

Greeting each other

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Hello, everyone! I am Shuri Sunahara.

Are you missing out on the opportunity to greet people, which after all is the foundation of society?

I'd like to talk about about greetings.

I didn't have confidence in myself when I was in the second grade of Elementary School.

I was afraid to even say hello.

Afraid to do what I wanted.

All I cared about was what other people thought of me.

And so a year passed without any change.

But then when I was in the third grade, I moved to Shizuoka because of my parents' work and things changed...

On my first day at the new school, I finished greeting the students in front of the whole school, and was on my way to class, a girl greeted me cheerfully saying, "Hello!

That girl's name was Misaki. She's still my best friend now. She's bright and very kind.

I was so nervous at that time, and she was like an angel to me.

Thanks to her, I learned that greetings can make people smile and encourage them to greet others. And the next morning, when I wished her good morning, she smiled and wished me good morning in return!

At the elementary school I attended in Shizuoka, Japan.

There were many greeting campaigns, morning exercises, and volunteer activities in the community. These gave me more opportunities to interact with people.

Even after I came to Okinawa to attend this University, when I returned to Shizuoka on holiday, neighbors would greet me with a "welcome back" or "see you later" when I was walking on the street.

Another good thing about greetings is that dodgy people are unlikely to speak to a child who can greet them cheerfully. In fact I was once told that greetings are important for one's own protection.

As a result of greeting people, I discovered that its power was more than I had imagined.

I've met a lot of people by greeting them.

After all, communication begins with just one word.

Good morning or hello.

I found that greeting people with a smile and a cheerful attitude can cheer someone up, if not them, then myself!

I realize that my life has changed completely.

It is no exaggeration to say that satisfaction with this world depends in large part, on how well you greet people.

Greetings simply make life more enjoyable.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to talk to you today. And let me greet you, Good day!.