

## **Impressions of the presentation of Aya Municipal Aya Junior High School, Student Council**

[To the students]

- Using photos and videos, the presentation was visually easy to understand. I was able to understand the activities the students are conducting and which themes of the SDGs are related to those activities. I learned in detail about the characteristics of Aya Junior High School and Miyazaki where the school is located.
- By carrying out greeting activities, students can be independent. I think that it will lead to getting involved with the community. Creating an environment where students can greet each other casually will lead to the creation of new connections between students. It was great that they could get involved with local companies and other schools through the collection of PET bottle caps. They actively participated in volunteer activities to conserve the local natural environment. I think they could think about the problems of the natural environment as their own.
- The students made a very good presentation!! I was impressed that the slides were easy to understand. A greeting campaign was conducted when I was a junior high school student. There were people who greeted and people who did not. I think it would be nice to connect with local residents through greeting activities. The clothing project was particularly impressive. The activities of the committee will become an opportunity to look at regional, domestic, and global issues. Keep up the good work.
- When I was a junior high school student, I participated in the greeting campaign at a nearby elementary school, so I felt nostalgic. Through the activities of the student council, the students have strengthened their connections with the local community. I think that they can cooperate with each other based on the connections in the event of a disaster. They carried out high-level activities as they actually went to the forest and conducted the survey in cooperation with various companies.
- It was amazing that they were exploring, as a UNESCO Associated School, how to create a sustainable society using local land while referring to scientific evidence. The greeting activities for revitalizing the community were good because they can be carried out casually. I think that if they could make it known throughout the town that they are doing greeting activities, they could further achieve an effect of the activities.
- I was surprised that all the buildings of the junior high school were built using trees cut down in Aya-cho. It was good that the greeting campaign led to a connection with the community and the activation of the junior high school. I was surprised to know that about 60,000 bottles were collected. They also collaborated with the AEON Environmental Foundation to research forests and participated in UNIQLO's Power of Clothing Project, collecting about 1,500 pieces of used clothing and donating them to refugees from across the world. It was amazing that the scale of the activities was so large. I think their ability to act was also amazing.
- It was great that the students carried out activities in consideration of SDGs. It was interesting because each activity was carried out in depth. In particular, "Tsui DAY," an activity to collect PET bottle caps, was good, as it quantified the amount collected to raise awareness of participation. I was surprised that such activity was promoted mainly by the student council. Keep up the good work.
- I think it was good not only to continue the original activities but also to improve them so that the students' awareness of the activities will increase. It was great that the students intended to contribute to the community and the world through various activities.
- I think that the speed at which they talked during the presentation was just right. It was wonderful that the students were working to conserve forests and collect PET bottle caps by connecting and cooperating with various local bodies and organizations. It was also great that they were carrying out activities not only in the school but also for the poor in local communities and around the world.
- I learned about the characteristics of Aya Junior High School and the activities of the student council during the year. It was amazing that the council members led the students in various

projects. In particular, it was impressive that they worked together with companies and volunteer groups.

- Over the screen, I understood that the student council members had been working on the theme of "Action" and that they were enthusiastic about the activities. I was surprised by the wide variety of their activities, such as the greeting campaign, collection of PET bottle caps, forest health checkups, the laurel forest project, and the Power of Clothing Project. I was also impressed by their independence in each activity!
- I found it interesting that the students implemented the 3Rs, which is one of the basic concepts related to achieving the SDGs, such as recycling plastic bottle caps and reusing clothes. These are activities through which people help each other beyond the framework of the community and use familiar things, so I think that they can be carried out in other junior high schools and elementary schools in the future, and I would like to implement them.
- The presentation was wonderful as it contained the thoughts of the students about what they want to do in the future based on this year's slogan of "Action" and past experience. All of the activities have been carried out over a long period of time, such as the consistent hometown career education at preschool and elementary and junior high schools, the tree-planting activities at AEON Forest, and UNIQLO's Power of Clothing Project. I was moved to see how the students were proactively involved in a wide range of activities, such as regional activities, cross-border activities, and activities connecting to the future. I would like to know about their future activities.

[To the teachers and staff members]

- I like the student council's theme of "Action." I think that the teachers put a lot of emphasis on taking action and respecting individual students' independence. It is good that the discussion was held on a school-wide basis for the revival of the "greeting campaign." There are a lot of activities that had been suspended due to COVID-19. That is why it is important for everyone to think about the purpose and meaning of those activities. I think the greeting campaign is being carried out proactively because it is a conclusion made by all the students. I think that the greeting campaign before COVID-19 was different from that conducted today. I also think the integrated studies and the efforts of the maintenance committee are great. By quantifying the amounts of PET bottles collected, carbon dioxide, and used clothes collected, the students could see the results of their activities and take action independently. I think that cooperation with not only the school but also companies leads to real changes in society.