

Hawaiian Students' Ideas about Their Future Work

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My Hawaii research topic was Job Hunting. The reason why I wanted to research this topic is that I have to think about my future, because I'm already 20 years old and still now, I have no thoughts about my future and working. I was interested in students' thinking about job hunting in other countries.

My first question was, "What kind of job do you want to work at in the future?" There were so many different answers, for example, historian and teacher, police officer, public official, weather forecaster, scientist, bank clerk, and more. I thought that this is almost the same thinking as with Japanese students. There are so many different dreams. But I was surprised that all the people I asked this question had their own thoughts about their future and the kind of job they want to get.

My second question was, "What do you do so that you can get the job you want in the future?" The answers were almost all the same. They study hard. One person said, "I'm studying hard to acquire a qualification." I respect them because I am not really thinking about my work in the future. Everyone has his or her own dream and studies for it. I felt a little worried and nervous.

My last question was, "Do you want to work in a foreign country?" The reason why I wanted to ask this question is that there are so many people working abroad in Japan in our increasingly globalized world. The answer of yes was not so many. It was few. Most people I asked wanted to work in Hawaii. So I asked them, "Why do you want work in Hawaii?" Everyone said, "I love Hawaii" or "I am worried about working in another country."

Through these questions, I thought that I have to think more and more about my future. And I thought that the people in Japan are in a hurry to get jobs in our globalized world. I want to find my dream without being in a hurry.