

My hobby - climbing in the mountains - was a trigger of my photo taking. I founded mountaineering club in the high school, and Bukozan was the first target of climbing. After that climbing, I strolled Kasayama and Dodairasan located in my neighbouring region. Then I challenged step by step higher altitude mountains.

While in the period of my working adult, in the year 2 of Heisei period (in 1990) I founded and started “Higashi-Chichibu mountain society”, since then I strolled during 22 years upto May 15 of the year Heisei 24 (year 2012) the famous mountain routes within and outside my Saitama Prefecture with the superiors of my working place. The most impressive mountain routes are Oku-Chichibu traverse route in my prefecture, and North Japan Alpes traverse route outside my prefecture. I feel the feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment seeing the 360 degrees magnificent sceneries after the completion of hard mountain routes which I cannot see usually. It was a trigger to me to have a photo camera to take the sceneries of the magnificent mountain top and the flora taken on the routes. I am no more able to climb the mountains because of my age, but the photos are my happy memories to colorize my life.

I serve as the president of “Shayukai” to which many people, born and live in the village, belong to, and such photo manias. The main activities are the fairs (4 times a year, with the photos of members) and photo taking session (in Spring and Autumn) . “Shayukai” was started by “Higashi-Chihibumura Photo society” founded in January of Heisei 7 (year 1995) by 6 photo manias. I became a member in April of the same year. When I was active in the busy business world, I did not have enough chance to take photos. In the year Heisei 24(year 2012) upon retiring from business world, I started actively the photo taking activities within and outside the village. I feel difficulty in photos, as the image are different when I see the scenery through finder and when I print the photos. This is the difficulty of photos, but I feel fulfillment and happiness when the photos are completed as I imagined. It becomes less the encounters with people when one gets older, so I am grateful to the people whom I met with through the photos. Now photos are my pleasure I feel daily.