

JUDGE OF THE YEAR 2019



I am so happy to have the "Judge of the Year" award 2019.

I am very grateful to everyone who supported me and voted for me.

TICA started in 1979. Four years later, accompanying Ms. Ohira, I attended the TICA Annual held in Dallas. The venue for the cat show and banquet looked like a castle. I recall now that, at the time, I could hardly understand which awards were which; nor could I manage the dinner: it was my first experience of having a buffet.

The way the judges handled the cats was amazing, and seeing it was another first for me: It was as if magicians were performing with their trick cards or their magic ribbons.

And, as well as the cats being beautiful, the judges were beautiful, too. I remember being especially taken with the beauty of Ms. Maureen Nottingham's hands.

I came back to Japan with a bit of culture-shock, but I was also able to enjoy some sightseeing with Ms. Ohira at that time, and I was deeply impressed with how wonderful the state of Texas was; and the Alamo was especially interesting to me as I am a great fan of American movies.

Back then, TICA Japan had only three cat clubs in the whole country: two in Tokyo and one in Nagoya. No matter how hard those three clubs worked for shows, Japan was an isolated area, and we had a long way to go before we could compete with American cats at the same level.

I chartered the Enjoy Cat Club in 1993. My goal was to transform TICA Japan and bring us on to that main track. To organize as many shows as possible was the only way to do that. I still believe that now.

Our cat show to be held on the 21st and 22nd of September, 2019 will be the 123rd show in the 27th year since the club's founding.

We have a special event once a year: TICA members will gather from all over the country for the cat show and will stay at a cats-friendly hotel to enjoy a hot spring and Japanese style party after the shows.

By the way, I was wondering to myself: Why is it that, these days, young judges, whose names I don't even know, are often selected for Judge of the Year? What happened to all those very experienced and excellent American judges?

JUDGE OF THE YEAR を受賞して

大泉本子

この度 2019年度 Judge of the year を受賞することができました。

私に投票して下さった皆様 大泉に投票をと運動して頂いたメンバーの皆様にご心からお礼申し上げます。

TICA が 1979 年に発足し、4 年後ダラスで開催された Annual に大平様のお供をして出席しました。お城のような建物の中で Catshow や Banquet が催されました。表彰式は何が表彰されているかもわかりませんでしたし お料理も立食形式で慣れてない私は何も食べられなかったように記憶しています。

その時の初めて見た Catshow の Judge さんの猫の扱いはまるでマジシャンがリボンかカードを扱っているように見事なものでした。Judge も猫も美しくとくに Maureen Nottingham さんは手が美しく大きなカルチャーショックを受けて帰国しました。同時に大平様と観光したテキサス州の美しさ アラモの砦などアメリカ映画大好き人間の私は大感激で帰国したものです。

TICAJAPAN は其の頃、東京に 2 つ名古屋に 1 つ Club があるだけでした。3 つの Club ががんばって CAT SHOW を開催しても過疎地区 アメリカの猫と同じ土俵で戦うことは遠い夢でした。

1993 年私は ENJOY CAT CLUB をつくります。

目標は過疎地区から抜け出すことでした。其のため出来るだけ多くの Catshow をすること、そしてその思いは今も続いています

創立 27 年目、2019 年 9 月 21 ~ 22 日に開催される Catshow は 123 回になります。

中には猫とともに泊まれる温泉旅館に泊まり 1 年にいちどの日本式宴会付き、日本各地から TICA のメンバーが集まります

さて、最近の Judge of the Year は新しい若い人ばかり選ばれてアメリカ人の多くの

名 judge はどうしたんだろうと思っていました…私の知らない人ばかり選ばれてます

古い一つの時代が終わったのかと思いました そんな時 日本のメンバーが今年は大泉にと頑張ってくれました。私はここ 5、6 年 TICA の meeting で必ず同じ人からうたったえられてます。内容はどうあれ私を許せないと思っている人がいるもの事実です。

その私を TICA が認めてくれるかと心の中で思っていました。

今の私は「生きていた中で一番うれしい」です。

素直に「生きていた中で一番うれしい」

皆様本当にありがとうございます御座いました

大泉本子

And I thought that an old era had ended. And then the members in Japan stood up and offered me their support.

In the last 5 to 6 years, a number of protests have been filed against me at TICA meetings; all by the same person. Whatever the reason, there is someone who never forgives. And I wondered to myself if, under the circumstances, TICA would even consider me.

I can say that this is the happiest moment of my life.

I tell you truly that, right now, I am the happiest ever in all my life.

Thank you so very much to everyone.

Motoko Oizumi