



World School Forum 2013

School Festival 7th day

On October 27th delegates participated in the school festival held at Kanto International Senior High School. They stood in front of their booths and welcomed the junior high school students as well as the parents by explaining their country. They visited each other's booth as well and were able to learn more about their fellow delegate's country. At the booths they had traditional food and toys, as well as quizzes ready for the junior high school students. Everyone especially loved the henna tattoo done by the Indian delegates. Participants also performed their country performance in the gym. The songs and dances they had prepared were fantastic and all the audience had a great time. In the evening representatives went home with their host families to spend the last night with them.



HOMESTAY

Sonia, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia

Q. Who was your host student and how was the family?

A. My host sister was Michiko. My family was amazing. They gave me a lot of hospitality.

Q. Where did you go with your host family?

A. I went to Tokyo tower, a spa, Shibuya station (shopping, sightseeing), a sushi bar, and an Italian restaurant.

Q. Which food did you like the most?

A. I liked shabu-shabu the most. Shabu-shabu is a Japanese dish featuring thinly sliced beef boiled in water.

Q. What kind of things did you buy?

A. I bought an iPhone charger-case, a jacket, sweets, and souvenirs.

Q. What new Japanese word did you learn during home stay?

A. I learned "oishii". It means delicious.

Q. What's the best memory you made with your host family?

A. The best memory I made was trying to wear the kimono and exchanging the presents.





INTERVIEW

Jessica, Invicta Grammar School, England



Q. What's the best part about being a delegate at world school?

A. Definitely getting to meet and spend 2 weeks with people from all over the world. I still can't believe that I'm sitting in a room with people from 21 different countries, even the accents are rubbing off on me now!! I have learnt about so many different cultures and it amazes me how different some of our countries are. I have made lots of really close friends who I am definitely going to visit as soon as we get back.

Q. Are you homesick?

A. Yes and no! I have never been away from my family for this long but with all the activities we are doing and all the time I am spending with my friend, I don't have much time to think about it! Everyone at world school is now my family.

Un I, Pui Ching Middle School, Macau



Q. What's the best part about being a delegate at world school?

A. The best part is that I get to meet people from different countries and develop friendship with them. All things I have done in the two weeks are just so unforgettable.

Q. Which food did you like the most in katuura?

A. I liked the rice and the soba noodles the most

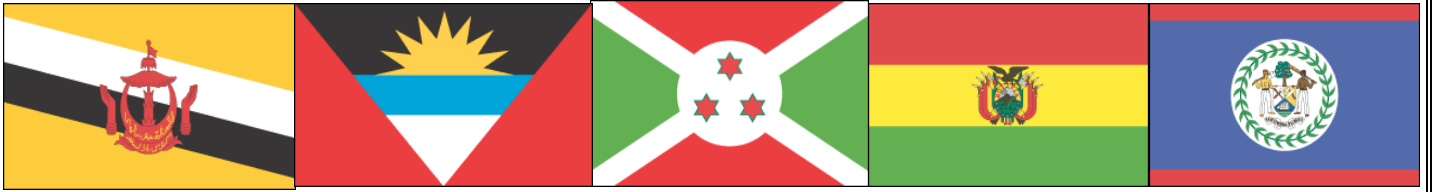




Back to Katsuura 8th day

On October 28th, delegates all gathered at Kanto in the morning and said their good-byes to their host students. At 8 o'clock the three buses departed the school and headed to Kanda University of international studies. There we were warmly welcomed by the university students and were guided to a room where we listened to a key note speech by Professor Andrew Deichi Kamei. He talked about Japans community and made a contrast between the community we have today and the Japanese community in the past. During this lecture we learned about the history of Japan. After that we had a delicious lunch with the Kanda students. Followed by a Japanese traditional card game called Karuta. Not only the delegate students but also the delegate teachers had a great time playing this game. In the afternoon we headed to Seichouji. There we learned the importance of praying and had a nice and relaxing time meditating. The day ended with some free time where delegates and student staffs all gathered and played board games as well as "open the gates".





Simone, I.T. E Enrico Tosi, Italy



Q. What's the best part about being a delegate at world school?

A. Being a delegate at world school forum means having the possibility to share my habits and feelings with people who come from all over the world so it is amazing representing my whole country.

Q. What do you want to be in the future and why?

A. In the future I would like to be a more open minded person. This is because then I can enjoy traveling, learning new countries and I hope I will not be afraid of what is different.

Tahmid, St. Pauls School, Australia



Q. What's the best part about being a delegate at world school?

A. Getting to meet new and wonderful people from all corners of the globe is an amazing experience and getting a taste of the diverse cultures and values that represent. Also, the close friendships that have been created.

Q. Which country do you want to visit next and why?

A. There is no specific country that I would like to visit; all the countries are so great and have uniquely different cultures and traditions that I want to experience.





