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How English will be important in the future

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 It is no exaggeration to say that English is the most important language in this world. The English language is the most used language in the world and is recognized by billions of people as a lingua franca! Naturally, being fluent and able to use English is also expected around the world. Regarding English-related lessons, 36% of all elementary and junior high school students said they were currently taking English lessons, and 9% said they were not currently taking English lessons but had taken English lessons in the past. And about 60% of all elementary and junior high school students answered that they “like or are good at English” (6.8% “very much like or are very good at English” and 54.2% “fairly much like or are fairly good at English”). By elementary and junior high school students, approximately two out of three elementary school students responded that they “like or are good at English.

 After all, the importance of English in education is currently growing and English education is being promoted! Nowadays in Japan, classes are taught from elementary school onward with an awareness of the four skills of English. The importance of English is increasing as more and more tests are being given to test the four skills of English, not only in elementary schools, but also in university entrance examinations. Of the students in the third grade of high school, 11.5% have obtained Eiken Level 2 or higher, up 0.4 percentage points from 11.1% in 2014. Of the students who have not yet obtained EIKEN Level 2 or above, 22.5% are considered to have a considerable level of English proficiency. The percentage of students who did not obtain EIKEN Level 2 or above, but were considered to have considerable English proficiency was 22.8%, up 0.8 percentage points from 20.8% in 2014. This is an increase of 0.8 points from 20.8% in 2014. The combined total of these two groups was 34.3%, an increase of 2.4 percentage points from 31.9% in 2014. These results are from the government.

 The English language, as I have summarized, occupies a tremendously important position, and even in countries where English is not the native language, such as Japan and South Korea, it is incorporated into compulsory education and taught from an early age, eliminating any aversion to the English language.

 We believe that it is our job, as it is in Japan today, to educate people in English at the point of compulsory education, to eliminate the aversion to English, and to create an environment where our children in the future will not have to worry about English, and we will be deeply involved in English and improve our English ability. That's what we do, and that's what we need to do in this world where English is so important.

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