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Niigata Prefecture is a subject of a photo book by Delsol san and Haruku san saying: 'The most important thing is education for getting rid of 'racism'.'

Photographer Michel Delsol, who is based in NYC, born in Paris, France, published *Edges of the Rainbow: LGBTQ Japan,* in 2017, which documents LGBTQ people in Japan. Keiki Takahashi, 38 years old, is one of the subjects and is part of this community and founder of the 'Niigata LGBTQ Love 1 Peace.' Delsol san says strongly "If you know each other, there will not be any racism or seeing each other differently, education is so important." The photographs have been part of human rights education from the Arcus Foundation, an NPO based in the USA, that has commissioned books such as the NYC Pride March and on Australia LGBTQ, the Japan book was photographed in 2015/2016 during a period of 10 weeks.

The most important thing to communicate is not the gender, but who you are. The Japanese version of this book has selected nine subjects and one organization, all with different jobs and ages. Haruku says "The reason why we choose Takahashi who has changed gender since his birth, is we wanted to understand how in Niigata, a city but not a major metropolitan area, Takahashi-san dealt with his social difficulties." "It was important to meet with the relatives of the subjects," Delsol san said "How they have been accepted and loved by their family is very important."

Haruku san has written in English a short introduction about the subjects. Both say, we wish that seeing the photographs will allow the reader to think and feel something. The photo book is 192 pages, and height is 25.4cm x width 20.3 cm. For 3600 yen, available at Niigata Central District Information center, Inc. and Niigata Nippon media shop, 1st floor. Please call to inquire if still available at 5 (385) 7332 and also available at Amazon.