The God of Agriculture





農業高等学校)卒業後に農業試験場で技師として働きました。 「松田式麦作り法」などの新 しい農法を開発した彼の名前は、熊本県の隅々まで知られていました。

● 「農業の神様」の話を、英語で読んでみよう。

Matsuda Kiichi made his own farm in Kikuchi. He started to work very hard with many students, but the results were not so good. They were very poor. "Let's try harder," he always said to his students and to himself.

Four years later, Kiichi used all his money for the farm, and he and his students had to give up the farm. But Kiichi never stopped working and studying. He made a farm again in Yatsushiro, and at last his research began to show wonderful results.

Kiichi taught over 3,000 people at the farm. And then his students taught the Matsuda style to farmers all over Japan. His dreams came true.

He used to say, "I climbed up the 999 steps of Kompira-Shrine. It was not so hard for me." Do you know why?

Kiichi said, "The first step was just one step, and the last step was also just one step."



The Spirit of KUMAMOTC



•his own farm 彼自身の農場

·result 結果

・poor 貧しい

・harder もっと一生懸命に ・to himself 彼自身に

・give up ~をあきらめる

・never 決して~しない

·research 研究

- ·the Matsuda style 松田式(農法)
- ・farmers 農家の人々
- ·dreams come true 夢が叶う
- •used to say よく言っていた
- ・climb up 登る ·Kompira-Shrine
- 金比羅さん(神社)
- ·step 階段

●土づくりは人づくり ●人並みなら人並み,人並み外れにゃ外れぬ ●自分が変われば、世の中が変わる