



Sendai Shirayuri Gakuen High School

Blog post – the Homefront WWII

Women in the workforce Part 2

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Women in the workforce (changing rules of women)

We went to grandmother's house to listen her story about her experience in wartime on June 30. She experienced WW2 when she was in second grade of elementary school, also Sendai air raid. As her house was farming, her family had enough rice to live on and didn't feel terrible hunger. But she still remembers the adults' hard working style (especially women's). Then, we started to interview to her.

July 15, we went to grandmother's house again and actually we used camera and microphone for the first time. About 72 years ago, she remembered the experiences of war well. She spoke about it a lot and sometime her eyes glistened with tears. She also told us about her childhood. What impressed us most was the toughness and strength of children's who lived in that era. Getting up early in the morning to work in the fields of their house or to be threatened with air raids every day is unimaginable situation for us. Currently in Japan, young people are in a blessed environment. They can get all what they want and need. Such environment might make us corrupted. Grandmother says to young people "Even if you are in a convenient world, do not rely on smartphones etc. I want you to act more voluntarily."

July 20, we looked for materials in our school library. Then we found the book, "A century history in Sendai". Read this book, there was a picture which was taken in Sendai Shirayuri High School, our school. We were interested in this picture and decided to search who are these people in it. As we examine it, we understand who they are. They're "Sayuri" club. It still continues to work, act as the volunteer club now. We couldn't interview someone in the photo but fell its spirit is inherited.

These are what we searched and found. Through it, we realized how terrible WW2 was, importance of connection with people and the fun of investigating. These became important discoveries of our life. Of course we could deepen our knowledge about WW2 too.

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