

(リスニング問題 原稿)

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(30秒空白)

では、始めます。

- Olivia : Masato, did you hear that Amy would go home earlier than planned?
Masato : Really? Are you sure?
Olivia : Yes. I didn't hear it from her, but her homeroom teacher told me this morning.
Masato : No way. So when is she leaving Japan?
Olivia : I heard she would go home two weeks early.
Masato : Two weeks early? I feel sorry that she is leaving Japan so soon. She said she was going to the U.K. on March 20th. So, she is leaving Japan on ... ?
Olivia : On March 6th. She will come to school until two days before she leaves.
Masato : I'm very sad to hear that. Do you know why she is leaving Japan early?
Olivia : I heard that her flight was canceled because of the coronavirus. So, she had to change her flight.
Masato : I see... She was very friendly. We enjoyed talking a lot because we are interested in the same thing. We are both big fans of online games.
Olivia : I often hear about online games and esports. It seems esports has become popular in Japan today. Can you tell me more about esports?
Masato : Of course. There are a lot of things to explain but I will tell you some main points. Esports is short for "electronic sports." There are video game tournaments that are held online. People can watch them online or in some public places. At these tournaments people play video games against each other to win prizes, usually money. It is becoming popular in the world because it is possible for anyone, young or old, men or women to take part in esports tournaments.
Olivia : That is different from athletic sports such as running or swimming, isn't it?
Masato : Yes, that's right. Amy and I love esports because of this reason. Now esports are played by 100 million or more people in the world, and the number of people who watch the games is about 600 million. This is almost the same as tennis. I think that people will be able to enjoy esports at the Olympics in the future. And I also believe that esports can be a sport that can break down the walls between the Olympics and the Paralympics.
Olivia : I know some people don't think esports is a real sport, but I'm glad to hear the good side of esports. Did you enjoy esports with Amy?
Masato : Yes, I sometimes played with her. Even if she goes back to the U.K., it's okay. We can still play together online.
Olivia : I hope you can keep in touch.

繰り返します。

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これで、聞き取り問題の放送を終了します。このままこの問題の解答を続けても、次の問題に進んでも構いません。