

GENJU KATO

Who is GENJU?

GENJU was born in September 25, 1935, in Okazaki-city, Aichi, the representation of Welfare Atelier Aichi, self-help device manufacture. He is Mie University part-time teacher. In addition, there are about 40-affair requests per year, such as Waseda University, Aichi Sangyo University, Kyorin University, a welfare-related organization, company training, and a local self-governing body. On his works, *I have overcome a lot of difficulties and lived in invention life-a crack of my hand is treasure (Taiyo-do); The self-help device leads to freedom (Hon no Mori); An obstacle is overcome and it is invention life (Souei); Mr.Genju is Edison in Mikawa (Kousei)*. He has won the Science and Technology Agency of Director's prize, the Patent Office of the Chief's encouraging prize, the Higashi Kuninomiya Commemorative and other 54 prizes.

He found a job at the fiber company in Okazaki-city as machine charge. And four years before his retirement, at the time of March, 1991 and he was 56 years old. The big accident which affected GENJU's fate happened. While he was repairing the machine, he was caught in it in his right hand. His thumb left about 1cm of roots and he had lost his four fingers.

Although he was seriously injured in the accident, he was able to consider the future thing. That is to say, it was GENJU's way of life, we think. It was the start point of his new life. Moreover, he was eager to have a meal using chopsticks with lost right hand. He wanted to use chopsticks with right hand without a finger. Nobody was interested in his idea.

GENJU made special makers his request what he devised. However, the answer which came back was the word "impossible." So he began to make self-help device by himself. It is said that he had failed again and again. He made the impossible possible as a result of trial and error.

In every condition, he could not give up his hope, as a result, he met with great success. "It is not necessary for us to think difficultly. Moreover, we need the challenging spirit with courage, without giving up. GENGU has undaunted spirit, and tender mind which sympathizes with people. He try to do his best anywhere, anytime. He is the person who can make the impossible possible. From now on, he certainly contributes to society more than former through his production life.

Welfare Atelier Aichi

What is Welfare Atelier Aichi ?

Welfare Atelier Aichi, based at the workshop where is beside GENJU's home, and the group gathered by 50 technical volunteers, launched in January, 2000. After GENJU's activity was taken up by mass communications, it became difficult for him to work by himself. Because many orders from the whole country came to pour in him.

At first, we do sufficient hearing from each client. The self-help device of our Atelier is custom-made. Basically, it must be easy to use, fit exactly for each client. The range of the disability is a wide various. So we must collect a client's information as long as possible. It is very important for us the communication between the client and us. Secondary, we would like a client to come to our Atelier several times. It is because we can do fine tuning of our device.

There are many people who fight against an obstacle. We call them a life challenger and are supporting them in the future.



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Introduction to GENJU & Welfare Atelier Aichi

Never give up!

絶対に、あきらめない。

