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What came about from the bottom of your heart when you watched these incredible scenes?

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Did you see Ibrahim Hamadtou of Team Egypt? He has amazed viewers by playing table tennis with his mouth at the Tokyo Paralympics. The Paralympics is full of inspirational sportsmen and women overcoming their disabilities in amazing ways like him. Hamadtou has put together a great career despite losing his arms in a train accident while just a child, controlling his racket with his mouth and setting up serves with his foot.

He recalled: "In our village, we could only play, at that time, table tennis and soccer. It was logical to play soccer first due to my case, then I played table tennis as a challenge. It was quite difficult playing table tennis after the accident. I had to practice hard for three years." Also, "I hope this shows people that nothing is impossible as long as you work hard," he said.

Did you also see Mihoko Nishijima, who is a 66-year-old Paralympian, finishing the marathon in 3:29.12? I was surprised at her age, her race time, and what is more, the fact that she is almost blind! I am quite younger than she, and I'm not blind, but can I finish the marathon in three and a half hours? Absolutely not!

Now we are struggling to achieve our own goals during this COVID-19 calamity. We have definitely been facing a lot of difficulties for a few years, but comparing our time of difficulty with the para-athletes', you can say it is for just a few years! When I saw them, I was so surprised, and at the same time, greatly encouraged by them. So, I can believe Hamadtou's comment, **"Nothing is impossible as long as you work hard!"**

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★T's Power Song★

Let me introduce my Power Song here! This is probably loved by a lot of people. These lyrics are moving. I'm glad if they encourage you to keep on doing your best with your head high each day!!!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=g0reB9P3fjw>

★KIRITAKA English Journal's GOALS★

- 1 To have you enjoy reading English without a dictionary.
- 2 To have you feel something from the topics in your own ways.
- 3 To be a trigger for you to read English publications.

I hope the KIRITAKA English Journal will be accepted by students and their parents, and become a regular issue. (Toru Hoshino)

Kiwi Corner



Hi everyone! It's nice to meet you all!

Some of you may know me already, but for anyone who doesn't, my name is Liam Campbell. I started working here in April this year. I teach 2nd grade Communication English and 3rd grade English Expression, and I'm the assistant homeroom teacher for 2-2. I come from New Zealand, but I have lived in Gunma for nine years.



This is a real kiwi.

You may be wondering about the title of this page, "Kiwi Corner". The kiwi is the national bird of New Zealand. It is very rare and is only found in New Zealand. It's very cute, don't you think so?



This is not a real kiwi.

My hometown is the beautiful city called "Tauranga", and it is famous for its beautiful beaches. Tauranga is also famous for kiwifruit, and the kiwifruit company Zespri is based there. If you ever get the chance, please visit!



My goal for this page is to introduce New Zealand, and to tell you about Kiryu High School's events. I hope you enjoy it! (Liam Campbell)

The Joseph Article ☺

Hello! Most of you know me already, but for the 3rd year students that I don't teach, my name is Joseph Miselis. I teach the 1st and 2nd year English Communication classes and the 3rd year Jiji Eigo class. I just started working here at Kiritaka a couple months ago, but I have been living in Gunma for 4 years! I have worked at many high schools including Kirinan, Tajo, Nishi Oura, and Oizumi HS. Right now, I sometimes visit Kiriko and Omama HS.



I am from Connecticut (CT). Although CT is a quiet place, we are very close to New York City and Boston and lots on nature. There are many things to enjoy where I am from!

Fun fact, people from Connecticut are called "Nutmeggers" because CT is known for growing lots of nutmeg, which is a popular spice in America!

In the future, I would like to share some interesting things about my hometown. I also want to explain some of my hobbies more and tell some stories! I hope you find them interesting. Nice to meet you! (Joseph Miselis)

