

From the Principal's Window

Miki Hyogo-Prefectural Senior High School

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We have reached the end of our first school semester and what an eventful time it has been. During the past few months, several natural disasters affected different areas of Japan. In June, we were affected by a massive earthquake, with the epicenter originating in Northern Osaka. In July, Western Japan was affected by unexpected heavy rains that caused massive flooding in many regions. Currently we are experiencing an intense heat wave. Natural disasters can be sudden and unpredictable, and it is up to us to maintain strong relationships with each other and the community, so we can help and assist whenever disaster occurs. I hope for the quick revival and restoration of the disaster affected areas.

Last week, we held a ceremony nominating change in our student council members. One of the goals set closely follows our school's objectives, "to build student independence by investing in activities promoting education". Miki High School's student council is very active in this area and they have instigated a fundraising campaign to assist with the restoration of Miki station that was affected by a recent fire. They have also helped organize and operated the school festival. I am impressed with their positive attitude towards their work, even during busy and stressful periods, which is encouraged by the chairperson of the student council, Miss Onoue. I would like to acknowledge and express my heartfelt thanks to the former members



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of the student council and welcome our new members. I am pleased to see more and more examples of how well we are working together.

This year our school became a Hyogo Super High School, one of the pioneer schools of Hyogo Prefecture. Our students will visit France in September to study and use their English. Our school will also host students from Hainan in China in December. We hope all students will benefit greatly from these international opportunities.

I am proud of the personal and organisational success of Miki High School and the individuals and teams who are making a real difference in our community. Our aim is to constantly uplift and promote the education of our students. As the year progresses, there is no doubt Miki SHS will reflect our innovation and commitment to students.