From the Principal's Window

Miki Hyogo-Prefectural Senior High School Principal, Tetsuo Maeda No.5 2018, Jan. 9

Welcome to 2018, a new year and the start to Semester Three. Our opening ceremony was held today, and I was very happy to see our cheerful students. I am looking forward to the beginning of a great year.

Firstly, I would like to reiterate what I spoke about in the opening ceremony. I introduced students to the phrase, "First Penguin". Penguins always form groups together. The first penguin takes the initiative and dives into the sea, where it may get food and confront danger. Other penguins will follow this lead and dive in afterwards; one after another. Because of this behavior, the phrase "First Penguin" means "a leader who acts bravely and positively."

I am the principal of Miki Senior High School and an enthusiastic fan of this concept. My desire and hope to all the students of Miki SHS, is that you act on your own initiative and bravely strive forward just like the "First Penguin". Miki SHS is a school that encourages this positive attitude.

The world is changing very rapidly. When we explore the world news with smart phones, we can get results instantly. I want to advance the minds of young people and encourage them to examine the news and research the background information, so they can form their own opinions and discuss it with people from different cultures. Furthermore, I want to instill this into our school system as principal of Miki SHS.

I hope 2018 will be a year of great achievements and a leap forward for Miki SHS. From Jan. 13th, the students of the Global Department of Academic Careers will go to Los Angeles for a new school event. They will study at Cerritos High School in Anaheim, Los Angeles, where Shohei Otani, our Japanese baseball hero will play. During the study tour, our students will give a presentation about Japanese culture and Miki High School to the American students. I will join the study tour as a head of the group.

We expect Miki SHS's performances to rival our previous years.



Momoko Fukuda, 2nd grade student was awarded the 4th Prize of Kinki Area English Speech Contest



Takumi Fujiwara, 2^{nd} grade student joined the national bouldering tournament