My experiences in Japan, I will forever be in my memory. I cannot begin to put into words the changes inflicted on me the way I see the world and its people. From the first day I landed and underwent the change of climate, and got used to the way that the local towns with cool off, to exploring the local food and stores, as well as the customs and practices of a truly different and unique people. Visiting Japan has let me truly utilize my hobbies that I could take part, and saddened that there are those who refuse to even try to know other cultures.

The first day after spending a night in Japan passed quickly, which is odd considering I woke up at 5 in the morning due to the time difference. Breakfast was a surprise, a fried meat for breakfast, and bread, a nice change from my usual cereal. As well as Miso Soup, or a bowl or three of which I had with practically every meal. After breakfast I asked the orientation, introduced by the JAL Foundation, which included a meeting with a current JALT ALF who shared his experiences and gave us an in-depth example on what it is like to participate in the program. It was at this point that I most likely learned the most about the Jalt Program and what it was all about. It has indeed become a source of knowledge when I think about my future, and not just because of his oration, but also because of what followed.

The next day included visiting Senboku High School, as well as travelling to downtown Osaka and getting a feel for what life might be like in the city. The high school came first of course, I was impressed at just how many Bicycles there were, when compared to the four or five, including me, who ride to my school, I found the wrapping and sealing of anything bought in the stores extremely considerate and in a way troublesome for me at first, I have since purchased brush, stone, and paper to practice at home. After the classes we all went for lunch and received our designated partners to Osaka Castle. The castle was immense, and I appreciated the work that went into it to stay in. For the future I plan to become a museum in Japan when I think about my future, and not just because of his oration, but also because of what followed.

During the next week the group split into two, one half going to the other, to Kobe. I was in the group heading to Kobe, to the Hyogo Prefecture Museum of Art, the Disaster Reduction Learning Center, and of course, the castle. I was very pleased with my choice of being given the shopping assignment in which they built an animated set from Kari-gusumi no Arashi. I like to take it in, but will not let that ruin such an experience.

Momoka, and Kento before Ojiisan had to leave for his job. Momoka and Kento then kindly helped me with the dinner, which was held at a fancy restaurant. I had a fantastic time with my host family, they were extremely kind and they lived as a family beckon to me but am unsure, still I went to them and sat down. After being introduced to my host sister Momoka, Okaasan, Otoosan, and Kento, we all went to lunch at a sushi restaurant, and being hands down a tori i. I was surprised to find the Japanese have such a thing for this but seeing the gleaming gold color across the water through them and over roots was infinitely more impressive than pictures. As was the case on most of our visits I wish I had more time to just relax and take it in, but it will not that ruin such an experience.

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