

以下の2つの英文を読み、それぞれ180字から220字の日本語で要約し、解答用紙に記入しなさい。

1. Street Trees

Recently, scientists have found that street trees in urban areas are great for public health. They also believe that street trees could have some effect on income, age, and education. The most interesting thing they have discovered is that if your neighborhood has a dozen more trees added to it, you will become healthier and feel about ten years younger.

They examined the residents in richer and poorer neighborhoods with or without street trees. They got the results that poorer people living in neighborhoods with a lot of trees were as healthy as rich people living in neighborhoods surrounded by street trees. As a matter of fact, people living in neighborhoods with street trees had fewer cases of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, depression, and addiction. In addition, rich people living in neighborhoods without street trees had health problems similar in nature to people from poorer communities.

Basically, scientists have found that street trees create a positive psychological environment in residential areas that also benefits people's way of life such as improved education. Higher education often leads to higher income, which brings about higher standard of living and then better health. Who would have imagined that something so simple as planting a few trees could achieve so much as providing a positive healthy environment?

2. Beauty and Warmth of Humanity

Several years ago, a TV channel showed a large group of refugees having just arrived on a big boat in Greece. A very happy-looking young man among them pushing his grandmother in a wheelchair was soon interviewed by a reporter.

He said they had made a very dangerous journey to escape war and poverty in their own country. It took them a long time to get to where they were and they had nothing but the clothes they were wearing and the wheelchair. He said, however, they were very happy

because they were both alive and together with the promise of a new life in Europe.

“From now on,” he added, “we can only look forward and build a life for ourselves, even starting from nothing. We have hope. It will be difficult at first but I know in my heart we can make it.” The reporter asked how they would get to their country of destination. “Walk,” he said, “all the way to Germany!”

To this young man’s brave determination, the interviewer couldn’t hide his concern about the thousands of kilometers of distance he and his grandmother would have to travel. They would face language problems as well as many other difficulties along the way during their journey. The young man continued to say without any hesitation, “Yes, we can make it. I’ve pushed my grandmother in this wheelchair a long way already and when I can’t push her any further, I’ll carry her.”

Refugees trying to settle down in another country are known to be often helped by local people who offer them food and clothes on a voluntary basis. We sometimes hear about people even collecting bags of unwanted clothes from their neighborhoods and distributing them to refugees on their own. The refugees, in return, are so grateful to receive them. Any assistance they get shows the beauty and warmth of humanity!