

Elementary School (The lower grades)

Excellent

My Favorite Irabu Island

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Irabu Island where I live is a small island that is far away from Miyako Island. Although Irabu Island is a small island, the sea is beautiful, and the sand is white and powdery. In fact, Sawada beach has been chosen as one of the top 100 beaches in Japan.

The foods in Irabu Island are also good, especially; the fish dishes are fresh and so delicious.

The old men and the old women in the island are kind, energetic and hardworking.

My grandma works hard too. She is running a B&B (providing lodging and meals to tourists) and a restaurant.

Many customers come to her restaurant. “A jumbo curry with a pork cutlet” that originated with my grandma has a massive volume that everybody, even adult men, cannot finish the entire dish. I was quite surprised when I saw such a huge volume of curry for the first time. However, smiles came over the customers’ face all the time after they ate my grandma’s dishes.

Various travellers come to stay at her B&B. The sightseers who saw the ocean and the nature in Irabu Island said, “The Island is beautiful and is the best place in the world”.

“ I will come back here again,” they said when coming back from the island.

I am really glad to hear that.

I like Irabu Island where there are the abundant nature and also old men and old women who are hardworking.

The government is now building a bridge across the ocean between Irabu Island and Miyako Island. If the new bridge is completed, many people will come to Irabu Island.

I would like people to know more about Irabu Island through sightseeing there.

Finally, I hope people will like Irabu Island as much as I do.