

Xmas カードの例 : Dear 皆さん

As usual, I am enjoying golfing with friends. My golfing score was fluctuating up (worse) and down (better) around the average of 90 this year, as well as the last several years.

However, big news happened to me on July 15th, as shown in the score plot ☆ (図 2) , i.e., an unbelievable drop to 76.



Some Japanese companies organize events like sport meetings, karaoke festivals, overnight group tours to spas and so on for all employees in order to produce better communication within companies to feel like one big family. This is our traditional company culture, although the younger generation is beginning to say no thanks. Our generation believes that the company belongs to workers, not to stock holders like US culture.



図 2. Score Plot

My previous employer, Hitachi Ltd. organizes the golfing competition open to all workers including Obs and related merchants, called the Hitachi Open like THE OPEN in UK. This big event takes place on the company birthday every year. Two golf courses are reserved only for us, 400 people for each course.

I joined this competition and played very well. I was so lucky that my ball was hit a wrong way and returned back to the fairway after rebounding. My putting was also marvelous. In the evening, the result of the competition was summarized and displayed in an EXCEL table, indicating my name at the left top of the table (I won the tournament).

This day was exceptional, because my golfing has been back to its usual score and has never repeated since this Open. By believing statistics and possibility in math, we can realize our dream some day.

On the other hand, the fuel expense of my Honda CIVIC was plotted in the same figure. These data points were invariant, distributed around the average of 17.5km/L. Don't believe the catalogue value of 30km/L for advertisement. No exception happens. No need to measure fuel expense any more. Instead, my recommendations are:

- * continue to play golf more frequently,
- * pray at temples and shrines for another lucky day,
- * buy more lottery tickets in horse racing, boat racing, pro-football, etc, and
- * boat lottery is recommended most, because it supports the travel expenses for our ISO.

I am wishing you and your family Happy Holidays and a New Year of health, happiness and success.

Best regards,

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