

## Have you ever had this experience?

Importance to survive even if it means being ashamed

- ① Have you ever been asked at a convenience store,  
"Do you have any bento boxes to throw away?"
- ② Have you ever been one yen short and had to walk all the way home?
- ③ Have you ever bought just one pack of natto at the supermarket?
- ④ Have you ever had to frequently go to the parking lot of a nearby car accessory store, even in the middle of the night, to use the free Wi-Fi to post on Facebook after your internet connection was cut off at home due to unpaid bills?  
(One time in the middle of the night, a drunk old lady came walking by and hugged me, saying she got off the taxi in the wrong place. I hadn't paid and couldn't make calls on my smartphone, so I had to call the taxi company using a free international calling app.)
- ⑤ You found a used digital piano and really wanted it, but the shipping costs were ridiculously high...
- ⑥ Have you ever had to walk 20 minutes to your fourth-floor home without an elevator, without a car?  
(Most people would probably give up.)
- ⑦ Walking and walking to get a QUO card as a gift for visitors to a home showroom...
- ⑧ Have you ever been turned down after walking to a different showroom from the same company that gave you a QUO card?