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MR. SHINJI KUBO, UNHCR JAPAN  
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**CLOZE Exercise: Please carefully listen to the audio recording of the interview and write in the missing words in the transcript. (The audio recording is right below the video recording on the ACE Blog.)**

**1. *What is one of the most rewarding experiences you have had while working at the UNHCR?***

**Mr. Shinji Kubo, UNHCR:** We are a UN refugee \_\_\_\_\_, so whenever we can see a solution for our refugee \_\_\_\_\_, that is the most rewarding moment. We are talking about three different ways of providing solutions for \_\_\_\_\_ problems. One is, of course, for them to return to their home \_\_\_\_\_ based on their own decisions. This would be one of the fantastic solutions. So, if we could see that, we would be very happy. Another way of finding a solution is, of course, to find a \_\_\_\_\_, which would give our refugees a chance to start new lives in another country. So, \_\_\_\_\_ we have come to that \_\_\_\_\_, seeing refugees going home or going to another country, that is one of the most rewarding moments for us.

**2. *What inspired you to join the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?***

**Mr. Shinji Kubo, UNHCR:** Well, when I was a university student, we saw a great number of refugees who were being \_\_\_\_\_ in the region, the Asia region (Southeast Asia), and you know, we had a very strong \_\_\_\_\_ of those people, children, mothers, women, being displaced. I felt this is something that people should look at, and I thought that this could be one of the ways that I could \_\_\_\_\_ myself in my professional \_\_\_\_\_. Later, in the early 1990s, UNHCR \_\_\_\_\_ by a Japanese woman who is now the President of JICA, Madame Ogata. And that has also been a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for many Japanese, including myself, to be proud of working for an organization like UNHCR.

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**3. This year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of UNHCR. Would you please comment on this fact?**

**Mr. Shinji Kubo, UNHCR:** After World War Two in 1951, the international community \_\_\_\_\_ an organization called the United Nations High \_\_\_\_\_ for Refugees. Sixty years have passed, and the international community is \_\_\_\_\_ increasingly more challenging situations because of the \_\_\_\_\_ amount of difficulty that people are suffering from. And the refugees are part of them, and without finding \_\_\_\_\_ solutions for this group of people who have no home to return to, who have no future, who have no one to listen to their voices, would be a major problem for us. So, this is a great opportunity after sixty years since the organization was created, that we look at the refugee situation in whatever way that we can and \_\_\_\_\_ that there is something we can do, even just to talk about refugees, just to read about refugee problems. We call it "*Do one thing this year.*" And I would really encourage you to start talking about refugee situations in your own way and that should continue for a long, long time.

**Daisuke Yagishita, ACE Student:** Thank you very much, Kubo-san, for coming today and taking the time to be with us.

**\*THE ANSWERS TO THE CLOZE EXERCISE ARE BOLD-FACED IN THE TRANSCRIPT.**