

[REPORT]

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#### Ohisama Sinpo Energy Corporation

On first day, we visited “Ohisama Sinpo Energy Corporation” in Iida city. That corporation has collected finance effectively and expanded solar energy panel to Iida city.

What surprised me was the system to collect the finance from not only banks but also the people living all over Japan. Before I listened to Mr. Hara, president of the corporation, I minded the possibility of expanding the panels without continuous subsidies from governments. The panels are generally so expensive and take so long time to get a return of initial investment, so I was interested how to collect money and run the expansion.

The answer was really clear and their system enhance the panels to stand by it selves (though I avoid to mention the detail contents). Amazingly, there were a number of people who didn't live in Iida and invested for the dissemination of solar panels in Iida. I supposed it was due to their high intention for renewable energy and the large efforts of the members of “Ohisama Sinpo Energy Corporation”, especially planning and advertising. The people's mind for developing the renewable power generation has been shifting from ideal to real. I assumed it began to occur from rural area in Japan.

Besides, I found the important roles of central government. The government has encouraged power companies such as “Chubu Power Company” to purchase renewable energy generated by even small-scale plants such as the excessively generated in solar panels of households. The policy must be the incentive to disseminate that solar energy in Iida. The central government should work on large company and provide the law that encourages the free activity of eager company or local government for renewable energy.

#### Nanshin Biomass Cooperative

On second day, we visited “Nanshin Biomass Cooperative” in Ina city. This experience made me to think about the choices of jobs. It let me know the attraction to produce the actual products that contribute social development. I loosely imagined my future job, but, in this field trip, I felt primary and secondary industry is more attractive than 3rd industry. Visible products are relatively easy to confirm how it contributes the society or get consumers happy. I wish to take advantage of this experience for my coming job hunting.