Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 802

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today I am going to read you a letter to my grandfather. Let's start.

How are you doing? Can you visit us next month? The city dance contest is on May 14th. I will be in the contest. A hundred dancers will be there. I want to be a champion. I have two tickets to the concert. I will send them to you. Please come!

That was all for today. See you next time, bye-bye!

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Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 802

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1. Today, you will listen to a story about literacy rate.

Literacy rate means that the percentage of people who are able to read and write. If you live in an advanced country, you probably started learning characters at a young age in school. As a whole, the world literacy rate is rather high. About 90 percent of males and 83 percent of females over the age of 15 are able to read and write. However, not all nations are wealthy enough to offer the required education. Public schools have a great influence on the level of literacy everywhere.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 802

Hello, and welcome back to PR2!

I hope you are thriving in the new school year.

Recently, I visited my grandmother in Kushiro, Hokkaido and probably gained 10 kilograms from her generous cooking. On the morning of my departure back to Tokyo, she served me a special kind of sausage, so I thought it would be nice to talk about that!

So I did a little bit of research, and apparently the sausage is originally from Okoppe, which is a small region in [the] Mombetsu District of Hokkaido. The name Okoppe is derived from the Ainu word "Okouppe," which means "place where the ends of rivers meet." This is referring to the Okoppe River and the Mo-Okoppe River, which flow into the Sea of Okhotsk.

Anyways, the Okoppe region is very famous for its dairy products such as milk, cheese, yogurt, and butter...as well as for its meat products, including sausages. The sausages contain quality pork from Hokkaido, and some of them are mixed with garlic and herbs. Mine was lightly salted so I ate it with some shredded cabbage. It was the perfect breakfast meal.

My grandmother also packed me some rice balls for my flight home. They were stuffed with cod roe, and the best part was that she wrapped them in bamboo leaves! When I showed them to my mom, she could not help but laugh because of how antiquated it was.

That sums up my trip – food, food and more food! Now I am due for a diet. Anyways, great job as always and see you!