

# Hamaguchi Essay Contest 2023

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## Who is Hamaguchi Goryo?

Hamaguchi Goryo was born on a little village where currently is Hirogawa town, Wakayama Prefecture. When the large tsunami resulting from the Ansei Nankai Earthquake of 1854 struck the village, he guided his fellow villagers to evacuate to higher ground by “Inamura-no-hi” (setting fire to his precious sheaves of rice), his whole year’s harvest, as a signal of warning. His post-disaster contributions such as building shelters for victims and breakwater apparently minimized post-tsunami damage.



Inamura-no-hi  
(Source: Cabinet Office)

<b>THEME</b>	<p>Through reading Japan’s famous anecdote of “Inamura-no-hi” (burning of harvested rice sheaves), please share how you feel, think and experience.</p> <p>* Please refer to the following web site of Inamura-no-Hi no Yakata. <a href="https://www.town.hirogawa.wakayama.jp/inamuranohi/english/siryo_inamura.html">https://www.town.hirogawa.wakayama.jp/inamuranohi/english/siryo_inamura.html</a></p>
<b>GUIDELINES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Essays may be submitted by students enrolled in the same school/organization as Japanese high school (as of July 31, 2023).</li> <li>2. Essays must be 700 words or less in English, or 1600 characters or less in Japanese.</li> <li>3. Essays must be submitted via e-mail with typing essay title and your personal information according to the attached format style.</li> <li>4. Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will be rejected.</li> <li>5. Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.</li> <li>6. By submitting your essay, you give permission to the organizer to publish it in any medium. Ownership of the essay remains with the entrant.</li> </ol>
<b>DEADLINE</b>	<p>The entry must be received no later than July 31, 2023. <i>* The entry deadline has been extended two weeks until <b>August 14, 2023</b>.</i></p>
<b>SELECTION</b>	<p>The Selection Committee on the Hamaguchi Essay Contest will select the entrants.</p>
<b>AWARDS</b>	<p>Excellent award will be given to up to 3 entrants and Award will be given to up to 15 entrants.</p> <p>Certificates will be mailed to the winners.</p> <p>* Certificate of Participation will be given to all entrants via e-mail. * Excellent award winners will be introduced to 2023 Hamaguchi Award Ceremony with their photos and (or) video messages, if possible. * Each school/organization in which each excellent award winner is enrolled will be provided with 100,000 Yen to use for tsunami/coastal disaster resilience activities such as the purchase of relevant books, and so on.</p>
<b>SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION</b>	<p>International Promotion Committee for Tsunami/Coastal Disaster Resilience Technology, Port and Airport Research Institute “PARI”, National Institute of Maritime, Port and Aviation Technology “MPAT” 3-1-1, Nagase, Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan 239-0826 <a href="https://www.pari.go.jp/en/public-relations/hamaguchi-award/essay-contest-2023/index.html">https://www.pari.go.jp/en/public-relations/hamaguchi-award/essay-contest-2023/index.html</a> E-mail: hamaguchi_essay@p.mpat.go.jp</p>