

●After the "Nokogirian Library Fair 2021

(Exhibition Period: 2021.5.23-7.25 Venue: Nitsubo no me (Nokogiri 2))

On the last day, the venue was filled with enthusiasm. A lot of people came to see the show, as if today was the last day...

This is not the case at all. Summer in Nokogiriyane is hotter than ever. Climate change may have made it hotter than in the past, but it brought to mind images of how many people must have worked in the steamy factories 50 years ago during the era of rapid economic growth, wiping sweat off their faces.

It is not nostalgia, but a feeling that comes back to the individual as a memory of the region, even though they have not experienced it. I often think that there may be a "chasm" in time in Nokogiri2. Perhaps I am too much inspired by anime.

As I was chatting with Mr. Aoki, who was practically in charge of this fair, two high school students came to visit us. It was summer vacation, and they dropped by before going to practice for their school's cultural festival (sports festival?). They were the same two who showed up on the first day. Apparently, they had been invited by Mr. Aoki to visit here from time to time. If the fair functioned as a place for high school students to stop by, that alone would be a great success. The organizer of the fair was mostly absent, though.

One of them told me on the first day about his determination to take pictures of Nokogiriyane. And two months later, the camera was firmly in his hand, like a buddy. They are almost half a century away from being my age. I wonder if someday they will remember peeking through the hole in the black door. And experience with this Nokogiriyane.

Many people, including those who left their names in the notebook at the venue, must have drifted over from the neighboring Nokogiriyane "Yuta cafe" and looked at the "Nokogiriyane 100 Years Map" through the hole in the black door without understanding why. I can't help but think that this might be passed on to the local people beyond the individual as the memory of Nokogiriyane.

Now, let's say we are living in the modern age and we want to escape this heat and go to a "Yuta cafe" to cool off.



A peephole in a mysterious dark door that transcends time. In the empty hall, what you can see beyond the hole may be the "Nokogiriyane 150 Years Map". What will happen to the "Owari" seen from there? Would it have been "the beginning from the periphery (owari in Japanese)"? And are there still any Nokogiriyane left?

The "Nokogiriyane 100 Years Map" is still on display at the "Nokogirian Kouba" in Nokogiri 2. If you have a chance, I hope you will come and see the changes in Nokogiriyane with your own eyes.

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What you see beyond the dark door...