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新メンバー

4月から研究室に新たなメンバーがやってきた。M1 の奥村勇斗、B4 の石原千聖、重房俊哉、中村峻也、吉田亘志の4人だ。この研究室での生活が実りあるものとなることを願う。

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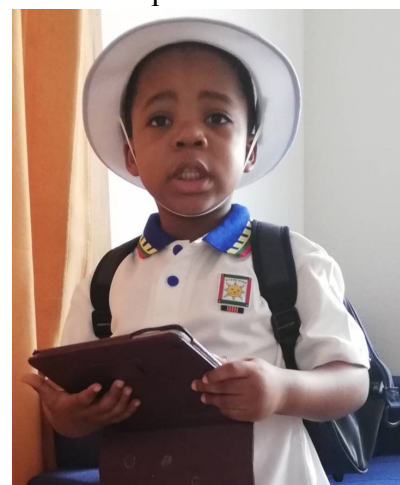
今回は D2 の Anthony が登場。現在流行中のコロナウイルスに関してナイジェリア出身、日本在住の留学生という観点から考察してくれた。(以下文章 Anthony)

Covid-19 (Coronavirus disease 2019), the new viral disease in town, has ravaged many countries recently. It was first reported in December 2019, in a town in China known as Wuhan. Many people in different countries have been infected, and on daily basis the number of infections increases. In different countries, a lot of persons have died from the disease, which has now become a public health emergency of serious global concern. The disease is currently spreading in different parts of African countries. According to Nigeria Centre for Disease and Control (NCDC), Nigeria had recorded a total of 343 cases as at 13th of April, 2020. Ninety-one (91) persons had recovered and had been discharged with 10 deaths. In Nigeria, this new viral disease has forced everyone to adopt a 'new culture', called 'social distancing and handshake prohibition.' It seems strange to think that

what has long been a part of our culture in Nigeria, has now become a great offence overnight. Friends and family members who, before now, would embrace one another and exchange handshakes as a way of greeting have suddenly turned 'strangers' to one another. In social gatherings, Churches, Mosques, schools, and markets, people NORMALLY embrace or exchange handshakes as a way of greeting. This is part of our cultural practice! However, it has become a common practice these days in Nigeria to wear face mask and wave or bow to one another from some distance instead of the usual cultural way of embrace or handshake. Health experts say this form of lifestyle could help slow down the spread of the disease. This new cultural change occasioned by the new virus, Covid-19, has never the less, become a NEW NORMAL in Nigeria and could remain even after this era of Covid-19.

Personally, I have never liked the idea of a handshake, because, it is in the habit of many persons to not wash their hands after using a public toilet. These same people would walk out and shake every Tom, Dick, and Harry that says 'hi' to them. I remember when I first came to Japan in 2017. The very first thing I noticed in their culture is that they don't greet by shaking hands, instead they slightly give a bow and simply say "Ohayou gozaimasu, Kon ni chi wa, Kon ba wa", which means "Good morning, Good

afternoon, Good evening" in English language respectively. This is absolutely amazing! The more I lived in Japan, the more I became accustomed to this amazing way of greeting. In this era of Covid-19, I think it is absolutely necessary to adopt this 'Japanese way of greeting' in all African countries in order to slow down the spread of Covid-19.



Anthony の息子の Chidube Munachiso くん。(4 月撮影)

編集後記

コロナウイルス流行の影響で、本来なら行事が目白押しであるはずの4月の記事がとても寂しいものとなってしまいました。神戸大学の方針で、先生方、及び学生は極力自宅待機を命じられています。普段通りの生活がとてもありがたいものだったのだと実感させられます。

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