

7/5/Fri

Today was my first day visiting in Japan. In Japan I had to take a flight from Lax to Narita Japan and Narita to Fukuoka. It took me almost 15hrs of total flight. I was so exhausted when I arrived to Fukuoka airport. When I was waiting for the flight to go to Fukuoka in Narita airport I had almost two hours for the flight. All of the sudden, I was so hangry I had to eat something. I found the place "Udon-ya" and I ate "niku-Udon" that was so good that have never had one in California. Especially, "Dashi" was not the one we eat here in the United States. This is what I love about Japanese food.

7/6/Sat

Today was my second day. I woke up at 6:00 am and everybody were still sleeping. 8:30 am We had a breakfast. Today's breakfast was fish, rice and soup. After breakfast we had a meeting when the meeting finish we had a lunch at 12:30 pm after lunch my group E made a poster about California. When the poster is finished we had a long break we did soccer and after the soccer we went to the huge hot bath located in the global arena. Dinner we had a curry rice, fried squid. Then I went to hot bath again. Then I did laundry and I went to sleep.



7/7/Sun

Today was my 3rd day in Japan. Today was "Tanabata" day. After breakfast six grades kids from Munakata elementary school visited us. We made a lot of things using the bamboo such as Chop sticks, Paper gun, and dishes. At the lunch we made bunch of rice balls using the "wakame" or not. That was so good. And also, Obachan made us "Niku-Jaga" that was good too. My favorite thing was "Nagashi Somen". I ate so much so that I could not move for a while.

We also, did "suika wari" that day. We had to turn 3 times with my eyes closed. A lot of people almost hitting the people not the "Water melon". We also did "Candle service" We had so many colored glass all over the yard decollate for the "Tanabata" Day. We also, did "Tanabata Tanzaku Kazari" I hope everyone got their wishes...



7/8/Mon

Today was my 4th day in Japan. I went to the Toyota factory in Miyawaka-city. I saw many cars at the factory and I could have seated in the car too. I saw one of the future car If I had a chance in the future I want to drive it. And I had a chance to turn the engine on for one of the vehicle that I like. That was" Lexus Es300h" When I became big enough I want to owns Lexus... my little dream. After that, We went to "Dazaifu-Tenmangu" First, We had a lunch and I had "Chan-pon"there. The Chan-pon was so good I could not forget about it. We also, had a time to visit "Umegae-mochi" place and have had trying to make "Umegae-mochi" ourselves. It was hard to stuffed "anko" inside of "mochi" but, other than that, was good looking. We went back to arena all after these and we had a hot bath and Sleep.



7/9/Tue

Today was my 5th day in Japan. We visited to "Nakagawa" Elementary school. We had a meeting at the library in the school to practice how we are going to introduce ourselves. At the ceremony We got a lots of gift from the 2.3 and 4 grade students that was awesome. At the lunch time students called "Kyu-shoku" we had with 1st grade kids. We had a "sukiyaki" and deserts was frozen pineapple. And I had a chance to play "Dodge ball" with 6th grades people. They were telling me that their teacher was the type of the person "kibishii" but, because of we are visiting them She was so kind to us. 5th grades teaches us "Shodo" I have done it before I did it just fine. And we introduce them How the United States is. After that We jumped rope together with 6th grades people and after we cleaned the class room together.



7/10/Wed

Today was my 6th day. Today is the day visit Fukuoka Prefecture. We had a meeting in the morning. When we get there was almost, 10:30 am. Because of the place We all got nervous But, I could have given to my present for them. The Lunch time today we had a bento-box. That was good. After lunch We went to Kokura Castle in Kitakyushu-city. After that We went to the shopping mall and we play at the arcade there. On the way coming back to arena I was feeling weird. When I went back to the Hotel, I had a fever and got sick.



