

Part 4
The third stage of my life as business consultant
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Start Writing Activity Challenge
to the Word Processor at 61-age

As soon as I returned from Hawaii, I started to write. This gave me the motivation and challenge to use the word processor. I was then 61-year old with the spirit of “Never too late to learn”.

As for my experience record of writings, I was one of the rare small business persons who have done the writings pretty much. In those days, I used to use the Japanese 400-word manuscript paper by hand writing.

Furthermore, three-time rewritings were needed before sending to the publishing company, mainly the trucking newspaper and magazine. It really took much time and effort.

Upon my starting to write about my investigation trip to the States, I tried to save expenses for writing a bit, for the investment money of 10 million yen is almost gone for the establishment of the firm and the tri expenses.

The first stage of rough writings began using the back side of the advertisement papers which I collected every day, utilizing waste materials.

It was when I wrote on some hundred papers that I hit upon an idea. It was the word processor for writing letters of thanks to my many American friends, who showed me so much kindness in my trip there.

By the way, when I was in America in 1993, there could be seen some computers but never seen anything like the e-mail. I have brought back with me some 150 business cards given me by the people concerned. However, none of them had e-mail address and website URL.

It was not until sometime after I returned that the emails and websites became very popular among people throughout the world.

As for the word processor, I was untouchable to it in olden days by making my secretary do it with my handwritten manuscripts in my trucking management days.

Right after the War when the English conversation learning boom came, I was interested in learning how to type it. I remember I tried to learn it by corresponding not with the real typewriter but a paper made keyboard imitation to learn how to make finger work. This has taught how to use all the ten fingers on the proper keyboard ever since.

With those motivations and experience, I made up my mind to buy the Fujitsu Oasis word processor. I began

challenge to type the English letters to my American friends in success. It was exciting and thrilling to use the keyboards as I learned on the paper imitation keyboard when young.

While typing English letters, I began to type the Japanese letters and articles in what we call “Roman character writing input”, which, for instance, by typing “yoshida” with the Alt key setting turns to the Japanese (Hiragana, katakana and Chinese characters). Only 26-keyboard make them all OK instead of using some 50-keyboard in composing the same sentence.

Thus the word processor gave me the thrill and excitement and joy for making composition both in Japanese and English in such high efficiency and with beautiful looking.

Years later, the sales person of the word processor confessed me that she feared if the user of past 60 age really comes to manage to use it or not.