



*Interviewing resident A*

*Q : What is a key to motivate you to move to Southern part of Ichihara?*

*A : My husband was born in Kumamoto and first, I suggested to him that we live in a country side. At first, I had no interest in such a place like here but I had little time feeling relaxed in nature in Tokyo and then I thought it would be fascinating to live there.*

*Q : What aspect of the place attracted you to move here ?*

*A : While I was looking for a vacant house in a country side, I found this place by chance and I liked the atmosphere. Except that, I have another reason why I decided to live here. When we visited here to check out this place and then we were passing by the field, one woman owner of the field told us, 'take some with you' and gave us some snap peas that were harvested there.*

*We were surprised to taste them so sweet when we ate them. It was so nice of her to talk to us even though we had never seen each other before. This encounter made me decide to move here.*

*Q : How are you getting along with neighbors ?*

*A : There lives a town leader in the community and it was very kind of him to pass us some news of a local elementary school. We have had a nice relationship with him since then and we started to join cleaning activity and meetings in the community. I also joined the women' s society. When we think it positively and take a step forward, it is so easy to go into the community.*

*Q : Do you have any problem living there ?*

*A : It is fun to hear wild birds and animals when we didn' t in Tokyo. Especially, a bush warbler is nice. When I was having a coffee in the yard one day, a monkey suddenly*

*appeared. It was exciting at first, but when I left it alone, it went into a mischief. Now I get rid my place of it with a little fireworks. Other than this, a wild boar digs a hole in compost. We have some trouble here but we believe that there is not any other wonderful place like here when we think everything positively.*

*Q : What is a good thing after you moved here ?*

*A : After we moved here, it seems to me that I brought myself back again in a sense. I didn' t find what I would like to do or didn' t see something in nature since I was so devoted into a job before. But after I came here, I am feeling everything found in nature so fresh and a joy of discovery. I heard birds I had never heard and realized that weeds could be used for dying clothes when we thought they were useless and also learned that they became good compost without any chemicals after 5 years.*

*Since I lived here in my life full of discovery, I started to laugh and wonder more often than I had thought in my life full of discovery. I feel that I am enjoying a life of mental luxury that I could never experience in Tokyo. I will never be bored of living here.*