

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 294**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have someone who tried to call his friend but had to leave a message. Let's begin:

Hello?

This is Tom. I'm Jerry's classmate. Is he at home now?

No, he isn't. He is studying at the library.

Oh. What time will he come back?

At 5. Can I take a message?

Can you please tell him that we have to go to school early tomorrow for practice?

Okay, I will.

Thank you! Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 294**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about protecting elephants. Take a listen:

Elephants are popular at zoos and circuses in the United States, but they are very big and eat a lot. Taking care of them is very expensive. Zoos and circuses often cannot take care of elephants when they get old. One reason is because they don't have enough money. Carol Buckley wanted to make a place for older elephants from zoos and circuses to live. In 1995, she built the Elephant Sanctuary in a big park in Tennessee. At the sanctuary, these elephants live like wild elephants in nature, not like pets.

Well, isn't Carol Buckley very generous?

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 294**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here that might be quite interesting to some of you, as it concerns a very popular shopping mall chain that I know a lot of our Kunitachi students quite often go to, so take a listen to this:

Japanese real estate giant Mitsui Fudosan Company on April 28<sup>th</sup> opened its first overseas LaLaport shopping complex in Shanghai, in an effort to meet the expanding consumer demands of upper- and middle-income Chinese households. The 55,000-square-meter mall is planned to be fully open by this fall, with around 180 shops, including Japanese restaurants, a movie theater and the first full-sized Gundam statue outside of Japan. The complex will also have a Bandai Namco VS Park, a variety sports facility that offers the experience of being on a TV show. Mitsui Fudosan is also planning to open a LaLaport mall in Malaysia this year.

Ah, yes, I'd seen photos of this giant Gundam statue in Shanghai and thought it might be some kind of temporary installation, maybe at a theme park, but it looks like it's going to be a permanent fixture like that one in Odaiba – or that other new one in Yokohama that actually moves, which I still haven't seen in person.

Alright, guys, well until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.