

平成 28 年度葛飾区中学校英語スピーチ&プレイコンテストの実施結果について

(2) Speech 1 (スピーチ 1 : 第 2 学年)

第 1 位 菅原 香蓮 2 年 桜道中 < I' m "HALF." >

I'm "HALF".

I'm half, but not a returnee. I'm just half which Japanese people call us. My mother is from the Philippines and she is half Filipino and half Chinese. But my father is Japanese.

Until today, I'm living with the word half. I would like to talk about fairness, because in Japan there are some rules that returnee or half people who can speak English are not allowed to join the competitions or some study courses.

I always wanted to join all activities that don't care if you are half or pure because I know I can do it and I am proud to be what I am.

I think this is a problem of fairness in Japan and I will give you some examples if this is OK.

Can the child of a professional pianist join the competition? Or can the child of a professional soccer player play in the game?

Now how about the child of an English speaker, can the child join in some places?

There was a problem about the Ms. Japan competition, she is half but she won the Ms. Japan and many people were angry about her only because she is not pure Japanese. There are many half children who were bullied in the school because they are half.

Half children are not wished to be born this way. We want to join activities and clubs as same as everyone. And I think Japan should care about us. We want a chance to join some competitions. Again, I'm half and I want to join anything what I want to. I wish I can have that chance to do it.

I feel I shouldn't be judged from anyone based on where I came from or who my parents are.

This saying is true, "Don't judge a book by its cover ". I am a human being and have the same rights as everyone else on planet Earth. I will respect everyone and make the world a better place. Thank you for listening.