

## Communication

I have played in many movies and dramas as an actor since the age of three. Have you ever seen the famous Japanese horror movie the “Ring”? Maybe you remember me. I played the young boy with mysterious powers, named Yoichi.

In “the Ring”, Yoichi’s parents, I mean my parents were Ms. Nanako Matsushima and Mr. Hiroyuki Sanada. Can you imagine if they were your parents? I was pretty lucky.

The director of the movie, Hideo Nakata was my favorite person. He was a very shy man, but loved movies. He spoke to me as if I was an adult, but I was only seven at the time. The staff was worried that I wouldn’t be able to understand him, but Mr. Nakata and I understood each other perfectly. Communication is really important in the movie business. If an actor doesn’t understand what the director wants, then they can’t play the part correctly. Mr. Nakata was trying to explain to me what Yoichi should be thinking in the story. He was always taking time to talk with me in the studio. I learned from him how important communication is.

I’m a member of my school’s table tennis club. When I entered, one of the other members didn’t like me. So I decided the best thing to do is to try and communicate with him. At first, he was not friendly at all, but in time, he started to look at me, listen to me, and speak to me. At last we became best friends. I did it!

I believe that we need to communicate more with our friends, teachers and especially our parents. Lately, I often hear about terrible problem between parents and their children. I think it’s because there isn’t enough communication between them. Maybe they should speak more. I realize it’s sometimes boring to talk with our parents. But if we communicate with them more, it would make our relationships stronger.

I think communication is an important part of life, no matter what you do. We should communicate more with others to make a better future. Then we can have a wonderful future.

Thank you for listening.

僕が1人の俳優として学んだ事、そして学校で友達から学んだこと、それは「コミュニケーション」の大切さでした。僕が体験した「コミュニケーション」とは…？