Toyama University of International Studies High School 14th Speech Contest for Junior High school Students Recitation Assignment

## In the Land of Feelings

Once upon a time, in a magical land, there lived a family of four. The children's names were Jim and Nick. They were loved very much by their Mother and Father. This land was magical because it could make emotions and wishes take shape. For example, happy feelings created sunny weather. It also made flowers and vegetables grow up nice and tall.

One day, Jim and Nick went into the woods. Nick was playing with his favorite toy. Then, Jim wanted to play with the toy, too.

"My turn! My turn! Give it to me!" he shouted. He tried to snatch the toy away from Nick, but Nick ran away. Nick was too fast. Jim ran and ran and ran, but could not catch up to Nick.

"No fair! I hate you! I wish you didn't exist!" screamed Jim. He became so mad that he cried at the top of his lungs.

Suddenly, the ground began to shake, and a black mist appeared from the ground. From the darkness, a demon appeared.

"Grrrr! I am a demon of negative feelings! I was born from your anger and hatred!" roared the monster. It looked at Nick and said, "My creator hates you, so I will eat you!"

"Aaahhh!" Nick squealed in fear. Both children ran back to their home and told their Mother and Father. "A demon wants to eat Nick! A demon wants to eat Nick! What should we do?"

"Apologize," Father told Jim. "Your anger and hate for Nick created this monster, so only you can tame the beast."

Jim apologized to Nick. "I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I'm sorry!" The more he apologized, the smaller the demon became, until it disappeared completely.

So you see, anger and hatred creates destruction, but forgiveness restores the peace.