Debate Seminar 9th day

On October 29th, delegates did some refreshing exercise in the morning and had a great start to the day. After breakfast, delegates moved to the east hall and participated in the debate seminar led by Mr. Caughey. In the afternoon, they broke up into small groups and had more discussions. In the evening a performance night was held in the hall and it turned out to be an unforgettable night.

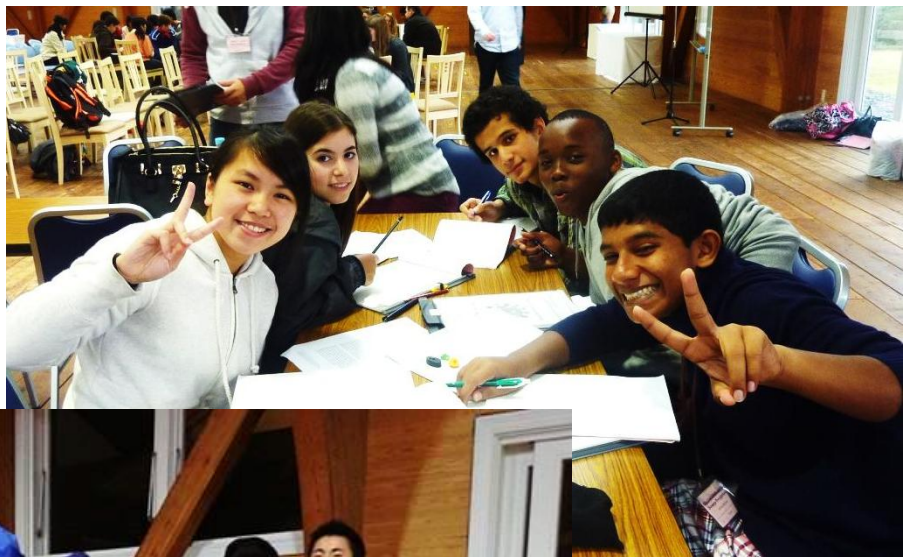




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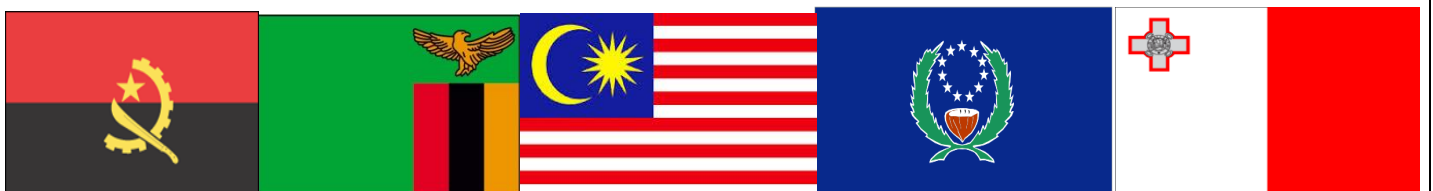
Debate Seminar 10th day

On October 30th, many of the delegates went to the beach to see the sunrise at 5:57. The weather was very nice and we had a great morning. After breakfast, delegates had another busy morning preparing for the debates. This was followed by a very exciting Sports Day that featured tug-a-war, soccer, a relay race, and a Swedish relay race. Everyone cheered and competed for their teams. After a fun Sports Day, delegates returned to their debate groups. After dinner, they went to Tarsal Therapy, where they had a fun and relaxing time.



Debate 11th day

On October 31st, we did some exercise and dances in the morning. Later that day, delegates worked on their speeches and did last minute research. After lunch, the first debate group did their presentation. The topic was improving the quality of life in our local community. All the participants had great proposals ready and the debate ended as a great success.





“HELLO” IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

FRANCE
BONJOUR
BONJOUR

ITALY
CHOU
CIAO

CHINA
NI HAU
你好

RUSSIA
PRI-VET
привет

JAPAN
KONNICHWA
こんにちは

GERMANY
GUTEN TAG
GUTEN TAG

KOREA
ANYOHASEYO
안녕하세요

ROMANIA
BOO-nuh
ZEE-wah
Bună ziua



Final Day 12th day

The last day of world school, November 1st, began with some amazing debates. After lunch, delegates gathered together and participated in the tree planting ceremony. They planted a special tree with hope that our friendship will keep on growing just like the tree. In the evening, we participated in a very emotional but wonderful farewell party. Everyone dressed up formally, and we had our last dinner together. After dinner, the Japanese student staff sang a Japanese song called “Sekai ni Hitotsu Dake no Hana” (The Only Flower in the World) and everyone sang “We Are the World” together. After the farewell party, we had a dance party. The World School Forum 2013 had been a life changing experience for everyone, just like it had been for the past 16 years. Everyone agreed that time had passed by too quickly and some said that they wished they could stay longer. However, two things kept us all smiling. The fact that we had shared this unforgettable and memorable two weeks together, and the promise we all made together that we would be seeing each other someday in the future.

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