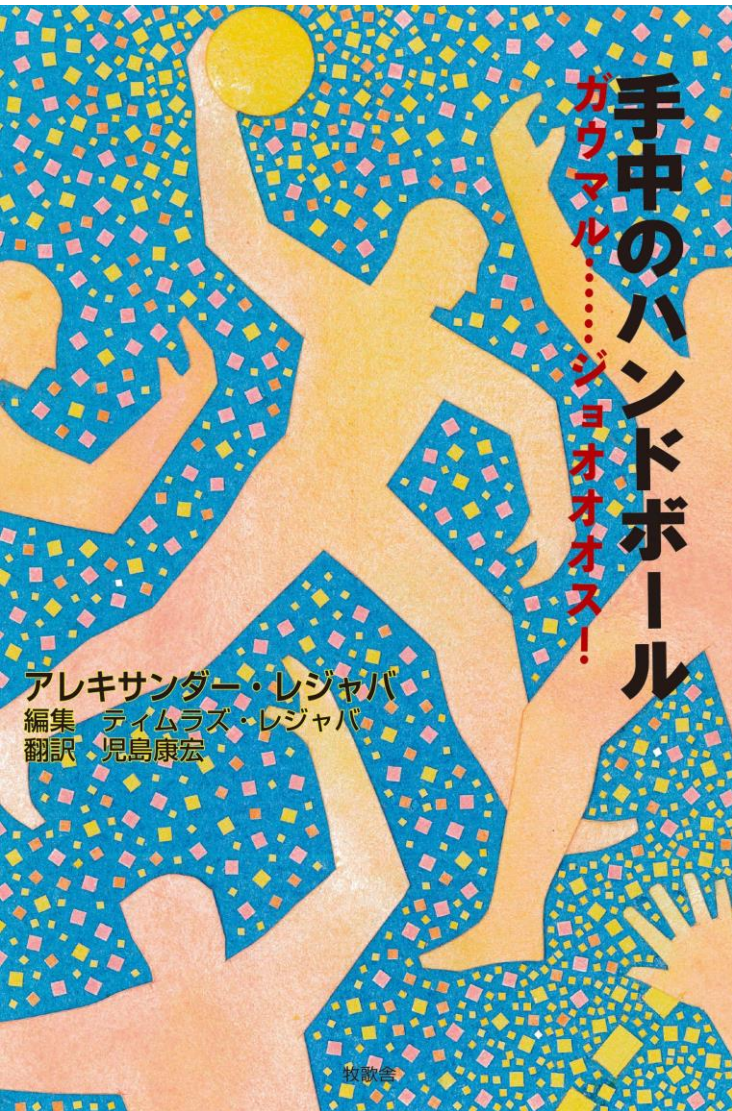


DR ALEXANDER LEZHAVA PUBLISHES NOVEL

“手中のハンドボール – ガウマル... ジョオオオス！”



“手中のハンドボール – ガウマル... ジョオオオス！” (Te chu no handoboru – gaumaru jooosu) – the title is a fusion of Japanese and Georgian words, which literally means “Go Teshirogi Junior High Handball!”. It was written by Dr Alexander (Sandro) Lezhava and published by his son, Teimuraz Lezhava, in Japan, August 2019.

Dr Alexander Lezhava lived in Japan for more than 15 years. The book is a culmination of riveting stories based on his family’s life in Japan while he studied and subsequently worked there. It includes experiences shared by his two sons, Teimuraz and Nikoloz Lezhava. Their enthusiastic participation in various school activities and sports helped them to understand the social dynamics of Japanese culture better. It helped them to forge strong friendships and assimilate into the Japanese society.

The main protagonist in the novel, Temuka, is a fictional character based on Teimuraz and Nikoloz. He embodies their coming-of-age challenges in forming their own identities, while overcoming cultural barriers in a foreign land.

In the novel, Temuka enjoyed playing handball and joined his school’s Teshirogi Handball Club with his junior high school friend. Through his love of the sport and strong friendships formed, Temuka found the strength to forge ahead and triumph the challenges he faced.



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