

2022 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Youth Category – Honorable Mention]

My values

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I remembered a day from 2019. I was a Grade 8 student at that time. The sun was shining at that day and everything was full of fun. All were normal. I did not know what Covid-19 was and what war was at that time. Now, I realized about these things and my environment also changed so much. My life changed too.

Now, the moon do not want to look at us. He hide behind the cloud. My life is full of difficulties. Now, we lose our opportunities. We lose freedom and the right to go to school. The school in our village has been closing for 3 years. But we do not give up. I tried to go to NGS of my village. NGS means Non Governmental School. We gave that name for our small school. My teacher build that school. There are about 50 students at the school. We can learn English, Japanese and Mathematics in the small room. Although we hear the sounds of the bombs and guns, we still go to that school. Because I will never give up for my life although my life is in dark. So striving is my value.

It is not easy for me who is walking in the dark to be an educated woman. We feel depressed for many times. But we encourage one another. We always try to be optimistic for the future. These are our values. Sometimes I think my value is helping other. In difficult situation, we need to help each other. I feel that I have value when I help other. We pass the life happily helping one another.