

## **Do You Know the Attractiveness of PRE-CON ?**

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Hello, everyone. My name is Kiyori Fujikawa from Tomakomai Kosen. You know that there are four contests in Kosen : Robot contest, Programming contest, Design contest, and this English presentation contest called PRE-CON. But I always wonder why PRE-CON is not as popular as the other contests in my school. I want many people to know the attractiveness of PRE-CON. So, today, I'm going to talk about "How we can get the Tomakomai KOSEN students interested in PRE-CON" and give you some specific suggestions for that.

Before I talk about the suggestions, I conducted a simple questionnaire for students at Tomakomai Kosen. The questionnaire is designed to ask what they think about English, what they think about making a presentation, and what they think about PRE-CON. The total number of responses is about 300. The graphs you will see are divided into two groups, one is a group of 1st to 3rd graders, and the other is of 4th to 5th graders. Here are the results.

First, I show you the responses to the questions about what they think about English. In response to the question "Do you like English?", about 50% of both groups gave relatively positive opinions. However, in response to the question "Are you good at English?", less than 40% of both groups gave relatively positive opinions. From these results, we can see that many students like English but feel they are not good at it.

Second, I show you the responses to the questions about what they think about making a presentation. In response to the question "Do you like to speak in front of people?", less than 30% of both groups gave relatively positive opinions. In other words, the majority of the students are not good at presenting something in front of people.

Finally, I show you the responses to the questions about what they think about PRE-CON. In response to the question "Do you know PRE-CON?", more than 60% of both groups gave positive opinions. On the other hand, in response to the question "Are you interested in PRE-CON?", less than 25% of both groups gave relatively positive opinions. These results show that many students know that there is a contest called "PRE-CON", but few are actually interested in it.

Summing up the results of the questionnaire, it can be said that many students know that PRE-CON exists, but they do not feel interested in it, and they feel that they do not have enough skills to take part in PRE-CON, such as speaking English and making a presentation. So what should we do to help such situations? Here are two specific suggestions for that.

The first suggestion is to have an event about PRE-CON. This is a kind of lecture that anyone can participate in, and some students who have ever participated in PRE-CON talk about how fun this contest is. The target audience is mainly students who want to know what to do in PRE-CON. Through the event, more students know its attractiveness even a little.

The second suggestion is to establish an English studies club. Tomakomai

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Kosen does not have such a club. Therefore, I propose to establish a new club where students with interests in English and PRE-CON engage in various English activities.

Today, I talked about how we can get the Tomakomai Kosen students interested in PRE-CON and I gave two specific suggestions for that. I hope that the Kosen students will be more interested in PRE-CON, and hopefully, more students will participate in this attractive contest.