time to time. Some may have taken a long vacation for a trip just to escape from their stressful lifestyles. Some may have gone drinking or to Karaoke or movie or taken whatever some mind relieving activities they could consider to relieve from stressful moments. I wonder how many of us go and choose to do reading for pleasure in these moments. Let me suggest why not choose another economical and wonderful escape where we can leave our crumpled mind and body for a while and dive down into the sea of books? The best things in the world are gained for free.

Library is one of them. Luckily, it is near us. So leave our mobile somewhere behind at least one day and head to the library without a plan in hand? Say hi to books as if we run into old friends unexpectedly on the way, do not give a care to particular spot to sit. Anywhere at your ease is all for you. So let's sit down on the floor, hide at a quiet corner, leaning against the bookshelf with a random book that you run into. Either when we finish a chapter of a book, a page of an encyclopaedia, a comic book or the whole novel without turning back to the mobile screen, and then we should congratulate ourselves for our successful escape.



As expressed by Thiri SOE

Tohoku University Main Library 12th Global Session "Have Fun Reading and Speaking in Japanese!"

On January 16th(Wednesday)2019, we held the 12th Global Session of "Have Fun Reading and Speaking in Japanese" at Main Library in Kawauchi. The workshop was to read a favorite story written in easy Japanese and discuss with other participants freely in Japanese. It was intended for International students whose proficiency in Japanese is at intermediate to advanced level. And also, Japanese students were join the event to help them. Facilitator was Lu Hailan who is one of our international concierge member. Her field of study is Japanese-language Education. The session made a great time to them.



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The facilitator was introduce herself and explain about this session in the first. Then, the participant chose the book which want to read. These books were already selected by Lu from Global learning room. It was many kind of stories, for example, folk tales of Japan, Japanese culture, Japanese historical person and Japanese comic "Case closed" so on. After they chose the books, they were divided into 4 groups and sit. And also, each groups had one Japanese student to support them. They read it about 20 minute by themselves. They were so earnestly to read books but they could ask the word that they don't understand to the Japanese student so it had been filled with cozy atmosphere.



The Book was divided into each level

When the conversation time started, they were very enjoy talking about the book which they read. One of them read "Yukichi Fukuzawa". He is not only Japanese historical person but also printed on 10.000 yen bill. Therefore, some Japanese people saying 10.000 yen bill, as "Yukichi", Japanese student explained. It was great opportunity to get a new Japanese word for them. Each group had active exchange of opinions, questions and answers with a bright laugh. Time flew when they were having fun.



They were relax and read a book



They could ask word which doesn't understand to Japanese student.

In summary, this kind of global session was held for first time. People who were join this workshop was really enjoy reading Japanese books and talking in Japanese. We could know that they especially wanted to have chance to talk in Japanese. We are very glad if we help them to learn Japanese and culture. We hope this session face towards a bright future for them, like sunflowers do.



A group photo