

Elementary School (The lower grades)

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“Let’s create a commercial of Okinawa”

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If I was a person in a high position, I would like to tell people in the world of the many great things of Okinawa. I want more people to like Okinawa. I wonder how many people in the world know about Okinawa?

If I become a person in a high position by studying hard about Okinawa, I will create a pleasant commercial of Okinawa so that everybody will want to visit Okinawa. I like animals, so I want to show animals and fish in Okinawa to people. There is a huge whale shark in Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium, so everyone will be amazed.

The Okinawan festivals are also very enjoyable. Shishimai (Lion Dance) and Kachashi (joyful folk dance) attract a lot of people and everyone is laughing very happily to see the dance. I want to master finger-whistling (it is common in Kachashi dance tunes).

There are many delicious foods in Okinawa. My favorite is Tebichi (pork feet).

I was quite surprised to find a real pig’s face, which had sunglasses on, (it is a dish called Chiraga and is usually sold smoked as pork jerky) and was displayed.

If you eat Okinawan foods, they say you will have a long healthy life, so I want everyone to eat the foods. Goya chanpuru (Okinawan bitter melon stir fry with egg, tofu and pork) is a bit bitter. But the Goya chanpuru is good for us because it is said that eating the dish can help against the summer heat fatigue.

The sea in Okinawa is very beautiful. The seawater is clear, so we can see fish under the sea. If people look at the sea, they will be impressed by the beauty.

Although I was born in Okinawa, I still have many things that I do not know about. I want to know more about Okinawa and I want to share it with many people. If many people visit Okinawa, I think they will feel very happy and enjoy it. The world can become a more peaceful place.

I will be very glad if everybody can become friends with each other. I wish to live in Okinawa forever and have a lot of fun here. I am sure that we can create a really great commercial of Okinawa in the future.