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International Y's Men's Club of Takarazuka

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Welcome to join us, Ms. Emiri Shigematsu !

On February 10, 2016, our regular meeting was started with 15 men, 2 menettes and 4 guests/visitors. The highlight of the meeting was that we were given a new and young member, Ms. Emiri Shigematsu. DG of Rokko District, Keisuke Shindo celebrated the initiation with RSD of EMC, Tomokuni Ono. Now we will see why she joined us by the following article written by her.



I attended the AYC in South Korea in Jeju Island in 1997, It has become a major turning point of my life. Members of the host club have prepared a variety of programs for us but we boycotted it, because we wanted to plan the programs and act ~~more~~ more proactively.

We gathered in the cafeteria and conference rooms, and discussed what we can do all night. We made plans and told them about our idea. On the last day we made a speech about "Our Plan for the Future". It goes believe that this network will be rewarding for everyone involved. In conclusion, the establishment of youth clubs in Asia was the first step in becoming global partners. I got so emotional and even now I recall this message we delivered.

After returning to Japan, we launched a youth club "Y3West" & "Y3East" in 1998 in order to realize the future plan. In 1999, Y3 members did the planning, preparations and operation for AYC with a local college students & the Ainu young people in Tokachi. It was a very remarkable AYC.

Of course, these things have been achieved by Wataru Nagao men & Tokachi club members who supported and believed us.

At the time, there is impressive word given by Y's men.

"The thing that we have done for you, please-do it for somebody in the next generation of youth. "

To realize these words I joined the Y's activity (Emiri Shigematsu)

Valentine concert in Sanda

On the 11th of February, the 23rd Valentine concert was held by the Sanda Y'smens club and Sanda YMCA at the Community Hall of Sanda Flower Town. 6 members from our club and Takashi Ohtani (the drummer of the Poppun Ringers group) and his mother attended it.

Although the concert was a small one, all the audience was warmed by the pleasant sound and pure messages and good harmony.

The first stage was performed by a harmonica player, Yasuhiro Adachi, who is a half farmer. Using a small "Blue Harp" harmonica and his own breath, he played various kind of music from children's songs to Jazz.

All of us enjoyed his pleasant and unique sound.

On the second stage, we had the young brother duo, named "Chimeido" who have increasing supporters now. They gave us another charming songs, which is confined to their brotherhood. In addition, their own songs emphasis something important in our lives. It was certain that we were happy in this afternoon. The all proceeds was donated to Kobe YMCA and activities of Sanda Branch.

(Michiko Aoyagi)



"Flying kites" as one of Menetts' programs

On March 11, residents of Hanshin House(a home of disabled people), many volunteers from local NPO, YMCA and Y's Men/Menettes of Rokko District flew kites in the direction of Tohoku district where the severe earthquake occurred five years ago. Mourning for the people killed in the earthquake disaster, wishing quick recovery of Tohoku district, the kites went up higher in the wind. After flying kites, we had several events. There were singing songs with tone-chime instrument, reading a picture book written by a mother who lost her child by tsunami and enjoying hula with a song especially composed for the people at the earthquake area to cheer them up. We will never forget this tragedy and we will direct our attention to Tohoku from now on.

(Motoko Fukuda)



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