

SYNOPSIS

Totto-Chan a seven years old girl, live with her family on Tokyo, Japan, few years before the World War II. Her father is a popular violist and her mother is a housewife. The problem comes when Totto-Chan enters the public elementary school. Someday her teacher calls Totto-Chan's mother and asks that Totto-Chan always disturbing class. Finally, Totto-Chan was expelled from that school. Of course this situation makes her parents sad, shock, and unbelievable expelled from the first class.

After that, her mother tries to find other schools that appropriate with Totto-Chan, and she decides Tomoe. Tomoe is a unique school, the class is from the old railroad, the method also learns the natural environment.

Totto-Chan meets a lot of friends at Tomoe. Some of them have a "special appearance", but Mr. Sosaku Kobayashi as the headmaster never treat them differently. At Tomoe, Totto-Chan feels happy, comfortable, and enjoy the study. There, she learns a lot of lesson that she does in play and game activity. The lesson always sets with special purpose, for example Sport Day game is sets to make Takahashi, students with physical defect, be more confident.

At the end of first class, Totto-Chan accept her report examination, and she gets A and B on her lesson. Yes, Totto-Chan actually is a smart girl although she was expelled from public school. By the right guidance from Mr. Sosaku Kobayashi and other teachers at Tomoe.

Finally, when Totto-Chan on the second class, her school was bombed by the US navy. Totto-Chan and her family go elsewhere to find the safe place.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Tetsuko Kuroyanagi was born at August 9, 1933 in Tokyo. Her father was a violinist and also a concertmaster.

After she graduating from Tokyo Ongaku University in 1979, entered "NHK Hoso Gekidan". She was the first TV actress who belonged exclusively to NHK. The most famous program which she appears in is "Tetsuko no Heya". This program is the first talk show program on TV in Japan. It has been broadcasted for more than 23 years. In this program, she talks to many guests about their view of life, careers, and hobbies. Her skillful art of talking has made this program live long. She appeared on some American TV programs such as Tonight Show. She was introduced in foreign newspapers such as Time, New York Times, People and FIGARO as a Japanese representative.

In 1984, she published "*Madogiwa no Totuto chan*" whose title come from her nickname in her childhood. It became a best seller. The amount sold has come to 700 millions. It is a new record of Japanese books. This translated books have also published to 31 countries of all the world. She established "*Totuto chan Fund*" from the royalties on a book. She has been very active as a goodwill ambassador of UNICEF. Since 1987, she has visited many countries in Asia and Africa. Then, she has kept appealing to the public to raise funds and to help children suffering from war and disasters. Today, she is three chairman of the board of directors, "*Totuto Fund*", "*Ayumino Hako*" and "*World Protection of Natural Environments*".