

## Fujieda the land of natural inspiration

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Fujieda (Shida plateau, central Shizuoka prefecture) located between the Abe River and the Ōi River is a place of natural inspiration. The local economy based on agriculture specially tea, and rice and also by light manufacturing (beverages and food processing).

I think that Fujieda people are intelligent, skilful and hardworking, I like the mountainous landscape and their agricultural fields specially paddy fields and tea fields, the environment nature conservation give to the place a distinct beauty well balanced and all together are the key factors that confer a unusual beauty and sustainability of Fujieda. I like the way how local people respect the nature and live in a perfect harmony with the nature, also I like the local people energy for working, and also the way how they look to the future very concerned with the environment.

visit organic tea field on the top of the mountain, planting organic rice in a field full of life was so exciting to me. Many hands making “田植え” and also I could see life on the paddy field by the presence of so many organisms visible by naked eye.

The moment of confraternization was very good, traditional music and dance from Okinawa, delicious barbecue, delicious food, talk with people was so good.

Was good surprise to me, to find that Kinezuka family daughter had visited for twice “my country Mozambique” and she enjoyed and plans to visit Mozambique again. I like Kinezuka family energy, ambitions and determination to organic farming. Also was good to find another Japanese young man (Washino San) that are going to Africa (Zambia) for work as a volunteer on environmental issues, we planned to get in touch and get together in Africa.

Washino san and Kinezuka family daughter also told me that so many notable people in Japan and in the world was born in Fujieda, when I searched on “wikipedia” I found names of notable people born in Fujieda such as (*Kunio Ogawa* and *Shizuo Fujieda* both a novelist, and also the following professional soccer player: *Shin Asahina*, *Toshiya Ishii*, *Tatsuya Ishikawa*, *Kentaro Ohi*, *Hiroshi Nanami*, *Yoshikazu Suzuki*, *Masashi Nakayama*, *Makoto Hasebe*, *Nobuhisa Yamada*, *Takeshi Watanabe*, *Ryu Okada*, and *Motoyuki Akahori* a professional baseball player). I think that the local weather, landscape and the environment in Fujieda is favorable for healthy growth of the body and the mind, and also development of skills, Fujieda is a big source of natural inspiration.

When I will go back to my country Mozambique I will apply and disseminate so many positive things that I learned in Fujieda, I mean organic farming and environmental conservation.

Fig 1: BBQ party

Fig 2: BBQ after party