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“The sea is a treasure chest of happiness”

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What do you imagine when asked about “the sea of Okinawa”?

I have a friend who escaped from Miyagi prefecture. I heard from the friend about how frightful the tsunami was and the story that many people were swept away by the tsunami.

Okinawa is surrounded by the sea so I am worried if a tsunami will come.

I went to the beach with my family to see the coral reefs by a boat. There are many kinds of a coral reef under the sea. The fish were swimming like playing hide and seek around the coral reefs, and the scene was just like the undersea palace of the dragon god of the sea in a fairy-tale world.

When I was looking at the corals, the instructor told me, “Corals protect us from tsunami.”

I told my friend about the news, and then we were very glad to learn about the fact.

The power of the sea in Okinawa can also be shown in another aspect.

My uncle lives at the seaside and is running a B&B there. He is also teaching surfing to the visitors.

One of the visitors stayed at his B&B recently in order to cure an illness. The reason why the person came to Okinawa was that the sea of Okinawa might have the healing benefits in order to help cure an illness.

The visitor said that he did not get better while going to hospital regularly. But as he went into the sea, he started to get better. He has only stayed in Okinawa for two months but he loves the sea and he wants to live in Okinawa forever.

The sea of Okinawa surely makes us happy.

When you are starving, you can get delicious seafood from the sea. When you get tired, beautiful corals and fish will heal you. When you want to play, you can swim and surf at the coast. When you get injured, the sea will become a medicine for the cure of a disease. It will also protect us from frightening tsunami.

It is amazing, isn't it? The sea is filled with happiness.

Please come to the sea of Okinawa and find the treasure chest of happiness that no other place than here has.

The sea of Okinawa is surely the treasure of the island people in Okinawa.