天草市牛深出身の宇良田唯子は，日本人の女医として初めてドイツ留学をしました。彼女の追い求めた夢とは何だったのでしょうか?

▲宇良田唯子

In 1906, Urata Tadako opened a hospital in Ushibuka. It was for patients with eye problems. She worked hard for them.

One day she was asked to come and teach at Gakushuin Women's College in Tokyo. She thought it over and she decided to work as a teacher in Tokyo.

However, as she was teaching there, she began to believe that her true work was to help patients. With her husband, she visited her mentor Kitasato Shibasaburo and talked with him about it. He was from Kumamoto too. Shibasaburo said, "There are not many specialists in China. Why don't you go there to help sick people?"

Tadako said, "We'll go there to help them"

In 1912, she opened the *Doujin* Hospital in Tianjin. Many people from different countries lived there. Tadako spoke to her Chinese patients in Chinese, her German patients in German, and her British and American patients in

·patient　患者
·eye problems　眼病

·Gakushuin Women's College
　女子学習院（大学の名前）
·thought ~ over
　〜を悩み抜いた

·husband　夫
·mentor　恩師
·talk with ~　〜に相談する

·specialist　専門医

·*Doujin* Hospital
　同仁病院
·Tianjin　天津（中国の都市）

·German
　ドイツ人の，ドイツ語
·British　イギリス人の

English. She was very kind and helped any patient who came to her.

When Tadako went to see a Chinese patient, the family had no money so they wanted to sell the blanket that was keeping the patient warm. Tadako said, "She'll get worse if you take it off. Don't worry about money, please."

She didn't take money from such poor patients. Sometimes she even gave money to her patients. All her life was for other people.

After she came back to Japan, she opened a hospital in Tokyo. She worked hard as a doctor until she died at the age of 64.

·keep ~ warm
　〜を暖かく保つ
·get worse　悪化する

·take ~ off　〜をはがす

宇良田唯子の経歴

·明治 6（1873）年 … 天草市（牛深）に誕生
·明治35（1902）年 … 北里研究所の助手として入所
·明治36（1903）年 … ドイツへ留学
·明治38（1905）年 … 牛深で開業。数年後中国に渡り，同仁病院を開院
·昭和11（1936）年 … 64歳で生涯を閉じる

After Reading

●あなたの夢は何ですか。友達と話し合ってみましょう。

ボクもたくさんの夢を持ってるモン