

Global Aging based on a field work

~ think about what we can do for our local city ~

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Introduction

Our school was designated as a **Super Global High School** by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology in 2015.

Matsuo Super Global High School is researching, "global aging" and our school's objective aims to foster global leaders who in the future will play an active role on the international stage.

Global aging is rapidly progressing in the world, which naturally causes various kinds of problems. It is necessary that we properly understand this issue and try to address the problems.

All of the first grade students did a field work in Sammu city and thought about how to deal with global aging.

There is our school in Sammu city which is facing **serious aging**. As the aging progresses rapidly, hospitals are going to be needed more and more such as recuperation and treatment. Therefore, we decided to visit a hospital.



Research result

Through our field work in a hospital, we discovered three problems.

One is that we don't have so many places people from the young and old generations can meet up. In fact, citizens hope to hold events for **multi-generation people to take part in**.

Second is the population in Sammu city is decreasing due to **the increase of the elderly and declining birthrate**, which causes us a lot of burden for example paying taxes.

Third, there is **no transportation** the elderly can utilize with ease. This is because trunk buses and route buses are inconvenient.

For those reasons, Sammu city hall is struggling with the improvement.

In conclusion

After the field work in a hospital, we discussed how those problems should be solved. We found two answers.

One is high school students can visit **nursing homes** as a part of classes, which enables multiple generations to encounter each other.

The other is we invite people to school events like **sport or cultural festivals**. In order to establish communication space, schools can also be useful.

