

The power of humanity

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Did you know that AI is already all around us? AI or artificial intelligence is technology that enables computers and machines to mimic human intelligence and critical thinking skills. As far as I know, AI is being used in various fields such as the development of self-driving cars, improving the accuracy of medical diagnosis and automatic translation. The evolution of these technologies has made our lives more convenient and has provided more advanced services.

When I was in elementary school, I heard on the TV news that artificial intelligence would replace human jobs in the near future. When I heard about this, I was shocked and at the same time filled with doubt and anxiety as to whether this would really happen. Even so, Japan is currently suffering from a labor shortage in every occupation. Some companies are actively accepting women and seniors and extending the retirement age in an effort to increase employment. In such a situation, automatic technology may be a fantastic way to supplement the labor force.

Still, I can't stop wondering, can AI do all the work that humans do? It is true that robotics is already showing excellent skills in various fields such as math, machinery and research, gaming and finance.

I don't think that all jobs will be replaced by AI technology. Because in jobs that require detailed attention such as medical care and nursing, no matter how advanced robots are, I don't think they will reach the level of humans.

Though I do not know all the wonders of AI, I am fascinated by the growth of human intelligence and empathy. I have a cousin who is three years old. When I first saw him as a newborn, he was just lying there and couldn't do anything but cry, I mean he was a baby monster. But now he can walk, speak and eat with chopsticks in hand. I wonder why, but seeing human growth warms my heart, and this is what humans have that AI does not. A robot can simulate a smile, but can it understand the effect such a simple act can invoke?

I have a great grandmother who is 97 years old. My grandmother is very kind, but she has dementia and is very forgetful, so she quickly forgets what happened that day and what we talked about. She has been in a care facility for a long time, when I visit the rest home, the caregivers talk to my grandmother very carefully and slowly and treat her with a smile. Then, my grandmother also says, "Thank you" and expresses her gratitude. And what surprises me the most is that even though she has forgotten many things, she remembers me, and calls me by my

name. When I say, “Grandma, I’m here again today,” she smiles with a happy look on her face. This experience made me think that a person’s smile might have a great power to have a positive effect on your body, inner self, and even on the people around you.

A smile is a wonderful human potential that makes people feel cheerful, seen and understood. AI does not have human sensibility or emotional response. It cannot replicate the deepest and greatest human power: the power of love. And there is nothing more precious than the power that humans have, the ability to love the people you love unconditionally. Before I knew it, I realized that the kindness of my grandparents, the love of my parents and the strictness of my teachers are all things that I have received and are irreplaceable. I am grateful to have been raised in such great love. I want to be a person who can repay the blessings that I’ve received with this wonderful human power.

We live in the Information Age, in which AI is on the rise. And we need to remember that AI can never outdo humans. Human beings live by influencing and being influenced by others. The spirit and humanity of people grow through various experiences, while AI lacks the depth of understanding and emotional intelligence that only humans possess.

I believe the power of humanity or the power of love, I should say, can be a vigorous and positive driving force for the world.