

~WFP Interview~

Student: Hello! Thank you for taking a time for us. I will start interview right now.

The reason why I got interested in WFP is that I saw a red cup on TV as well as the Internet and it impressed me.

I didn't know about a red cup so I searched online. Then, I realized that it was a symbol of WFP. I was impressed by "feeding support". Feeding support is not just giving food. They are trying not only to give stuffs but also to make people there independent. I was totally impressed in these activities.

First, I will ask about red cup.

Student: ☆ Red cup is the one of the lunch support but what made red cup start??

WFP: Lunch support had already started but when United Nation WFP's staff member visited some areas, people there didn't even have any dishes to eat meals. The staff thought they need some cheap dishes and they found

plastic cup is a good idea. For example, WFP give people “CSB okayu” which is like a porridge composed of corn powder and soy powder. Plastic cup was good items to put these things and it was a red cup. By chance that plastic cups color was red. Now red cups are used in some areas in Africa. As a matter of course, WFP is supporting other places where red cups are not used.

Student: ☆ It is said that red cup is a symbol of hope. Would you tell me the origin?

WFP: As you said, Lunch support is not only distributing food. Lunch support in areas where children are regarded as a labor force, often enables parents to make children go to school because they can eat food by free. If children go to school, they can study and chances are high that they would contribute to the country and society. Solution to poverty and restoration of education are closely connected each other, for the more children enjoy education, the less people would suffer from the poverty. Also it connects to the development of society and therefore lunch support is called a

“symbol of hope”.

Next, I will ask about WFP

Student: ☆ Why association is located in Yokohama? Do you have any reasons?

WFP: Actually, we have lots of offices all over the world. When WFP searched for the location of office in Japan, Yokohama city looked for national institutions that desire to have office in Japan. Luckily, we WFP were welcomed by Yokohama, which is why we are located in Yokohama.

Student: ☆ About the system of WFP, what kind of rout does support spread after fund raising gather??

WFP: First, send it to corporation from nonofficial. After collecting money from the general person, we will send money to Roma headquarters. In that time, we will select the place of world which of the country need money.

Student: ☆ Could you tell me about activity situation in the world. (current japan)

WFP: As I said in before, correct donation from individual and send the money to nonofficial to corporation. We are doing publicity activities to collect the donations. In 2016, we send more than 8hundred million yen— donation from company, group, and general people—to Rome head office.

For the world activity, we are doing activity more than 80countries. Also we support almost 80million people.

Student: ☆ How much money can you collect in year??

WFP: Amount of donation in last year was 1billion 22 billion 813thousand 603 yen.

We will send 76%of money to the Rome and 25% is for the expense.

Student: ☆ What kind of things are needed?

WFP: In the middle of the September, the population of starvation was officially announced. It shows that those who from suffer starving is decreasing these years and surprisingly, it worked less than 800million in2016. Having said that, the latest information says the number ids gradually increasing again, it reaches around 815 million. For example, there are conflict in Syrian and Yemen. We need knowledge and interest about what is happening all over the world. Not to mention, money is necessarily in order to support them. What is important here, is to know that there are people suffering from hunger.

Student: ☆ 18 years and over can do volunteer activity in WFP but do you have any things that high school student can do?? Except selling red cups and donations. Do you have anything you require to high school students?

WFP: Doing donation and selling red cups is big support because not only collecting money. We can tell them about the red cups.

In other school, they sell charity cookies in culture festival and donate money to WFP. Also you guise came here and do presentation in school is big things to help us.

Student: I want to do some collaboration with our school and WFP. Is it impossible??

WFP: It depend on the idea. If there is some request to do lecture, we can go to school. Also, when you plan something and you get permission from school teacher, we can do some collaboration.

Students: How to become the staff of WFP???

WFP: Before you enter the international cooperation, you need three years' professional carrier. You do not need such a special thing. If you have strong feeling that you want to defuse about the world problem or learn more about it in international cooperation, you can definitely work.

Student: Do you have anything that you want to tell everyone??

The number of hunger was increased last year and this is big problem but it was not widely reported in Japan. Therefore, we want people to look at the WFP homepage. After you know about it, we want people to tell those of news to other people.

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