeah, Mom is indeed EVERYTHING.

Mom is EVERYTHING may be the only expression that can cover all the good things she has done for us. Just remember for a second how many tears she had shed to help us grow healthy, and make our life happy. Just remember for a moment how many sacrifices she has made to see our success and independence.



She gives love to us that no one else can give. She gives us happiness that nothing else can give. She gives us valuable lessons of life that no teachers can give. She gives us everything because she thinks we are EVERYTHING to her.

At this moment, let's remember everything she has done for us, her children. Let's start to give back love and happiness like she has given us. Because she is everything. She deserves all the good things in this world. Let's repay all her kindness by always being good children, by being a source of pride to her and by being her hero when she gets old.

I cannot say enough on this occasion and it is not the aim of this speech to reply to all the affection, sacrifice, love, laugh and tears that Mom gives us. But I hope after listening to this speech, you will agree: let's respond to all the affection, sacrifice, love, laugh, and tears of our Mother by realizing all her hopes. Thank you.

The Caste System In Nepal Today

GURUNG DINESH

My topic is the caste system in Nepal today. First of all, I will describe the castes in Nepal. In ancient time, the King named "Manu" divided the people into four castes; 1) Brahmin, 2) Kshatriya, 3) Vaishya, and 4) Sudra.

The Brahmin is known as a high class caste in the Hindu society. They work as priests in the society. The Kshatriya are warriors who fight for the country. Usually their occupation is to be soldiers of the government service. Vaishya is well known for doing business, like schools, hotels, and big companies.

The Sudra (dallit) are in the low class. People who work for the ones of the higher classes, such as, for the Brahmin, the Kshatriya, and the Vaishya. They work as labors, and seamstresses. The king made four castes to manage the society depending on the jobs. But later on, it turned into the caste discriminations. Slowly the high class people, the Brahmin, discriminated against



the lower class people, the Sudra, known as "dallit". Their discrimination for example, they don't drink water which is touched by the low class people.

Next, the situation of the caste discrimination in Nepal today. Caste discrimination remains in the remote areas in Nepal. The Dallit are not allowed to enter the temple even when the statues are made by them. They cannot enter the priests' houses either. When they have a meal at the Brahmin's houses, they should wash the dishes themselves. And in the hotels, they have to wash their own. Gradually the situations are changing day by day, but due to the lack of education, the discrimination remains in remote villages in Nepal.

Now, we have a new constitution in Nepal. The constitution gives more

rights to the Dalit to improve their conditions. In every constitution board of the government, there's a reserved seat to help the Dalit to improve their economic status. And the education reservation in the public universities to educate them. In the new constitution, these are many rules to punish those who discriminate against the Dalit.

In conclusion, the conditions of the Dalit are being improved day by day. But in this 21st. century, it's not good to still have people suffering from the caste discrimination.

We should eliminate discrimination. We all are equal, our blood is red. Nobody in this world should be discriminated against because of the caste, color, sex, and religion.

Srilankan Foods

CHATHURA MADUSHAN

Hello, everyone.

My topic today is Sri Lankan Foods. I chose this topic because Japanese people often think Sri Lankan food is the same as Indian food and Nepalese food.

Sri Lanka is a tropical country, as well as a South Asian country. Sri Lankan food is similar to other south Asian countries. Rice and curry is the major part of our food. Sri Lankan rice is not really sticky. So we need a curry mixed with rice before eating.

Coconut is the main ingredient for most Sri Lankan foods. It makes better, thick and tasty curry. But the magic of all is spices! Without spices, we can't do anything like a curry. We don't need any artificial cubes or flavors to make a curry. Because the natural spices give all the values to the curry. Every vegetable, meat and fish can be made into a curry.

Sri Lanka is a Theravada Buddhist Country. So Sri Lankans did not use to eating meat and fish. But after British influence most Sri Lankans now eat meat. Meat curry with Sri Lankan spices is my favorite. But again, we can see the most of Sri Lankans don't eat so much meat and fish. Sinhala New Year day is a major part of the Sri Lankan Culture. We make Kiribath using's Coconut milk and rice.

Sri Lankans have some special table manners. We use the right hand fingers to eat, because rice should be mixed with curry well. But the thing is we can't use our palm for eating. Parents teach their children we eat what they can hold in our fingers. When I was a boy, my mother told me to show my hands and palms. If they were dirty, she got very angry.

Sri Lankan food is very delicious. I hope one day you can try Sri Lankan foods.



University Education In Sri Lanka Compared To Japan

DILAN MIHIRANGA

One big difference is that Sri Lanka has an education system of government schools and university education is free. Sri Lanka has 15 public universities and only around 9% of students who sit for the GCE A/L examination can enter the universities at present. Japan doesn't have a free education system.

Another difference is Japanese student life is very busy. The school fees are very expensive here so students want to do a part time job.

I have a university friend in Sri Lanka. He says the Sri Lankan university education is very hard. He doesn't have any free time. All the time he will do some research and exams so he can not to do a part time job. I'm really happy to be studying in Japan. Thank you.



My Internships And That I Learned

JUMPEI TACHI

Hello, my name is Jumpei Tachi. Today I will talk about my internships. I chose this topic because I did internships this summer and they were very useful experiences. I went to two internships during the summer vacation. The purpose was to prepare for job hunting next year.

First, I went to advertising company in Tokyo. Next, I went to an amusement park in Mie for the internships. They left a big impression on me. I learned two things at my internships. One, I learned how to do event planning. Second, I watched some presentations, and I learned how to do a good presentation.

I didn't want to go to their internships because I am not good at talking to people. But, I had good experiences so I am glad I went. Internships are an opportunity to change your ideas. Therefore I think that we should do internships. Thank you for listening.

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Thank you
for your participation, and
your great speeches.



Commendation



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