

My name is Fumio and I am a first year in Nishio-Higashi High school.

When I was in 6th grade, my father has already been working in Japan for about 5 years. He suddenly asked me the question "Between Australia and Japan which one do you like?" At that time, I was watching anime so I chose Japan. Before coming to Japan, I studied Japanese for about 3 months. After spending time here in Japan I thought that it has no big difference with Vietnam.

I came to Japan on November 14, 2018 and I was in first year of junior high school. I officially started studying in Heisaka Junior High school when I was second year because I was learning Japanese in the classes at "Souki Tekio Kyoushitsu". At Heisaka junior high school, the club activities and studies was difficult. I joined the soccer club and had a hard time practicing because my club mates were already good at soccer and it was difficult to catch up. I liked watching soccer games when I was in Vietnam but only played soccer for fun. My senior club mates were very kind and made me keep on doing the soccer club when I was in 2nd year of junior High School.

I was having a difficult time understanding because every subject uses Chinese characters (Kanji) when writing especially in the Japanese class. I was dejected during the English class because I could not understand and only got 85 points on the test. I studied a lot using the workbook that I got from school and I tried to memorize all of the answers in the workbook and repeatedly answered the science and history workbook. The second periodical exam at Heisaka Junior High, I only got one incorrect answer and got 92 on the English test. My grades were getting better because I studied hard. When I was in my third year of junior high school, I started studying at Sanaru preparatory school. After studying almost every day in the preparatory school, I started aiming to attend the Nishio Higashi High School.

I didn't want to lose to anyone and made this far. I wanted to prove myself and to my Japanese friends that "I am Vietnamese but I don't want to lose to Japanese." Starting next year, I will be in second year high school and I want to study Physics. I am still not sure what the future holds, but I want to study in the University of Nagoya. I am having fun in my Senior high school life because I have many friends. During the rankings on periodical exams, I got 1st place in English communication and 2nd place in English Expression. I am also on the 16th place in 9 subjects. What I want to say to all junior high school students is to "Study harder" and to the elementary students is to "have many friends". Thank you (for listening).