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Video transcript

Hello everyone.

My name is Ryosuke Shikata, and I work at the Kyoto University Co-op in Japan.

Kyoto University Co-op is one of the oldest university co-ops in Japan, having been established more than 70 years ago.

Most of its members are students, faculty members and staff of Kyoto University.

We have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, but Kyoto University alumni are helping and supporting us in various ways.

I heard that university co-ops are one of the most memorable parts of college life. Now I really feel that university co-ops are an indispensable part of college life.

There is one phrase that many students said left a lasting impression on them. “What one person cannot achieve, can be achieved by many” – These words are by Raiffeisen.

I believe that many students have had such experiences in their childhood, including me.

The society is facing many challenges today. Most of these challenges cannot be solved by the efforts of one person. I believe that global cooperation is the key to overcoming these challenges. We must have confidence in cooperation. We must not forget to connect, talk, and help each other as a society.

For many Japanese people, a university co-op is the first co-op entity they get involved with. I hope many students will feel that their involvement in the co-op has broadened their personal horizons and given them new perspectives.

I think that by participating in the co-op and connecting with others, everyone will become more energetic, and that energy will lead to a more vibrant campus.

I believe that students who have had co-op experiences will graduate and work together with other people to solve the social problems we are facing today. Society will improve as more and more people become convinced of the importance of cooperation.

By working at a university co-op, I want to be involved in the co-op movement to increase the number of such people.