

A first step to solve the abduction issue

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I can't forgive the abduction by North Korea. If I were a member of the family of Yokota Megumi, I would feel desperate every day of my life. The family lost her, their beloved daughter, unreasonably by the way of "abduction" and they've never known about her since then. But, they have never given up and have taken many actions to get her back.

I didn't know anything about the abduction issue before. I became a participant of JHS summit this year, so I learned about it. I could understand the fact and severity of it. How about other junior high school students? When they hear about the abduction issue, what will they think? I think they will not be interested, and say "I see...and what?" Probably they don't know about it, and may think it doesn't matter to them.

I think it's a big problem that there are many people who don't know about the abduction issue or think it doesn't matter to them. We should solve this problem first. So, I think it's most important to change people's mind, from "I don't know about it" to "I have heard of it."

To do that, the most effective way is using internet or SNS to send and receive the information about the abduction issue. Recently, smartphones are everywhere, and almost all of my classmates possess them. When we send more messages about the abduction issue using the internet, then more people that we don't know can receive and understand the issue. It's easier to use SNS compared to talking to each person, isn't it? However, sending messages using the internet or SNS may cause insults or misunderstandings. But nevertheless, if we debate about the issues, many people may watch the debates. That will increase the number of people who know the issue. Debating about it will deepen our interests in it. Moreover, we should send this message that "the abduction issue is our own affair." I think this idea is especially important.

Someone may think, "Can we solve the issue in such a way?" The answer is maybe "No" but it's enough for us, junior high school students. I read the brochure about the abduction issue published by the government. One question is: What can we Japanese people do to solve the abduction issue? The answer I found is, "When each Japanese person expresses strong determination that we will never forgive abductions and we will definitely get all the abductees back as soon as possible, it will be a strong support to solve this issue."

The abduction happened in the past, but it is the ongoing problem, and hasn't been resolved yet. I think using internet or SNS is the most effective way to inform the younger generation like us about the issue. We can even convey this information beyond the border. So, I want people all over the world to know the issue, not only Japanese. I'm glad if my idea contributes to resolving the abduction issue.