

Update from Soncho's Desk – December 1st, 2014

※In the search for beginning of our universe over 4.6 billion years ago, the “Hayabusa2” spacecraft will be launched into space. *(Note: It is big news here in Japan about the launch of the second Hayabusa mission. The launch was scheduled for November 30 but was delayed due to weather.)*

※4.6 billion years ?!?! An absolutely astronomical number to consider!! My life is so infinitesimally small. Not nearly 4.6 billion years but my time has only been 72 years and 9 months.

※Also, 50 years after my death, it seems there is a copyright on the song 「Kyou no Hi wa Sayonara」. *Note: For now the copyright is 50 years after death but if the new TPP is decided it may be 70 years taken from the American standard.*
Often I am greeted by people who say, “Sho-chan, I sang your song yesterday at karaoke! Could you hear the sound CHARIN?”
CHARIN, for example, is the sound of a 100 yen coin when it is thrown into the wooden box at the shrine.
Actually, not a 100 yen coin, but there is no sound of an aluminum 1 yen coin floating on the top of the water. I have never heard any CHARIN sounds come to my home mailbox.
(I have to confirm with the copyright association about how much money will come to me after my song is sung one time at the karaoke box)

※As the proverb goes, “many a little makes a mickle”, even a 1 yen coin floating on the surface of the water has value. Please cherish it. As the children playing in the post war ruins of Japan were taught growing up. Playing with empty stomachs.

※The copyright after my death will live on. Myself and the people who sing my song will continue to connect through the song. We may be allowed to create a Non Profit Organization (NPO) to continue that connection and hope.

Now we must put out and find a Head Chief to stand and run our Non-Profit Organization.

Note: First of all, of course I depend on my family in every case, but I'll try my best for my family as long as I live. But after my death the money should not go to my private family members nor the Japanese Government. Should it go to the global scale Non-Profit Organization, I wonder?

※Maybe this money will be just sparrow tears. A small drop of water in a very big bucket to give us all a laugh. Young Elon Musk and Horiemon (a young Japanese IT Business Hero who was put into prison after he gained billions and tried to buy FUJI TV Station.) aim for the heavens and to space exploration for the next generation of humans. With plans for a trip to Mars.

※Kyo no Hi wa Sayonara is a song of hope and dreams and tears of young people which is now sung by kindergartens in Japan. I want to be innocent and childish as long as I can! When Joan Baez sang this song in Japan in the 60s, she might have been trying to send a message to people about the Vietnam war? Let's continue to research peace. In a spy (Mission Impossible) strategy. There is no other choice but to connect to the dreams of the next generation!

Note: Cultural understanding in the world will not go easy. The WHALE eater in Japan and the Sea Sheppard Group to shake hands with each other? Or may be more difficult for the Islamic State and the US White House? Or for Korea and the Yasukuni shrine?

※Incidentally, it may help or may not, it just might be nice to have more people using English to reach those big dreams? After watching the Hayabusa2 news and seeing the researchers and scientists discussing with NASA in English.

※Good News! Test results show that my cancer has not spread so far.

There could be a follow up with radiation treatment if needed medically. Some doctors recommend robotic surgery to remove the last remaining cancer. As for stomach cancer, there will be tests again for sake this month.

It might be a small thing but the goal of living 20 more years is possible so I might be able to drink sake with my grandchildren.

※More Good News! Q. Ishikawa has released a new beautiful CD! The title is "NAKAYOSHI". A fantastic picture on the CD jacket! My Song, "YUYAKE NO UTA" is on the CD.

