



What's happening?

The Beautiful Roles

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My life's dream is to improve and enrich my education. We must continuously improve ourselves, for if we gain much knowledge, we will become wise men who are on top of a mountain, able to see things more clearly, including our own lives. Or like a submarine in the deep sea, we can not be crushed even if there is too much pressure from the water around us. People who knows well the meaning of life can dive into life calmly without fear. In contrast, people who have less knowledge are like ships on the surface of the sea, always bobbing up and down with the waves. They cannot dive into the meaning of the life. If they are happy, they are too happy. If they are sad, they are sunk in hopelessness.

Based on this way of thinking, I try to continue my studies in Japan, one of the most famous countries to study in. At first, I felt it might be impossible. But my close friends have supported me and said, "Please look for that with your eyes open, search the world for good things, work hard, and learn much".

On October 3, 2003, I came to Japan to study as a PhD course student in the Institute of Health Biosciences the University of Tokushima Graduate School. My way of thinking has changed and I am learning about molecular biology, though I was a clinical dentist and worked as a basic science lecturer in Gadjah Mada University in

my country. Everything in Japan is different: new lessons, new friends, a new language, and new food. Everything is new.

After being here for 5 months, I invited my family to Tokushima and started my new life as a student, mother, and wife. I believe children are a trusteeship from God. As mothers, we must have pure hearts, and all the experience with them are lessons. Knowledge is not only gained from our seniors, but it also comes from children. They do not know the meaning of surrenderer. We can gain much knowledge and enjoyment from them. Here in Japan I am a student and a mother. When a parent's association is held, I am supposed to attend, but I forgot attending the meetings several times. It made my sons miserable because other parents attended. Another time, an elementary school teacher called me and said that my child wore two left shoes. I felt ashamed, but it can not help my sons. It shows me that I am not completely doing my responsibilities as a mother. In the future, when they grow up enough to understand various things, I will tell them," Please forgive me, I am not a perfect mother. I cannot always be close to you when you are sick. I

can not always sing and tell you bedtime stories." I also apologize to my husband, because sometimes I cannot prepare a nice dinner and listen to how his day went. Physically I feel tired, but mentally I can feel all of them playing a beautiful melody in my heart, so close to my heart are they. My three roles (as a student, mother and wife), I will enjoy them forever.

