A Grand Adventure of a Manta Ray in the Ocean Current

～　Heading for the Visionary Kingdom of Poseidon　～

　"The Visionary Kingdom of Poseidon", where no one has ever reached…the kingdom lies far beyond the edge of the ocean current called "the Black Current".　We will get a very precious treasure if we can make it to the Kingdom.

　Now, let's set out skillfully to find our way to the Poseidon Kingdom and win the treasure, shaking off temptations and dodging attacks from various marine life hidden in the Black Current.

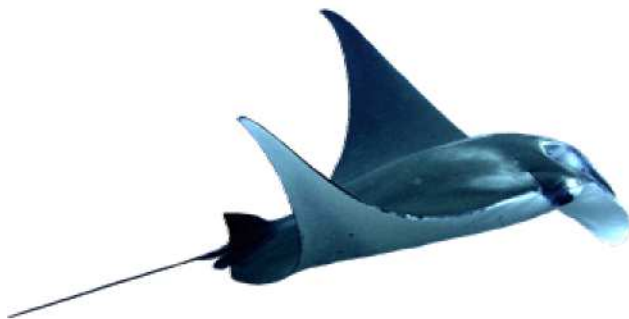## July 4, 2009　～　August 31, 2009

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The Visionary Kingdom of Poseidon

I am **Captain Mantale**, a captain of the legend.
Now, set sail for the Poseidon Kingdom together with a manta.

The biggest ray in the world
Manta ray (*Manta birostris*)
A popular fish graciously dancing in the tropical sea.
A real size!
A four-meter wide gigantic model specially opened to the public.

A shellfish heavier than a sumo wrestler?
The biggest mollusk in the world
Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*)
A gigantic shellfish which is 1 meter in length and 210 kg in weight!
There is a saying that we'll be drowned to death if we have our hand and foot nipped by the shellfish.

For this Special Occasion!
The longest mollusk in the World!
  Mud tube clam （*Kuphus polythalamia*）
The fish is said to stand at the bottom of coral reef.　What is the surprising reality of the shellfish?

In addition!
The one and only existence in the world!
The Complete Specimen of its soft part.

For this Special Occasion!
　　A Fish Turned into a Pearl
Its appearance caused the world great surprise. A strange-shaped pearl was found out inside a shell of a silver-lipped pearl oyster (*Pinctada maxima*).　The close observation of the pearl…showed that it was, to our astonishment, a fish!　A fish has turned into a pearl.　What in the world happened to it?

The Gentle Marine Sovereign
  Whale Shark (*Rhincodon typus*)
The first exhibition in Yamaguchi prefecture Magnificent!
A Real Stuffed Specimen of a four-meter long whale shark