

## **Cloudy, occasionally rainy, later sunny**

“What are you doing, after you heard such a thing?”

A middle-aged fisherman, having his feet up on the table, looked back to me and snapped loudly. There was a brief silence.

Indeed, he got that right. Why should he answer to many questions of an old stranger? Talking about it will not change anything. He must have something that he does not want to remember.

Another person saying “I call you later, I am busy now,” rejected me flatly.

On the other hand, the people who I met for the first time still have encouraged me.

Hiromi talked to me for about two and a half hours and gave me a souvenir at the time of my return. At my later visit, she shared some clams with me. In the past, she blamed her father who has spent all his time struggling against the environmental pollution for 40 years. But now, the father is gone, and she is proud of his background and his movement.

I visited the Shiohama house for Children . Two friendly staff members welcomed me. Recently the after school situation of children has been changed greatly, and they seem to have a problem in making different events successful. It is difficult to get the children together and to make adventurous outdoor activities, taking their safety into account. Our Isozu Environmental School can probably cooperate with them, as we have gathered 50 children and parents successfully so far.

I also started to learn by myself, at the “Environmental Frontier Lecture” in Osaka, the “Biodiversity Wetland Network” in Nagoya etc. What I saw and heard there gave me fine intellectual inspirations and big hints. It shows, “Whoever desires, finds a way.”

However, the reality is hard. A village probably disappeared due to the environmental pollution. Its name is “Peace Village.” The pollution in Yokkaichi perhaps obliterated even its peaceful life and traces of it. I want to get at the truth.

My hearing research and sure steps to the future is going on today, so that rain later changes to sunshine.