

- Shokawa-machi is a very attractive town, isn't it? I found it wonderful that everyone at Shokawa Junior High School is thinking about and doing what you can do now. You gave deep thoughts as to what you could do despite the pandemic, and you have done the maximum you could ever have done under the circumstances. You have done your best to show the charm of Shokawa-machi, and your activities will certainly lead to further development of the town in the years ahead. Thanks to your activities, the attractiveness of Shokawa-machi will be here to stay, doing service to the generations to follow.
- The energetic start was impressive. A new elementary school will come to the town and you will have more children whom you can call "juniors." I hope you will be respectable seniors to them. It was amazing that you carried out activities in your own way, despite COVID. The hometown map you completed will be loved by the local people and at the same time appreciated by newcomers. The stage play performance incorporating elements of the local community is an excellent idea to tackle the major challenge of environmental protection. Likewise, the idea of using picture books to get children of the community involved, not just adults, is a good one. It is important to turn what you have learned from Shimada-san and other people in town into solid forms in a way suitable for the succeeding players to follow up. The SDGs activities are a long-term effort. I wish you best of luck in your continued efforts.
- It was a very good presentation that conveyed your earnest desire to focus on hometown education and treasure the place you live in. I was most impressed by the play, which took up the local cherry blossoms. It is very good that you have made a picture book out of the play you performed. People who could not come to see the play can enjoy the story. It was also good that you cooperated with many people in making the picture book. I learned from your presentation the importance of protecting the treasures of one's hometown and sharing them with outside people through various means.
- Thank you very much for the presentation today. The introduction part of the presentation was very vibrant and good. You talked about your activities with a poster showing which goals of the SDGs you are pursuing. It was a good idea to help the audience to understand your activities easily. It was well conveyed that you worked together with the people in the community to create the play and the picture book about the dam construction and that you are proud of the lion dance and other local traditional events. It was wonderful that you have found out what little things you could do in the midst of the pandemic in order to protect and preserve the local traditions and pride. This attitude and your aspirations to pass them on to the next generation and keep building a sustainable community are truly admirable. I would like you to continue your activities, upholding your desire as to what Shokawa-machi will look like, what you hope it will look like when all the 17 SDGs are realized. I sincerely hope that you will ensure succession of the activities and expand their scope and spectrum.
- I learned from your excellent presentation that you are engaged in many activities that contribute to the local community, such as cleaning up the Shokawa River and donating paper cranes, while deepening your association with local residents by creating a play and a picture book. To know the community is a great strength for all of you. I hope you will continue the activities to build a good place to live in by cooperating with the community as a whole.
- Your strong determination to protect the Shokawa you love was very clear in your presentation. It is very wonderful that you are thinking about what you can do even though there are restrictions due to COVID. Cleanup requires much physical strength, making it too hard for the elderly people in the community. What you, the young people, are doing must be appreciated as a big help. Also, the paper cranes you make are not just the standard "thousand cranes." Rather, they are almost an art piece. I would like to do it myself, too. I liked the envelope you showed us in the early part of the presentation, I would love to have one when I go sightseeing. I found it attractive to be able to know Shokawa by an envelope.
- I was impressed that you are carrying out activities beyond the boundary of a school, involving a larger number of local people. It's not easy to discover the good points of the area from various perspectives and continue to pass down the traditions. The presentation showed it clearly that you have done a lot of research on the area and how hard you have been working together with many people. Please keep up the good work and continue to find and work on many things that you can do in the community.