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Did you watch a TV show whose title is



"Dokkiri Grand-Prix"

(Fuji Television Network)

on May 7th?

Many of you might have enjoyed watching this TV show on May 7th, and I also enjoyed it a lot, but I was very surprised to find one of the high schools in Gunma appeared in this TV show; it was Numata Girls' High School.

The main project of this TV show was the battle of speeches between the Kocho-sensei (the principal) and the Kyoto-sensei (the vice-principal) of Numata Girls' High School; who could make the audience burst into laughter more?



Also, the point of this TV show is that the audience do NOT know the fact; the speeches done by Kocho-sensei and Kyoto-sensei were NOT written by themselves, but were secretly written by famous comedians!!! Of course, the content of the speeches was not serious at all, but it was too crazy!!!



First, the Kyoto-sensei made a speech on his loneliness. He always feels lonely because he does not have a chance to teach students, no students can recognize him at all, and no students who are about to graduate from the school want to take pictures with him on the graduation ceremony day.

In order to make the students get interested in him, he made an announcement that he had a plan to set up "a Puri-Kura (Print-Club) Machine" in his office and that all the students can take "Puri-Kura" with him for free!

Furthermore, he showed a burning ambition that he has been planning to be the next principal of Numata Girls' High! He would pretend to support Kocho-sensei strongly because he wants to get a recommendation that Kyoto-sensei should be the next Kocho-sensei. Finally, he revealed a plan to set a trap for Kocho-sensei to make him get fired by a big scandal!



To compete with Kyoto-sensei, Kocho-sensei made a speech of his ambition that he would be a popular Kocho-sensei among "JK" students! He introduced three items that are necessary for JK to appeal his understanding toward them; 1: smartphones, 2: lipstick and 3: their bangs (the front part of their hair.) Especially, a lot of JK burst into laughter when he introduced a lipstick from the popular brand "Etude House"!

Anyway, I almost died laughing when I watched this TV show. At the same time, I was envious of them and I decided to make Kiritaka students burst into laughter some day! By the way, I learned new Japanese expressions such as "JK". I hope that many of you have also learned it. If so, and if you can recognize me, please call me "KT" from now on!

★T's Power Song★

Probably, some of you might have heard a phrase "chill out" or "just chilling", which mean "be relaxed". You have a lot of things to do every day, so you need time to "chill out." This time I'll introduce a video clip of a song which can give you some time to chill out. Especially, I like his low tone voice. I hope many of you will be relaxed and fill your power from this song! By the way, can you read his name, "SIRUP"?

<https://youtu.be/mHrjM6oVez0>



I hope the KIRITAKA English Journal will be accepted by you!! (Toru Hoshino)



Kiwi Corner



Have you noticed how warm it's becoming lately? That's right, we are now in the middle of spring, and soon it will be summer! It's the season for the high school Gunma prefecture sports tournaments! This also means that in New Zealand it is getting colder and darker. As it is in the southern hemisphere, it will soon be winter there. To many New Zealanders, May is the month when we switch from summer to winter sports.



Spring has come!



Cricket is a popular summer sport

This may shock many Japanese people, but in New Zealand (and other countries around the world) we have **two seasons** for sports: summer and winter. Popular summer sports in New

Zealand include: rowing, yachting, surfing, track and field, tennis, and cricket.

Winter sports, on the other hand, include

netball, basketball, football (soccer), hockey,

and, of course, rugby, the national sport of New Zealand.



Rugby is New Zealand's national sport



Netball is also popular in NZ

This means that high school students could choose more than one sport (or club) to join during the year. This

system is very different from Japan's, right? For example, some students played

cricket in the summer, and then played rugby in winter. You could also choose to

play more than one sport per season, too. At my high school, however, most teams

went to national championship competitions, so there wasn't enough time to train

for more than one sport.



Once more, I'd like to introduce you a favorite song of mine. This song is quite old, but it is by a very famous British rock band. For some Kiritaka clubs, you may have had your last match for the season, and it's time to say good bye to your third-grade seniors. For others, your road to victory has just started, and I wish you all **the very best of luck!** In my eyes, you are all champions! Give it a watch at this address: <https://youtu.be/04854XqcfCY>

(Liam Campbell)