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■ ‘New Zealand from an expatriate’s viewpoint’

■ ニューージーランド人が外から見た母国！



HOME

日本在住歴20年以上にもなる盛岡校のRichie先生が、ニュージーランドを離れてからの母国の変化を書いてくれました。日本の変化と共通している点も沢山あり、共感できるところも多いのではないのでしょうか？では、記事をお楽しみ下さい!!

“T”hings have changed a lot in the past forty years, both technologically and culturally in developed countries. And due to [global warming](#), the climate has also changed [considerably](#). After spending the last twenty two of those years in Japan, many of those changes came about after I left New Zealand. Things like cell phones, laptop computers and DVDs, just to name a few, were not yet [available](#), even in Japan. Global warming has made the winter much warmer. I used to enjoy the crunch of [frost](#) under my shoes on the way to school in July, but apparently nowadays frost is uncommon.

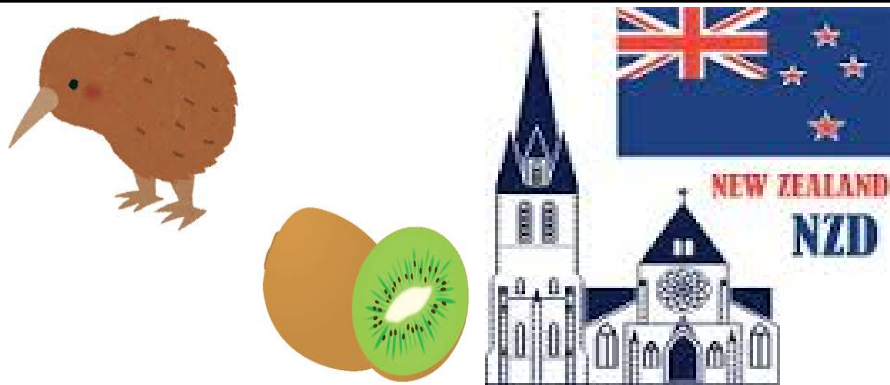
I still recall my school days in the 70s like it was yesterday. We didn't have any of the digital technology back then, so our way of life was very different. Communication was only possible by [landline telephone](#) or by sending letters. In those days the telephones were all dial type, not push button, so if you made a mistake when dialing a long number you would get a sore finger dialing the second time! We only had two TV channels and music was only heard on the radio, or by playing records or cassettes at home.

The population has increased by about fifty percent since I left, which is a huge population increase for any country. This is mainly [due to](#) more Chinese and Korean [immigrants](#) making New Zealand their new home. In order to cater for the sudden [massive](#) increase, cities have had to spread into rural areas, and roads have had to have been reconstructed with more lanes. Public transport is still limited mainly to buses so extreme [traffic congestion](#) is now a serious problem in the larger cities. With such big changes in [urbanization](#) and culture, it's not like the country I remember.

The cost of living has increased too. The price of land has tripled, making it [virtually](#) impossible for a lower middle class citizen to ever afford a house. There is an upside to all this though. It means that rich immigrants are [contributing](#) to the growth of the economy and providing the tax necessary to maintain public facilities and support the aging population. [Expatriates](#) like myself, will most likely be able to return to the country to retire and still receive the government [pension](#). But it is not something I am depending on since there is still a lot of skepticism about this.

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Nowadays there are a lot more fun activities to do, wonderful places to stay and convenient facilities, and it's **continuously** improving in order to meet the high standards of foreign tourists. Although this may make the country more attractive to immigrants and tourists, whenever I go back to visit I like to simply appreciate the beauty of the **magnificent picturesque** scenery, breathe the refreshing clean air, and experience the warm hospitality of the people. There is no doubt that these exceptional qualities of my unique country will always remain.



読み解きのヒント

Global warming 地球温暖化
 Considerably かなり
 Available 利用できる
 Frost 霜
 Landline telephone 有線電話
 Due to ~の原因で
 Immigrant 移民
 Massive 巨大な、大量の
 Traffic congestion 交通渋滞

Urbanization 都市化
 Virtually 実質的には
 Contribute 与える
 Expatriate 国外在住の人
 Pension 年金
 Continuously 連続的に
 Magnificent 壮大な
 Picturesque 絵のように美しい

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ご存知ですか？

教育訓練給付金制度

学費の一部が最高10万円まで国から給付される、雇用保険の制度です。

ジェームズ英会話は
ここが違う！

質の高さを誇る外国人講師陣

資質、能力経験など、厳しい基準と審査を経て採用された講師陣は、母国での教師資格、TESOL 資格などの正規の教授法を身につけたエキスパートです。

きめ細かい指導の担任制

講師は担任制なので、ひとりひとりの長所・短所を把握したきめ細かい責任指導。あなたの着実なレベルアップをお約束します。

安心の料金システム

トラブルの多いローン契約は一切ありません。全国外国語教育振興会加盟校として、消費者保護を念頭に公正な学校運営を行っています。

クラスレススコース

リーズナブルな料金が様々な場面に応じた実践的な英会話を学べるコースです。1レッスンは充実の75分!!

週1回
 12ヶ月コース
 通常 145,800円
 ↓
 116,640円
 月額/8,720円(29,160円給付)

プライベートコース

講師と1対1で、じっくり学べるのが魅力。1レッスンは60分。目標のある方や、キャリアアップを目指す方に最適です。

週2回
 6ヶ月コース
 通常 389,448円
 ↓
 311,558円
 月額/約51,926円(77,890円給付)

プレミアムコース

専任の講師・コンシェルジュなどから成るチームがあなたの目標達成を目指し、サポート！本気のあなたを応援します。上限の10万円が支給!!

全70回
 12ヶ月コース
 通常 753,840円
 ↓
 653,840円
 月額/約54,486円(100,000円給付)

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