

English

—KOBAN always protects the live of the town—

What is a KOBAN?

A koban is a distinctive Japanese security system. It is kind of like a small branch office of a police station, (so called "Police box") and it works around the clock because some police officers work in turns.

The officers offer many kinds of services. (For example, going on patrol, showing people the way, and dealing with accidents.)

Now, there are 830 KOBAN in Tokyo.

We can say that these KOBAN contribute to the good security of Tokyo.



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Now, the system of Japanese koban is highly regarded and adopted in many countries.

Sao Paulo, which adopted the idea of the KOBAN, has shown a great reduction in its crime rate

Our hero, CHUZAI-SAN

A CHUZAI-SAN is a police officer who lives in a particular KOBAN to work for the region.

Previously, they had generally been set in

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bs, mountain villages, or fishing villages.

But now, the number of KOBAN in urban residential areas is increasing because the merits of KOBAN are being recognized.

CHUZAI-SAN in Okutama

Mr. Maeda is a CHUZAI-SAN in Okutama village, Tokyo.

He has protected the Okutama area for 37 years!

He memorizes all of the resident's names and faces, and understands the geographical features there deeply.

He gained the respect of the local residents, so many Okutama people reinstated him to keep on working as a CHUZAI-SAN after he reached the retirement age.

Okutama is a peaceful village, but people have a wide range of troubles.

Working as a CHUZAI-SAN is not easy, but Mr. Maeda says, "I'm proud to protect the village myself"



CHUZAI-SAN in Meguro

CHUZAI-SAN in Nakameguro, one of the high class residential areas in Tokyo, are Mr. and Mrs. Takatsu.

Both of them are sergeants, and they protect Nakameguro-city sharing the houseworks and raising their children.

CHUZAI-SAN used to be a man, set in rural areas, and his wife was a housewife in most cases.

But now, a new form of CHUZAI-SANs like Mr. and Mrs. Takatsu are coming out to protect our peaceful lives in various ways.



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