

From the Principal's Window

Miki Hyogo-Prefectural Senior High School
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Half of the 2017 school year has already passed. During this period, the staff and students of our school have made a significant effort to fulfill our school's goals. Our school's goals are as follows:

- 1 Miki SHS aims to be a model school for global education.
- 2 Miki SHS promotes career guidance education in order to meet student's expectations as a college-bound school.
- 3 Miki SHS encourages student independence by promoting a positive attitude towards education.

As an example of our first goal, Miki SHS students entered the Higashi Harima Regions' English Speech Contest which was held on Saturday, Oct. 14th.

Two students, a boy and a girl from our school participated in this contest. A lot of planning and preparation went into the competition such as selecting the participants, choosing the themes, and writing and practicing the speeches, which was needed prior to students competing. The two students did very well preparing for the contest and had great support from the Japanese English teachers and the Assistant Language Teachers. I observed them practicing before the contest. I noted during practice that the students managed to convey their messages succinctly.

The results of the contest were surprising with our students achieving 1st and 2nd place. They competed against a wonderfully talented group of speakers from other schools. I am sure that this result will give Miki SHS a huge boost in promoting our daily efforts for global education.

The student who won 1st prize is Mr. Elias Sado. His speech was titled "Facts about Yemen". He explained in his speech that people in Yemen are suffering because of extreme poverty and currently war is happening there. Elias sincerely hopes to positively contribute to this country in the future.



The student who won 2nd prize is Ms. Momoko Fukuda. Her speech was titled "Three Precious Years." Contrary to the impression the title gave, the speech was about toilets and toilet paper and how these everyday items have an impact on the environment. She used data and humor in her presentation to convey this message.



I am very proud that Miki SHS is represented by these two students and the backing received by their supportive English staff. These two students will continue to represent Miki SHS in the upcoming prefectural contest which will be held on Nov. 4th.