

The history of Buratamori

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Development of the program

TV program “Buratamori” (City walking with Tamori’s view) started as a pilot late-night program in December 2008. At that time, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) had a unit named Program Development. Four members of the unit including the author created the program. The first episode of “Buratamori” was “Harajuku and Omote-sando”. Even it was aired in the late night, the episode, which deeply read city sceneries looked by many people every day, received a lot of feedbacks from the audience.

Starting as a regular program

After the airing of the pilot version, the program started as a regular series including 15 episodes (October 2009 to March 2010) aired from 10:00 pm, each of which was 43 minutes long. Tamori hosted a regular program on NHK for the first time in the 20 years since he had hosted a show named “Watching”. After that, Buratamori had continued as a regular program of a season from October to March for 3 years. During this period, corners named “Delusion CG”, which created imaginal ancient view of a town using computer graphic, and “Buratamo photo studio”, which showed photos taken by Tamori, were popular. In the presentation, the author will show the materials used in the development of the program.

Making of the first Buratamori

The early program looks same as the present style from the audience’s view but there are differences. Most of the experts appeared in the program were researcher of civil engineering especially urban planning, development and renovation. The most significant difference of the making is the walking time by the directors. At that time, “riddle” given to Tamori in the present program does not exist. However, Tamori found “mysterious scenery” in the show and the background of the scenery was explained in the program. Since it was very difficult to find “mysterious scenery” and “topic” in the well-known Tokyo, the directors of the program walked a lot to search them until their shoes literary wearing out.

Present

The present regular broadcast from 19:30 pm every Saturday started from April 2015 has been watched by many people. Buratamori features joy of walking in the city; however, tend to focus on geology a lot recently. The present version continued 5 years. We would like to focus on not only geology but also history, geography, customs and culture depending on episodes to be an attractive TV program that

unlock the secret of city and history of the location.

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