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I

As volunteering becomes obligatory for an increasing number of American high school students, I believe schools in Japan should encourage students to take part in the activities of charities, NPOs, and NGOs. First, volunteering helps students become aware of social problems, making it more possible for solutions to be found in the future. In addition, it also provides the youth with opportunities to get to know the society outside school, thus offering them a chance to think about their future job and life. Moreover, although some argue that there is not enough time in the curriculum to spare for volunteering, it is more important for the students to develop personally and mentally through experiencing cooperation and dedication than memorizing formulas. Therefore, Japanese students need to have time for volunteering, and to achieve this, it should become a part of the school curriculum.

II

Among various kinds of wastes, plastic waste is one of the most hazardous, as it easily becomes an environmental pollutant. According to the data adapted from an article by Stuart J. Barnes (2019), it is implied that it is countries with income of the middle level who produce the largest amount of mismanaged plastic waste. As can be seen from the graph, countries with high incomes such as Sweden, Japan, and South Korea discharge the least plastic waste in the world. Developing countries produce more plastic waste, but it is not the countries with the lowest income but ones with moderate revenue where the amount is the largest. It is possible that countries with lower income tend to give priority to industry rather than environmental conservation and to lack technology to process plastic waste. Furthermore, it can also be inferred that countries with middle income have more purchasing power and consume more plastic products than the poorest countries.

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III

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