

# From the Principal's Window

Miki Hyogo-Prefectural Senior High School

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Two months have passed since the new school year started. During this period, students from Miki SHS volunteered in several activities supporting the community. Students helped raise money for the reconstruction of Miki station which burned down in March earlier this year. Students were also interviewed by newspapers and appeared on television. They were commended for their hard work and contributions to the community. This column will introduce the events that occurred from March to May.

Many students and staff of Miki SHS commute to Miki Station daily. Due to the fire, we were concerned that our students and staff might not be able to attend school. However, thanks to the great efforts by the community and the Kobe transport company, though the number of trains that run along the Kobe Dentetsu line was decreased for a few days, the normal train schedule resumed after several days.

With normal scheduling restarting, many students wanted to assist with the reconstruction of Miki station. Fortunately, a television station which produces "Ohayo Asahi Desu!" suggested that students could work together and help fundraise for the rebuilding of Miki Station. We decided to work together to do this.

Students distributed flyers to help with fundraising at the event, "Retoroji 2018" on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There were several musical performances at the event and we hoped many people would attend. We set our fundraising goal at one million yen, and the students and television staff from "Ohayo Asahi Desu!" worked very hard to help achieve this. On the day



Bras Band Performance at Retoroji 2018

of the event, I was very surprised to see a lot of people gathered at the event site because very few people usually pass through this shopping district. People waited in line for two hours to donate to Miki Station's reconstruction. At the end of the day, the yen was counted, and we had passed our goal and raised more than two million yen! What a great community effort. It was a wonderful day for us and Miki city.



Miki SHS Students at Retoroji 2018

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the television staff from "Ohayo Asahi Desu!" and the people from Miki city who supported our students in contributing positively to the community. I believe, through the determination and motivation of students of Miki SHS and working together with the wonderful people in our community, we have been instrumental in helping to reconstruct Miki Station.