

Hello everyone.

I want to send articles about what are happened around me. Please enjoy my article, My English is not so good though.



November 13, I took my Swiss Aikido friend, Hans-san to Sensoji temple, Asakusa in Tokyo. I saw many people on the street, especially those who wear Japanese *kimono*. They look like Japanese, but they are not. I found out later that they were Chinese. Also, I found it was a tour wearing Japanese kimono and walking around the streets of the Asakusa area. I think that idea comes from a Japanese tour company. I wanted to hear from them how they felt wearing kimono. In Japan, we seldom have a chance to wear kimono, except for New Year Day or the coming of Age Day celebration. Meanwhile, new regulations were made in which is no eating is allowed while walking on the street and no throwing litter on the street is permitted. Because of increasing numbers of tourists from abroad, there are more and more new regulations.



November 23. I went to my home town which is in Shiga prefecture to see my mother. On the way back to my house by my car, I saw Mt. Fuji covered with snow in Shizuoka prefecture. I was impressed by the beautiful view. I definitely thought that Mt. Fuji was a mountain to see, not to climb. I feel the splendor of nature and God in the natural world. Mt. Fuji is one of the objects of worship. In the Aikido training, Aikido founder Morihei Ueshiba told us that he received *ki* energy (the vital force of the body) from the universe, which extends *ki* though my hand. When I saw Mt. Fuji, it seems to me that the mountain gives us *ki* energy. I became feeling good and I want to extend all *ki* power to the people in the world.



November 19. Kawasaki International Tamagawa River Marathon was held at Todoroki Athletics Stadium. The runners start at this stadium, run along the bank of Tamagawa river, and come back to this stadium. The running distances are 3 km, 10 km and a half marathon. Almost 7000 people participated. In Japan, the marathon is a very popular event. They pay almost 4000 yen (\$40) to take part in this event. Almost everyone enjoyed running with many people more than competing each other. In 2020, the Olympic games will come to Japan, so these marathons will be getting more popular. I dislike running for a long distance, though.



