

Lesson 3 Cuba (Section1)

1 ①Here are some basic facts about Cuba.

②Cuba is an island country, and it is half the size of Honshu.

③About 11 million people live there, and Spanish is the official language.

④The country is known as “the pearl of the Caribbean” because of its beautiful beaches.

2 ①Cuba was “discovered” by Columbus in 1492, and later became a colony of Spain.

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②In the 18th and 19th centuries, many African people were brought as slaves into Cuba.

3 ①Thus, it is natural for Cuba to have influences from different cultures.

②One example is “rumba”.

③It is a style of music that is a mixture of Spanish melodies and African rhythms.

④It is interesting that different cultural influences produced a new culture.

単語	品詞	意味
basic	形容詞	
Spanish	名詞	
official		
pearl	名詞	
colony		
slave(s)		
thus		
rumba	名詞	
mixture		
melody /複数形 melodies	名詞	
rhythm(s)	名詞	
half the size of~	熟語	~の半分の大きさ
official language	名詞	公用語
be known as~	熟語	~として知られている

Lesson 3 Cuba (Section 2)

1 ①Cuba became independent in 1902, and after many struggles, it adopted a socialist system in 1961.

②Today, the country has some unique features.

③One of them is its educational system.

④The government thinks it important to offer free education to all people.

2 ①Students in Cuba can go to school up to college without paying tuition.

②This even applies to adults who want to return to school.

③In addition, schools have small class sizes: there are usually only 15 students for each teacher in junior high school.

3 ①Thanks to this educational system, Cuba has one of the highest literacy rates in the world.

②A UNESCO report says that Cuba is a model of good education, along with Finland and a few other countries.

単語	品詞	意味
independent		
struggle(s)		
adopt(ed)	動	
socialist	名	
educational	形	
education	名	
government	名	
tuition		
apply 複数: applies	動	
addition	名	
rate(s)	名	
up to~	熟語	~まで
apply to~	熟語	~に当てはまる
in addition	熟語	加えて
along with~	熟語	~とともに

Lesson3 Cuba (Section3)

1 ①Cuba also puts great importance on health care.

②Medical services are free, and it has a very high ratio of doctors to people.

③Also, the quality of the doctors is well known to the world.

④With this good health care system, Cuban people live long: they live to the age of 79 on average.

2 ①In addition, Cuba often sends medical teams abroad, especially when natural disasters happen.

②It is said that Cuba has sent over 130,000 medical workers in the past 50 years.

③Cuban people think it important that they help people in need.

3 ①One of the old sayings in Cuba is “My house is your house.”

②This shows the Cuban spirit of hospitality and mutual help.

③The “pearl” shines from the inside, too.

単語	品詞	意味
medical		
service(s)	名	
ratio		
quality	名	
Cuban	形	
average	名	
disaster(s)		
saying(s)	名	
hospitality		
mutual		
shine(s)	動	
be well known to~	熟語	~によく知られている
on average	熟語	平均して
it is said that~	熟語	~と言われている
~ in need	熟語	困っている~