

## **LESSON 8    Kazu Hiro: In Pursuit of a Dream**

### **Part 1**

#### **Easy Version**

As a high school student in Kyoto, Kazu Hiro was inspired by special effects in movies. Kazu found a picture of an actor looking just like Lincoln due to special effects makeup. Kazu exchanged letters with Dick Smith, the special effects makeup artist. Dick taught Kazu the basics of special effects makeup.

### **Part 2**

#### **Easy Version**

Dick gave Kazu his first job as a special effects makeup artist. Kazu continued and began to work on famous Hollywood movies. He was nominated for Academy Awards. Then Kazu moved to the field of modern art to pursue his artistic ideals.

### **Part 3**

#### **Easy Version**

The famous actor Gary Oldman asked Kazu to do the special effects makeup for a movie about Winston Churchill. Kazu hesitated but accepted the offer to show his respect for Dick Smith. Kazu finally won the Academy Award for Best Makeup and Hairstyling.

### **Part 4**

#### **Easy Version**

Kazu Hiro says you may lose confidence if you compare yourself to others. So focus on your goal. He also says you should continue chasing your dream for at least 10 years.