

Elementary School (The lower grades)

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“A treasure of my village”

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Onna Village is where I was born and have grown up. It has many places I which I want to introduce to tourists.

The best place I want them to visit is the blue ocean of Onna Village.

I think it is the most beautiful ocean in Okinawa.

People often ask me, “Where do you live?”, and I reply to them confidently, “I live in Onna Village.” Then, many people say, “Oh, isn’t it the place that is famous for the beautiful ocean?” I feel very happy and proud when I hear their response.

My house is located near the sea and a river, and I live in the nature of Onna Village. In the summer, I jump into the sea and enjoy swimming, chasing fish in the sea. I also collect seashells along the beach, and I have found a sea horse, which was believed to be a messenger of Ryukyu Kingdom, in the sea once upon a time. My first thing to do in the sea is to collect seashells while strolling along the beach. My favorite thing is to go out of my depth to look at beautiful fish under the sea.

“I hope that the beautiful fish and the coral reefs remain this beautiful and continue to be a sparkling blue ocean of Onna Village.” Every time I see such fish in the sea that is how I feel.

However, the sea becomes bright red because red soil flows from the mountain to the sea when it rains very heavily and when a typhoon comes, so I feel anxious about the coral reefs and fish.

On a day when the wind is strong, the garbage that people threw away has littered the beach.

We clean the beach through the volunteer activities organized by the Children Community in the village. I am glad that the pure white sandy beach has come back.

I want to treasure and keep clean the beautiful beach of Onna Village, and also want to keep the sparkling blue ocean and the beautiful white sandy beach with no litter all the time.