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#### How was your summer vacation?

Did you have a good summer vacation?

We wrote about our summer vacation memories.

This time, an international student Ana wrote about her summer vacation memories in Japan!

The hot days will continue, so be careful not to get heatstroke.

#### Memories with my friends

Did you have a good summer vacation? I studied hard at summer school, spent time with my family, and went to many places with my friends. I had a wonderful summer vacation. In particular, I would like to talk about Yomiuri Land, which I went to with my clubmate Yui from the IEC club.

On August 23, Yui and I went to an amusement park called Yomiuri Land. There are many attractions, and it is popular with students. We rode a variety of attractions and had a lot of fun.

The most enjoyable experience was the "U.F.O. yakisoba-making" activity at Yomiuri Land. U.F.O. is one of the most famous yakisoba brands in Japan. We can make our own original U.F.O. yakisoba at Yomiuri Land. We made our own yakisoba and took many photos. It was so much fun and became my best memory of the summer.



By Karin Miyashita

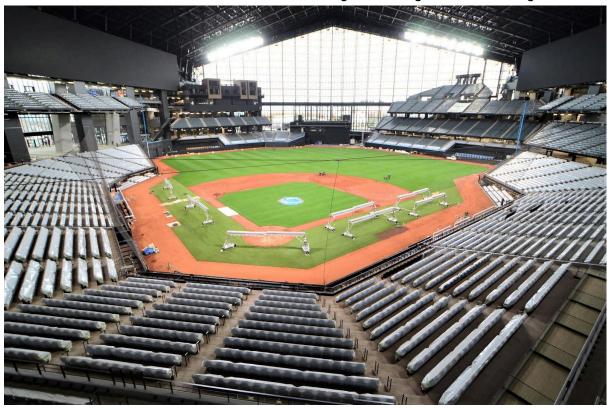
## Trip to Hokkaido 🌷

This summer,I went to Hokkaido with my family for the first time. Mainly I went to three places.

First, Frano and Biei. We saw a beautiful view of colorful flowers in the fields. This is a famous flower garden. It was a hot day but I enjoyed it a lot.



Second, ES CON FIELD HOKKAIDO. This stadium was opened last year. My family likes baseball. So we went there and watched a baseball game. The game was exciting for us.



Third, Otaru. This is one of the most famous places in Hokkaido. Also, when we went there, I felt the old town atmosphere. I ate a seafood bowl in Otaru. It was so delicious.

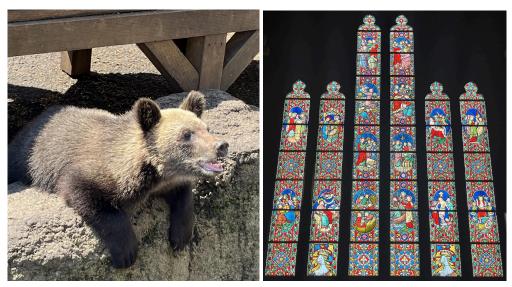


By Yui Ezoe

## Trip to Hokkaido

During my summer vacation, I traveled to Hokkaido with my family for the first time in a while. While we were there, I had the chance to ride a horse, go canoeing, and try driving a buggy.

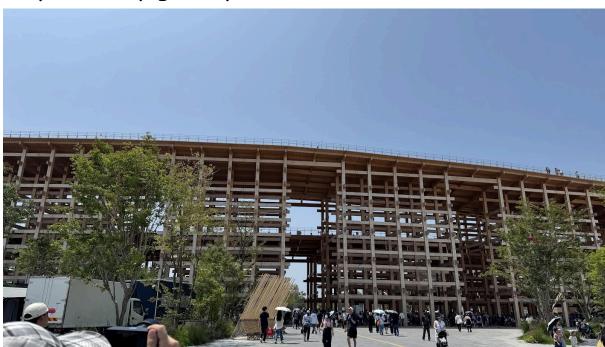
We also visited the Museum of Western Art and the bear park in Noboribetsu, where we fed brown bears.



Another memorable place we visited was Lake Shikotsu. The view from there was incredibly beautiful.

By Mahiru Sasamoto

### Trip with my grandparents 🚗



I visited my grandparents' house for a week.

On the last day, I went to the OSAKA KANSAI EXPO 2025.

We decided to go so suddenly, so I couldn't visit any major pavilions. It took about eight hours to just walk around.

The wooden ring was much bigger than what I thought it would be and it was so impressive.



I also went to Hawaii for a week. It was the first time for me to go abroad. I visited some famous places like Kīlauea, falls, and coasts on the bus tour. Hawaii's temperature was lower than Japan's. So it was more comfortable than I imagined.

By Inui Katsuya

#### Study Abroad in Australia

How was your summer vacation? I want to talk about my memories of summer in Australia. This summer, I went to Australia to study abroad. While in Warrnambool, I stayed at a host family's house. I often made a bonfire at night. After that, when I went out to the large garden, I could see the starry sky.



Do you know The Twelve Apostles? If you go there, you can see a beautiful view of the sea.

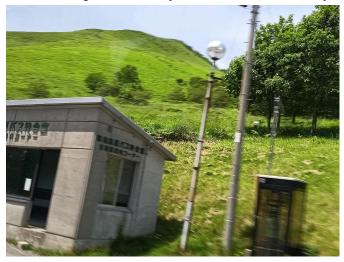


The color of the sea is very clear. I was surprised by the beauty of it. If I go to Australia again,I want to go there! I could feel Australia's beautiful nature. This is the best trip I have ever been on!

By Asumi Kobauyashi

## Art Club Days in Nagano

I went to Nagano for 3 days for the art club activity.



I drew a lot of pictures, such as the forest trees. In the forest, there were bees and butterflies. We also drew our partner's faces.



In the morning, the wind was cool and refreshing and it was foggy.

By Takeya Ai

#### Memories with My Host Family

皆さんお元気ですか?

今年の夏はとても暑かったので、水分補給をこまめに行いましょう。

この夏休みはホストファミリーと一緒に旅行する機会があり、とても感謝しています。旅行中はホストファミリーとより近くで過ごし、車の中でお父さんの好きな曲を聴いたり、弟と遊んでいる時の笑い声を聞いたり、お母さんと温泉で過ごしたりしました。帰国後、熱を出しましたが、家族の支えのおかげですぐに回復しました。

この夏は、交換留学を終えて日本を去る多くの友達と別れ、またいつか会う約束をしました。

友達と焼肉に行ったりカラオケに行ったりして、とても楽しくて幸せな時間でした。この夏は友達が 増え、新しいことを学び、美しい場所を見ることができました。

暑さにもかかわらず、夏は美しいというのは素晴らしいことです。そよ風を感じ、木々でセミの鳴き声を聞くこと。友達や家族とアイスクリームを食べること。朝、学校の部活に行って友達に挨拶すること。エアコンの部活の部屋で友達と昼ご飯を食べること。愛する人の笑い声を聞くこと。長い一日の勉強の後、家族と夕食をとること。これらは、私の心を温かく幸せな気持ちにしてくれます。AFSプログラムの機会を与えてくださったこと、そして私を受け入れてくださった桜美林学校に感謝しています。おかげさまで、日本で素晴らしい経験と多くのことを学ぶことができました。皆さんが素敵な夏を過ごされたことを願っています。

By Valencia Pineda Ana Romin