

GOING BACK TO JAPAN!

Day 8, September 6th

Don't wanna go back to normal life...

10 hours flight again! As you know, there is a 3 hour time difference between Japan and NZ. In NZ, if you wake up at 7 and text your friends in Japan like "good morning", they probably won't reply back because it's 4 am for them in Japan. So, we spent 10 hours on a plane from NZ to Japan but the time only goes 7 hours in this world. It literally means going back in time and that's how jet lag works.



Bring me souvenirs!

To bring your baggers in aircraft, you need to care about the weight. For a big luggage, it must be under 23 kg for international lines and 20 kg for domestic lines. Many of us, including me, bought many souvenirs and some of them had to give up some stuff like clothes brought from Japan to bring the gift back. We should thank everyone who gave souvenirs for us so far :)



Students' Comments FINAL

#8 Review for this trip! Could you achieve your goal? What is your best memory? What have you learned through this trip?

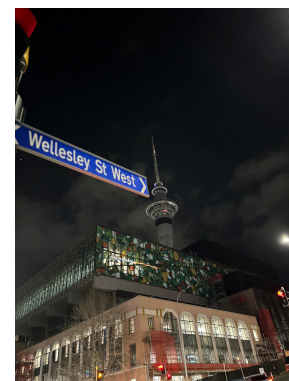
“It was the best trip. I was happy because I was able to talk to many different people and make more friends. I'm glad I was able to be productive. The most unforgettable memories for me are when I went to elementary school and played with children younger than me. I was nervous at first, but they were kind and talked to me a lot. The students from Motueka high school also taught me a lot. They also gave me a lot of presents. This trip was great as learned a lot and was able to communicate with others.”-Saaya

“This time on the trip, I think I enjoyed and had a great experience. In Motueka, I did various things, for example I saw a beach, I went to primary school... and so on. What particularly impresses me is Rin's singing voice and what happened on the third day of cruising. Rin is my buddy's name. Her singing voice is so amazing. I was surprised by this! On the third day(9/1), I got seasick when cruising. At that time, everyone nearby was worried about me. Some people call out to me “Are you OK?” or “Daijyoubu?”. I felt so happy and very thankful. In Auckland, I enjoyed shopping. Mainly I bought souvenirs for my friends and family. I am studying Maoris' culture. It's culture is important to ancestors and God. I think that's the similarity to Ainu's culture. This experience, I want to use for later activity. Also, I want to meet Rin next year.” -Konoha



“This trip was a lot of fun and a great experience! Even during this week, I was able to learn about New Zealand’s lifestyle and culture, as well as the characteristics of the English language! At first it was difficult to understand New Zealand English, but as I got closer to the end, my comprehension improved. But there were many times when I could understand but could not speak afterwards. So next time I want to be able to even reply. It was good that I could learn about Maori culture in New Zealand and experience Maori games on my own skin. It was also a great opportunity to share Japanese culture with New Zealand students. Every day was the best memory! I traveled as if I was trying something new every day. It was a good trip where we learned not only English and culture, but also about supporting and sharing with each other! I would go again if I had the chance!” -Nachi“

“I think 7 days of New Zealand training is special. I met everyone in NZ who is very kind and easy to talk to. I feel that NZ life is easy to spend time and difficult to spend time in sometimes. So Everything felt fresh and exciting. I went to various places, and they were very impressive and beautiful! NZ students were very friendly and active! When I tried to speak English, I understood what the other person wanted to convey but I couldn't speak English well. But when I could understand and speak English. I was very happy! I made fewer mistakes reading aloud English sentences and NZ students are listening cheerfully at the time of announcement. It was very fun.” -Keitsu



“A final look back! My first goal was to communicate using words and gestures, using as few translation apps as possible. During the dinner exchange, I was able to communicate with my buddy and the Motueka High School students using words and gestures, although I did occasionally use a translation app. I was able to achieve my goal of communicating on my own! I went to Motueka High School and elementary school to experience firsthand the cultural differences and the differences in food. Going to the beach was also memorable! I'm glad I got to play a lot in foreign waters that I don't know if I will ever experience again! Finally, through this experience, I have a new goal! As I wrote in one of my recaps, my new goal is to be able to speak English better by the time my buddy comes to Kiyosato High School next year! I will study hard to achieve this goal!” -Runa



“This trip gave me many wonderful and great experiences. In Motueka, At first I felt frustrated because I couldn't talk to my buddy actively, but on the last day I was able to talk to my buddy, we had a lot of fun talking about each other's hobbies and travels, etc. At Motueka High School, we watched a Maori ceremony. It felt very strong and cool, and I was moved.

Also, during breaks, I played basketball and volleyball with other Motueka High school students. When someone put the ball in the goal, cheers went up and it was very exciting. Also, our presentation about Japan was also good, because the people at Motueka High School seemed to be having fun and listening actively. Of course, there were many other fun things to do. For me, I was really happy to be able to interact with the people at Motueka

High School. And, I'm very grateful to the many people who supported this trip. Thank you very much." - Aoto

"First of all, I'm glad that there were no big problems. It was the best trip I've experienced! My goal was to learn English and be proactive. It was difficult for me to listen to people's talkings, but I was able to join in just by speaking a few words. I realized that feelings were important again. However, I'll take the Eiken test, so I'd like to study hard in the future to become more fluent too. Every memory was wonderful. My best part was the ocean. We played on the beach, saw the scenery, and got on the ship. While I was watching waves of the sea, I felt my worries were disappearing. It was the best experience. I'm really happy that I was able to travel in this group. Thank you very much! :)" - Yota

"Through this training, my feelings changed. Before I started, I could talk only with my friends or classmates. This time, I tried to talk to many people. It was fun and a good experience for me. Also, it was too difficult. In the presentation, students were interested in Japanese culture. In primary school, I made friends with a girl who was born between New Zealand and Japanese and her friend. It was a good memory. In addition, Motueka high school students gave me a present. There are many experiences that I can't write about. I want to go to New Zealand again soon." -Sae



“First of all, I was able to achieve my first goal of actively speaking with local people. At first, I was very nervous, but gradually I got less nervous about talking to people. The next memory that I remember most from this overseas study abroad is eating meals with all my buddies. My buddies, Jake and Sam, are very kind and funny people, and it was a lot of fun talking to them and eating. At the end, Freya gave me a cute stuffed animal, Brooke’s family gave me beeswax and other things, and Kate and Abby gave me chocolate sweets. I felt very happy to receive so many presents. Finally, what I learned through this overseas study abroad is that if you keep speaking patiently, you can sometimes communicate. I felt this especially at Motueka Primary School and Motueka High School. Because their English is a little different from the English we know, and there are times when you need to hear it many times before you can understand it. If I can go to study abroad again, I would definitely like to go!” - Hiroto



“I was able to make a lot of memories during this training. The most memorable part of this training for me was going to Motueka High School. There we learned and experienced local ethnic games, songs, art and instruments. We also introduced the Japanese culture that we are proud of and allowed the people of Motueka to experience it. I had made various preparations in advance, but to be honest, I was worried about whether it would go well. But I was so happy because they were so excited. It was a very fulfilling day, eating and hanging out with buddies. These 9 days went by so quickly. Through this experience, I learned a lot,



made new friends, and strengthened the bonds with the other members. I am really glad that I was able to participate in this training.”- Saki



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