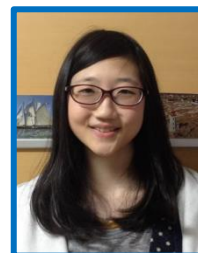
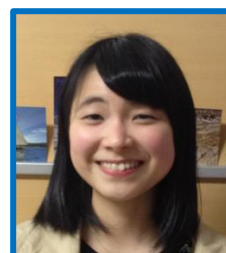

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Hello, my name is Misato Tamura. I'm a first-year student from Nakashibetsu in eastern Hokkaido. I like baking and playing sports. I really recommend you go to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station because it has a lot of delicious food!



Hello! My name is Yui Otake. I'm from Fukushima prefecture. I hope that I will be good at English, so I will study hard. I like listening to music and eating anything! I want to know many cafés around me, so I went to a new café near Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station this time.



Hello! My name is Yuka Kagawa. I'm a first-year student of the International Co-operation Group. I'm from *Esashi*, which is in southern Hokkaido. My hobbies are singing *Esashi-oiwake* (like a folk song), playing the piano, and skiing. In this issue, we tried many *ekiben*, so please check the new style!



Hello. I'm Go Iwasaki. I'm from Hamamasu, Ishikari, which is near Sapporo. My hobbies are eating and cooking. I want to eat all of the good food in Hakodate. In this newsletter I write about the Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station's bentos. I hope you enjoy our newsletter.



Let's go to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station!

By Misato

On March 7th, 2016, Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station opened at Hokuto City, the same day as the opening of the Hokkaido Shinkansen. Since then, this station has been crowded every day with people using the Shinkansen, so we visited the Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station to learn about the attractions of this station.



How to get there

Here is how we went to this station from our university. First, we went to Hakodate Station to take the Hakodate Liner. This train is very useful because this train runs 15 times every day and the price is cheap. It takes 360 yen to connect from Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station to Hakodate Station. This is half of the cost of using a bus! Also, it is OK to take it from Goryokaku Station. We arrived at Hakodate Station about 15 minutes by bicycle, and then we got on the Hakodate Liner. It takes 20 minutes to go to Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station, so you can enjoy the scenery from the train. It is beautiful!

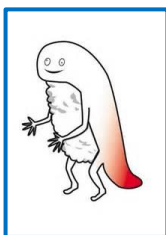
Things to see

I think this statue is known by many people. The creator of *Hokuto no Ken* made this because the city shares the name. There are also some souvenirs of *Hokuto no Ken* at this station, so if you like *Hokuto no Ken*, I really recommend it.

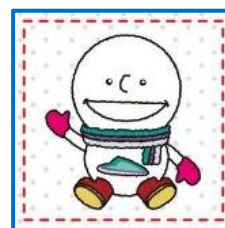


Mascots

Here are two famous mascots. Have you seen them? They are very cute!



Zushi-Hokki,
the mascot of Hokuto City



Dokodemo Yuki-chan,
the mascot of Hokkaido Shinkansen

Hatake no Restaurant ~Huis~

By Yui



I would like to introduce a café near Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station. The café's name is Hatake no Restaurant ~Huis~. It opened on March 26th in 2016. To get there, leave the station to Ekimae Hiroba, and go straight along Ekimae Street. You can't miss it. You will see it on your right. It takes about three minutes.

Huis is clean and has a relaxed atmosphere. It offers delicious dishes with ingredients grown inside of the shop. I went there at café time. I had a cake and a drink set (¥800). I could select them from among a few kinds.



Gateau au chocolate is so famous that some of the customers reserve it and buy a whole cake. There are also rice and many fruits in other cakes, so they are all great.

Everyone from children to adults can be satisfied with this café's dishes and atmosphere. I recommend that you visit Huis!

Information

Hatake no Restaurant ~Huis~

Address: Hokuto city Ichinowatari 1-3-11

Tel: 0138-83-1241

Hours: 10:00~17:00

〔 Café time/ 10:00~1700
Lunch time/ 10:30~15:00 〕



Let's try Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station Bentos!

By Yuka and Go

Bento Café - 41 Garden



41 Garden offers a lot of mini bentos called café-ben. There are many kinds of café-ben ranging from cold ones to hot ones, fresh seafood and meat, and we can even combine some café-ben. The price of one bento ranges from ¥530-¥920, so you can enjoy many stylish bentos at a reasonable price. In addition, there are side dishes such as fried chicken, salad, and drinks! However, you can choose only one café-ben with those side dishes. The people who think the common ekiben is too big and can't eat all of it often drop in at this café, so please go and enjoy this café!

Our Recommended Ekiben

The most popular ekiben is the Hakodate-Roman-Haikara-Bento. It consists of many things including three kinds of flavored rice, nimono, and rolled omelet. It was my favorite ekiben, too. I was satisfied with it! (Yuka)



My favorite bento is Odama-Hotateto-Tairyouni-Bento. This is more expensive than the other bentos, but you must try it! When you eat this bento, your image of bentos will change. There are a lot of fresh sea urchin and salmon roe. On top of these, there is a big scallop. This is the representative bento of Hokkaido. (Go)

Traditional Hakodate Bento

If you want to eat something just in Hakodate, I recommend you try Migaki-Bento. This is a traditional bento which has been sold since 1966. Stewed herring with secret seasoning and herringroe's mouth-feel go well with rice.



***** Thank you for reading! We hope you enjoyed it! *****