

## **Regional Enlivenment Project by Muraoka High School**

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Muraoka High School, which is located in the south of Kami-town, Hyougo Prefecture, has been developing educational programs involving the region, aiming to “learn about the region, cooperate with the region and make an essential school for the region”. Our activities in cooperation with the region are very distinctive. We have subjects such as “Exploring the Region / Introduction to Regional Science” and “Regional Enlivenment Project by Muraoka High School”. For example, in “Exploring the Region / Introduction to Regional Science” we investigate waterside insects with elementary school children in regional rivulets, being lectured by a specialist, which is well familiar with the subject. In addition, in “Regional Enlivenment Project by Muraoka High School”, students are divided into six teams, each group working on its own subject. Some of these include “Forest Health Checkup”, wherein students inspect a planted forest in Muraoka ward with regional participants, and “Rice-planting at Rice Terraces”, which is conservation activities with rice terraces in Ojiro ward. Also, all students participate as volunteers in the marathon races which are held in the San'in Kaigan Global Geopark.