**Equality**

Hello, everyone. We feel honored to be here to make a presentation. And now we are going to talk about ‘Equality’. @

To begin with, before the presentation, I want to raise a question: When it comes to ‘Equality’, what comes to your mind? @

Maybe most of you think of ‘racial equality’. But as we all know, to achieve racial equality, we have to face many challenges. In 2018, 57.5 percent of crimes related to racial discrimination were committed in America. George Floyd Murder Trial has also attracted wide attention. Not only the USA, it’s in virtually every country in the world. Because racial discrimination is so severe and widespread, racial equality is very difficult to achieve. So, is there an equality which is realistic and achievable? The answer is ‘YES’. @ That is ‘Knowledge Equality’.

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What is ’Knowledge Equality’? Before this question, we should know what does this ‘Knowledge’ mean? It perhaps means Math, English, and you know Japanese. These are what we learn. And beyond that, you might think of schools, libraries, even the Internet. These are where we can learn. OK, and now, we can know ‘Knowledge Equality’ means that @ ‘Anyone can learn anything in any way anytime anywhere’.

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So now, let’s return to the thesis statement: why do we say ‘knowledge equality is realistic and achievable’? ‘Realistic and achievable’ means ‘accessible’. @ It means that we can get the knowledge we need as long as we yearn for it and make efforts. Where can we get the knowledge? We can get it from books, because answers to most of the questions exists in books. We can also get it from teachers or professionals, they know a lot in their professional fields. Going to schools and taking lessons is also a way to get the knowledge, there we can learn and practice systematically. Reading books in the libraries is the most common way that many people may choose. From a survey that has been published recently has shown that @ from 2015 to now, the amount of the libraries in China is increasing every year, in 2020, the amount of the libraries reaches 3212. Also, the amount of the books collected in the libraries and the number of people that go to the libraries and borrow books are also increasing. What’s more, libraries are always open to everyone free of charge, thus getting knowledge is really accessible. Perhaps we all have already seen a movie called ‘*Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story*’, @ which tells a story that a girl who was born with a poor background, determined to get knowledge and go to Harvard. @ She read books in libraries, impressed the principal’s heart by her sincere attitude in order to enter the school, and studied hard to get scholarship. At last she realized her dream and went into Harvard. It implies that though one may come from a poor background, he can get knowledge as the same as the others. Knowledge is open to all social levels. @ From above statements we can say, knowledge equality is realistic and achievable.

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Nowadays, it is becoming easier and easier to realize knowledge equality. Internet @ provides plenty of opportunities for us. In the past, people could not get the knowledge they were searching for easily due to the ‘limited carrier’. Limited carrier means that a carrier of the knowledge such as a book, a professional, cannot always know everything, it just knows one or a few aspects. But now, with the development of the Internet, the barriers of knowledge have been broken. In the past, the courses of famous schools (picture: courses of schools) that could only belong to 100 people, could become a public class that millions of people can listen to freely on the Internet (picture: such as MOOC); in the past, there were only hundreds of people giving speeches on the spot (picture: TED Speech on the spot), but now there can be millions of audiences on the other side of the network (picture: such as TED Speech Online). Human beings have more and more convenient means to get knowledge and realize knowledge equality.

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But if knowledge equality is realized, when everyone has the same level of education, there will be many challenges we have to face. How should we show our own advantage? How should we develop our hobbies? And how should we keep differences from others? Above all, how should we be ourselves? This is worth thinking about. @

A learned man is always respected by others. And mutual respect means equality. Knowledge Equality enables everyone to become a respected person, and it may lead us to the equality we yearn for.

That’s all. Thank you.