

A happy new year to all the villagers! I am glad as you may have welcomed the new year happily. I thank you very much for your support to our village activities.

Reflecting the last year, from May on the New Corona virus infection passed to No.5 infection. Its treatment changed from the system that the administration may ask for requirement and participation based on the laws, to ask for the measure based on autonomous program of the villagers respecting individual selection. Wearing masks changed to individual decision from the obligatory wearing to avoid the contamination as the measures against infection. I am glad the situation changed gradually to regain the original state of pre-Corona status.

While as a positive event World Baseball Classic was opened, and Japan has won the victory for three times after three years meetings. The Japanese team, the number one best elite team, made of professionals who play in Japan and in America fought with the American team in the final match and won the victory after a close game. It brought to all Japan great joy and emotion.

In our village, after execution of “ Washi Festival 2022 in Higashi-Chichibumura” held in 2022, opened after 4 years of interval, Washi-no-sato Culture Festival and that of Poppy were done. Both the events welcomed many people.

As to the construction of our new village hall building, the planification company was decided as we offered for public subscription to select planification and controlling company. We held work shop to hear the villagers’ opinion on the construction of the new village hall. We heard various opinions from the participants. We thank you very much for your participation to this work shop. I hope sincerely you to continue your understanding and co-operation with the village works.

Dragon is the sexagenary cycle of this year 2024. The dragon year is said that the power will become vigorous and grows big, and the year will be settled in good order. In our management of village matters we will act very positively aiming to grow up mutually so we ask you for your co-operation with us this year also.

Finally, we wish this year 2024 will be a positive and fruitful year for you.