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My best memory of these past 3 months is hitchhiking. I went to Tokyo by hitchhiking, and it was so fun. I could meet many people and know a lot of things. If I can, I want to hitchhike again during the summer vacation. Next time, I'm thinking of going to Okinawa! This issue I interviewed an exchange student from Australia. I hope you enjoy reading it. (Go)



Three months have passed since I came to Hakodate. I went to a lot of places in Hakodate, and I ate many delicious foods. I was most impressed to see a lot of fully bloomed cherry blossoms at Goryokaku Park. I have seen cherry blossoms before, but I have never seen so many beautiful blossoms, and in full bloom. This was my first experience! I'm looking forward to going to Goryokaku Park next spring! This issue I interviewed an exchange student from South Korea. I hope you find it interesting. (Misato)

I began a part-time job recently at LUCKY PIERROT. I am busy, and it is hard, but I will do my best while being supported by people around me. Please come to LUCKY PIERROT! This issue Yuka and I interviewed some tourists at Goryokaku Tower. We hope you enjoy it! (Yui)



This past Golden Week, I went back to my hometown Esashi and watched *Mochitsukibayashi*. It is Esashi's traditional performing art and cultural property. *Mochitsukibayashi* was performed during *Hanayomegyouretsu*, an event that congratulates a couple on their marriage. The rice cakes made from glutinous rice were very delicious, and the couple looked so happy. (Yuka)

☆ Exchange Student Interview 1 – Ga Young ☆

By Misato



- Q. Where are you from?
A. Ilsan City which is very close to Seoul, South Korea.
- Q. How long will you stay here?
A. 1 year (until next February).
- Q. How long did you study Japanese before coming here?
A. Half a year.
- Q. Why did you become interested in Japan?
A. Japanese Tea.
- Q. What kind of Japanese food do you like?
A. Shabu-shabu and sashimi.
- Q. Did anything surprise you when you first came to Japan?
A. Yes, automatic Japanese toilets.
- Q. What is your favorite place in Hakodate?
A. Motomachi and TSUTAYA book store.
- Q. If I go to your hometown, what do you recommend I see and eat?
A. I recommend you eat ribs and toppogi, and you should see Ilsan, which takes about 30 minutes from Seoul.
- Q. What is your hometown famous for?
A. There are many parks, and there is also a broadcasting station, so you can see a scene being shot!



(Photos by Ga young: Ilsan City)

☆ Exchange Student Interview 2 – Ai Chih ☆

By Go



Surry Hills Library and Community Centre ©Wikipedia

Q. Where are you from?

A. Sydney, Australia.

Q. How long will you stay here?

A. 1 year, until next February.

Q. How did you become interested in Japan?

A. My mother has a Japanese friend, and she introduced me to Japan.

Q. Was there anything that surprised you?

A. Yes. First of all, we can go everywhere by bicycle. Also, everything is wrapped, and finally, the fact that people work very hard.

Q. What kind of Japanese food do you like?

A. Sushi and tempura.

Q. What is your favorite place in Hakodate?

A. Asaichi.

Q. If I go your hometown, what do you recommend I see and eat?

A. There is a lot of culture in Sydney, so it is difficult to decide just one, but I recommend you go to Surry Hills and eat meat pie.

Q. What is your hometown like?

A. It's really nice. There is the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House in the city, and then there are the Blue Mountains outside of the city, which are beautiful.



Sydney Harbour Bridge©Wikipedia



Sydney Opera House©Wikipedia

☆ Tourist Interviews ☆

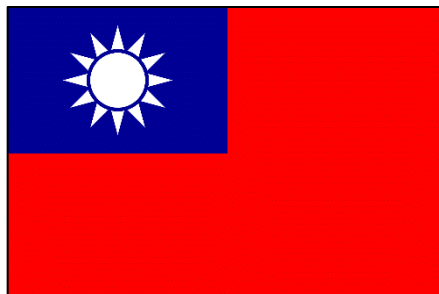
By Yui and Yuka

This time, we interviewed tourists who were shopping at Goryokaku Tower. The first tourists we asked were Thai. They were very friendly to us! First, we asked about Hakodate, and they said that Hakodate was famous in their country for trips, especially the food, people and the view from Mt. Hakodate. Next, we asked the question, “What are you going to do today?” They planned to do many things: see Goryokaku Tower, eat ramen and seafood, go to the Fish Market, and finally Mt. Hakodate! It sounded nice! After that, they said that they would go to Sapporo. Finally, they gave us the following message:

“We want to have more information about Hakodate. Everything is fine here. We love Hakodate. Actually, we love Japan!”



Next, we interviewed two tourists from Taiwan. They said Hakodate is famous in their country. Both of them said their impression of Hakodate is ‘snow’, ‘hot springs’, and ‘the night view’. Their plan was to eat ramen and go to Mt. Hakodate to see the night view. I think ‘ramen’ is popular with tourists. They have stayed nine days, so they have visited not only Hakodate, but also Sapporo, Otaru, Noboribetu and many other places. Lastly, we asked them, “How do you think Hakodate can improve tourism?” They said, “Not enough space to put luggage inside the train. The train was too crowded!” We hope that this problem can be solved in the future.



Thank you for reading our newsletter!
We hope you have a wonderful summer vacation!