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“FOR THE FUTURE”

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Hello, everyone. I am Nao YAMAI. I am a member of KIRA. Why did I join the KIRA? Because I want to become a person who can help people. Now, I join the activity of KIRA to learn English and to communicate with the people of many countries. Thinking of hospitality, it is important to learn not only English but also the languages of several countries.

I had this idea from my experience abroad. There was such a thing. At first, I felt so nervous when I stay in England, because I couldn't understand English well. I couldn't speak English, I couldn't listen to English, I was just standing as a scarecrow. But I have been relieved when someone said to me, 'Kon-ni-chi wa', or talked to me with some Japanese words with a smile. And I'm going to learn many foreign languages to welcome people abroad.

It was not so long ago that I began to think world is a kind of a family. When I was in elementary school, there was a huge earthquake named the Great East Japan Earthquake. It was the most terrible disaster we have ever met. On the TV, we saw cities drunken by Tsunami. It destroyed everything. I saw many people who sought their family members, friends, trembling with grief and cold. They were breaking down. All I could do was just to pray for the safety of all people. In that time, not only Japanese, but also people around the world helped us. They helped us to seek missing persons or sending food and goods. Even people of the developing countries, they tried to share their food for us. I know, they are in difficulty everyday life. But they tried to help us. I haven't realize the connection between the world and us before. But I have seen people trying to do something for others. If they are in trouble, I'm going to help them. They helped us a lot. Now, it's our turn. After the experience, I began to think 'what can I do for them?' I would like to repay them for their kindness by helping their stay in Japan. The Olympics will be held in Tokyo in 2020. I would like to return the favor by helping their stay in Japan. I am going to study several foreign languages and give them a good memory of our country. It is sometimes difficult for me, but I want to do everything for the future. Thank you.