Regular Chat Room
June 3rd and 5th, 2025
Theme: Science and Technology (科学と技術)

Self-introductions for new participants:

● What is your name?

● Where are you from?

● What do/did you do for work (job title, raised children, etc.)?

● What do you like to do for fun?

Questions:

1. What is the biggest technological advance that you have seen in your lifetime?
   a. How did it affect your life?
2. Has technology made our lives better or worse? Why?
   a. If you could erase one technological innovation, what would it be?
3. What interesting lab experiments did you do in school? Why were they interesting?
   a. Did you like science class in school? Why or why not?
4. What do you think of genetic engineering?
   a. Do you think cloning should be allowed? Why or why not?
      i. What do you think of cloning pets?
   b. Do you think genetically modified food products are worse than non-modified ones? Why?
   c. What do you think about "designer babies"?
5. How has artificial intelligence affected your life?
   a. Do you think artificial intelligence will cause a loss of jobs? Why?
6. Do you think smartphone use harms people's physical or mental health? Why?
   a. Have smartphones and the internet changed how we communicate? How?
   b. Do you use social media? How has it affected you?
7. Do you think money should be spent to explore or is it better spent helping people on Earth? Why?
8. Do you think advances in medical technology will ever extend the average lifespan over 100 years?
9. How do you think science and technology will change the world in the next 100 years?
   a. How do you feel about these changes? Scared? Excited?