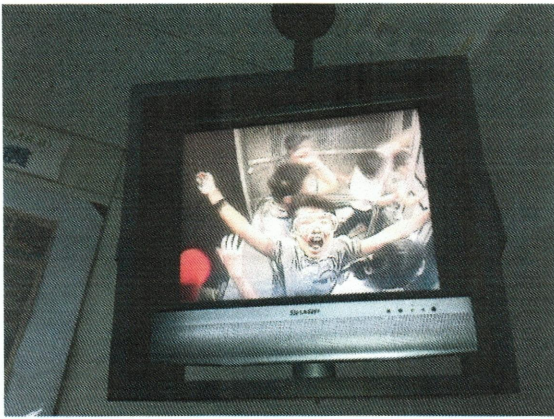
7/11/Thr

Today was my 7th day in Japan. I was sick last night but, woke up at 6:30 am again I felt just fine. Thanks to Shishido-san! I ate breakfast at 8:00 AM. Today we went to Yame Traditional Craft Museum. We made own "Uchiwa" by using the dried flower .It was pretty fun making it. I loved it. After lunch We visited Science museum in Kurume-city. We watched the movie about the space. It was so interesting to learn about the outside of earth.



7/12/Fri

Today was my 8th day in Japan. Today I woke up late. We went to Hakata Machiya Furusatokan. Today's lunch was my favorite "nigiri sushi". That was so good. 13:30 We went to Robo Square. I realized at the Robo Square I did not have my wallet with me. I was panic at that time but, When I went back to the bus I found it. This is one of my best place where I want to visit but, because of that thing happen to me I do not remember anything about it. After that We went to Disaster Prevention Center. We learned how to prevent when the disaster comes. We also, see Hakata Gion Yamakasa. It was fun Splashing water to the forks running around the "Mikoshi". 18:00 today My grandma came to the arena to pick me up. I was so happy to see her. Dinner We went to Kura-sushi to have 2nd time of the day of sushi.



7/13/Sat

Today was my 9th day in Japan. I was in the grandma's house with my 4 cousins I was excited to go to a lot of places. We went to see my great grandmother first and gave her the gift that I got from United States. She was so happy to see me and I was glad that I see her too. 2nd My Grandma lives in sasaguri-city. There is a famous "Nehan-zo" that is a big statute of budda is sleeping its made of Bronze that is the world largest size of bronze statute. After that we went to the movie theater to watch "Pokemon movie" There I got 2-t shirts for my twin brothers. There was a Toysrus close by so got some more stuff for myself and my brothers. The night I used my grandma's computer to speak to my brother in California. It was fun video calling internationally.



7/14/Sun

Today was my 10th day in Japan. This morning I ate raw egg over the steamed rice. I wish I could do same thing in California too.... Today We went to "lon mall" in Tenjin-Fukuoka to do shopping. My grandma Stopped by the souvenir shop to by some gift for my parents. I found the arcade there and started playing all type of the game with my cousins. Japanese arcade has so much fun stuff such as UFO Catcher, Pokemon game, kids pachinko and so on. We came back home and had a dinner after dinner We did fireworks. My grandma got variety of fireworks that was so fun.

7/15/Mon

Today was my 11th days in Japan. Today is "Umino-hi" is a Holiday So my cousins has no school today. At 8:00am I said Good bye to my two little cousins first and left the grandma's house. Two more cousins Came with me and visited my great grandma's house to say Thank you and Good bye. And We went to the Chinese restaurant in Fukuoka-city to do Farewell party there. We were the first one got there. After we had a lunch there I went back to Arena to work on the Questionnaires. 18:00 We had a last special dinner tonight. And took a last hot tub and sleep.



7/16/ Tue

Today is my last day in Japan. I woke up 7:00 am. After We packed all the stuff we went to the airport. I found my grandma and little cousin came to the airport. All of sudden, when I saw them I felt so sad Because I missed everybody that I met in this trip. At 14:20 took a flight from Fukuoka-airport to Narita.

From Narita to Seattle and coming back to Lax. MY family was at the Lax and I was so happy to see them.

This trip was a first trip without my family member going to Japan. I have learned lots of stuff made lots of friend all over the world. For sure this trip was the best trip ever had.

