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Introduction

"Konkatsu" is a Japanese word.

It means *searching for a marriage partner*.

We asked many of our male friends in Japan about their search for a marriage partner.

The men told us some very interesting stories. We chose eight of these stories for this book.

In this book, there are some Japanese words.

The Japanese words are:

1. o-miai - an introductory meeting / a formal marriage interview
2. Mt. Daisen - a mountain in West Japan
3. Izakaya - a Japanese pub/restaurant
4. san - Mr/Ms

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Two years ago, I wanted to get married. However, in my town, there were not many young women. There were some women in my office, but they were already married.

I worked hard every day, so I didn't have the chance to meet a marriage partner. Also, I am very shy. It is difficult for me to talk to women. So, my mother arranged a traditional *o-miai* introduction meeting. The go-between was my mother's cousin. The woman was the daughter of my mother's cousin's friend.

We met at a restaurant in Yonago City. My mother, my mother's cousin and the girl's mother came to the meeting. I was very nervous. I was the only man! The woman was thirty-three. Her name was Sachiko. She was very beautiful. She was also very shy.

My mother and Sachiko's mother talked a lot. I wanted to talk to Sachiko, but I was too shy. So, we ate a lot of delicious food, but we didn't talk. After lunch, my mother's cousin said, "The weather is nice today. Take Sachiko for a drive to Mt. Daisen."

So, Sachiko and I went for a drive. I was very nervous. We drove to Mt. Daisen. She said "Mt. Daisen looks so beautiful today!"

I said, "Yes, it does."

She said, "Do you often drive to Mt. Daisen?"

I said, "No, I don't. But I come here in winter. I like skiing and snowboarding."

She said, "Oh really? I like snowboarding, too!"

We talked about snowboarding.

She said, "Did you go snowboarding last winter?"

I said, "Yes, I did. I went to Mt. Daisen every Sunday morning in January.

She said, "Really? So did I! I went snowboarding at Mt. Daisen every Sunday morning in January and February!"

We laughed. After that, we talked a lot. I enjoyed the day very much.

When I got home, I talked to my mother.

I said, "Mother, I want to see Sachiko again."

My mother was very pleased and quickly called her cousin to tell her the news.

Sachiko also enjoyed the day. She wanted to see me again!

So, two weeks later, I met Sachiko again. We went to the movie theater. After that, we went to a family restaurant and talked.

A year later, Sachiko and I got married.

I like Sachiko because she is a very interesting person. She is very kind, and we have the same hobby. I am very shy, so talking is difficult for me. But with Sachiko, I can talk about many things. We are very happy together.

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