

- I was impressed that, by working together with the community, elementary school students, and other schools, you are successfully sharing your ideas and activities with various people. I was also happy to learn that your students have the opportunity to learn the traditional folk dance from people in the community. The junior high school students are given the chance to learn about and inherit the festivals and traditions of the region in which they live. The local people are given the chance to pass on to the young students the festivals and dances that they have long cherished. It must be a wonderful time for both of them, meeting the goal of sustainable city and community. I was also impressed that you are thinking of the sustainability of the school in the local community. I hope the activities you are promoting will continue successfully for years to come.
- I liked the cleanup activities that extend beyond your own school to Kamimura Elementary School. It must be a good stimulus to the elementary school students to nurture a sense of community improvement. In addition, I was impressed by their positive attitude as demonstrated in discussing future activity plans, ensuring continuation of the previous activities, and trying new efforts. Because it is a small school, I think it is easy to carry out activities, cooperation, and exchanges that are closely related to the community. Your earnest and sincere commitment has hit my heart. I hope you will continue to hold the aspirations and work actively to preserve the wonderful tradition!!
- I gather from the number of students that the population of the community is not big. Your activity is rooted in the community, in that you have pointed out that sustaining the community is a major challenge. You have clearly identified the relevant SDGs, and I feel you are promoting the activities with a high level of awareness. The phrase "enjoying nature" was particularly impressive. I think I was reminded of the importance of putting forward activities that the students enjoy participating in and feel the sense of ownership as members of the community.
- You launched the Protect Tohyama-go Project with the simple question of "What can we do?" It was a wonderful idea to do what you can do. It is easy to think "Let's do this!" or "It will be nice if we do that." However, putting such thoughts into action is not always easy. Under these circumstances, the activity you are doing to keep your hometown clean through volunteer service and exchange of greetings with the people in the community is very effective for the promotion of SDGs. I would like you to pass this on to younger students to keep it going.
- I am particularly impressed by the proactive attitude with which the students are upholding the efforts. I was impressed that you treasure the bond with the local community and are making positive contributions. It was also interesting to me that you are raising SDGs awareness of the entire school through the student council initiative. I myself was a member of the student council in my junior high school, so I felt deep sympathy and I admired the way you all worked hard, crafting various creative ideas. If I could go back to my junior high school days, I would love to join you in the activity. Please continue to experience various things and enjoy learning. Thank you, members of the students council, for the wonderful presentation.
- What impressed me most was that you entertained various ideas about your own community in the context of SDGs, took actions, and have clearly identified the future challenges to be addressed. The junior high school I went to had only about 20 students in the entire school. The fewer students you have, the fewer things you can do, and it will become more difficult to do the activities you would like to do. Having said that, I would like the student council to take the lead in sharing in common the best things you can do now with all the students in the school and with the local community. In this way, the circle of the activities will become bigger and bigger. I am afraid you may have a hard time because of COVID, but I wish you best of luck.
- The cleanup of the area and the town is a wonderful activity, because it will help Toyama Junior High School connect with nearby residents. I was also impressed by the various activities being carried out at the school in relation to the SDGs. Performing the Tohyama-no-Shimotsuki-Matsuri festival dance at the school cultural festival and other occasions is very important to preserve the local festival to future generations. I hope that the students of Toyama Junior High School will continue to cherish the long-honored festival as a precious tradition. Your presentation made it evident that you all feel very close to your hometown.