

自然の恵み木の割り箸

日本は「木の文化」を持つ国であり、その中で「割り箸」を生み出しました。割り箸を割ることは「事を始める」という意味があります。

日本の箸は、製材の不要部分を有効活用したもので、木材資源の有効活用や山村活性化につながります。

さらに、この箸は知的障がい者が手作りしており、障がい者の仕事づくりに貢献しています。

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Japan is a nation rich in “Wood Culture”. *Waribashi*, disposable wooden chopsticks which a diner splits apart before using, was born out of such “Wood Culture”.

When using *waribashi*, one has to split it into a pair of chopsticks. Interestingly, “splitting *waribashi*” also means to “initiate some venture”.

Waribashi is produced from wood left over from wood processing. Thus *waribashi* production leads to effective utilization of forest resources and stimulation of village life.

Moreover, it is contributing to employment generation for the mentally challenged people who hand-make each pair of these chopsticks.

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マイウェイ協会

マイウェイ協会は個人の尊厳を大切にし、生涯を自律して自分らしく過ごしたいと考えている人々に対して、個別に生活自律総合サポートを行っています。人生の岐路でふりかかる様々なトラブルに対し、生活・医療・生命・財産・法律等、各分野で専門家と連携しながら、クライアントの支援に当たっています。また、人生の看取り・見送りに関する相談や実際のお手伝いも行っています。個人の自律と尊厳を守るとともに、大切な人の心・文化・芸術・森林などの自然も重視し、地域や社会に対する啓蒙・啓発活動等を行っています。人と人、また人と自然を「つなぐ・むすぶ・伝える」をテーマとして活動しています。

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My Way Foundation values the dignity of the individual and provides comprehensive support to those who wish to live their lives in self-supporting fashion and on their own terms.

In cooperation with experts from diverse fields, we support clients in areas such as lifestyle, medical, financial and legal aspects as our clients face difficulties at various junctures in their lives. We also consult and support them in matter relating to the final stages of their lives including hospice care and final rites.

In addition to protecting the dignity of the individual, My Way Foundation attaches importance to spiritual, cultural, artistic and natural elements such as forest. We engage in enlightening and awareness raising activities in our community and society. My Way Foundation continues to pursue its central theme of “connecting, bonding and communicating” between people, as well as between people and nature.

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