

# Drone Class

— Interview with Mr. Akaike —



We interviewed with the owner of facility for support children which in Kawaguchiko. Drones have various uses such as aerial photography, racing, logistics, crime prevention, disaster relief and so on. We would like to explain to you about drone class for control

## ■ WHO IS MR. AKAIKE?

He is Mr.Akaike. He is 37years old. He worked at the company of medical device manufacture as an employee until 12years ago. He said working is his purpose for living for him. But his son has a disability, so he retired his job and he built a facility for children who has a disability. He wanted such children to experience something and to be active and to smile. And he wanted them to experience it in a place surrounded by nature,

so he built this facility in Kawaguchiko.

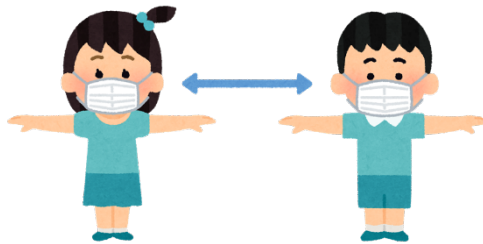


## ■ ABOUT FACILITY

This facility he built is located in Fujikawaguchiko town. Disabled children or students from elementary school to high school can be available. They go there after school or during long vacations to improve social skills or do individual study.

First, we asked Mr. Akaike

about the influences of corona virus. He said it is difficult for us to teach them about prevention of infection. Especially, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and disinfecting their hands. Some children can understand it quickly, others can't do. Staff are making an effort to make them understand it. I found they have such issue by interview.



However, children can do many things by keeping the rules. There are not only indoor activities but also outdoor activities such as soccer, basketball, cardplaying, shogi, kite flying and so on. And many people or groups cooperate with their activities. For example, a local soccer team called FC fujizakura play soccer with children to teach how to play. I think it is nice and understanding of disability has more spread.

Mr. Akaike also said I want disabled children to experience many kinds of things and see their similes. I think he is worth doing his job and he has responsibility as a parent has a disable child.

Then we asked him what other activities are you doing for them? He answered I held a drone school with a specialist in drone.





## ■ ABOUT DRONE CLASS

Drone Hands-on Class for Children with Disabilities

- In 2019, Mr.Akaike began incorporating drone experience classes into the after-school day service activities for children with disabilities. The classes were supported by Mr.Takane who is a drone pilot and a representative of drone lover's group 'ARAKURA DRONE' in Fujiyoshida.

- Children with disabilities were more likely to be fearful of new things they see than others, so Mr.Akaike and the staffs explain about drone before the class. (What kind of sound does it make, how does it work?) They learned how drones work and how to operate them from Mr.Takane, and then had a chance to actually fly a drone indoors.

- The images taken by the children with drone are send to their parents and it will be good memory.

- He said that he was very happy to see the smile on the children's faces through the drone hands-on class.



### WHAT HE WANTS US TO KNOW

Lastly, we asked him “Is there anything you want us to know?” and he has an announcement to make and that is about what he wants us to know. There is a word **‘Inclusive education’** – also called inclusion. A definition of it is education that includes everyone, with non-disabled and Disabled people leaning together in mainstream schools. He just wants people in the area to know that there are also people like this and such a special activity they do.



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