

Reflections

Group 1

Members : Tammy Chan (leader), Fion Sit, Jaclyn Lam, Jenniefur Chung, Joey Tsui, Josephine Chen, Josie Li, Liz Tang, Rita Lam, and Tiff Ho.

It is the International Youth Exchange Program which drew together a group of energetic young people unknown to one another before but developed friendship and team spirit soon after series of pre-tour briefings, private meetings and rehearsals.

Kagoshima is a nice place that all our group-mates like it very much. We were all attracted by its scenic views, delicious food and charming culture wonders. Needless to say, most of us think that the stay with host families was the most unforgettable and it is an experience that lasts life-long; exchanging thoughts with our Japanese counterparts is also impressive. In fact, all the people we came across with were so nice and courteous that made us feel like being back at home all the time. We also treasure the friendship we have built with our Japanese friends during the exchange activities.



Group 2

Members: Alan Chan (leader), Cyan Cheng, Karen Tse, Janet Poon, Bonnie Ho, Maria Tang, Zoe Chu, Cynthia Chan, Arthur Li.

Time flies. Eight days in Kagoshima now becomes an unforgettable memory in our mind. We are sure that our gain in the International Youth Exchange Programme 2000 is far beyond others' imagination.

Apart from sightseeing, shopping and having delicious food throughout the whole trip, all of us treasure our friendship with Japanese students, home stay and the relationship with our fellow group-mates most. The relationship among us has not come to an end after we came back to Hong Kong, instead, we think this is just the beginning of our long lasting friendship. We hope our good friends in Japan will visit Hong Kong some time later and we can show them around how fantastic Hong Kong is and welcome them as nice as they did. We are looking forward to seeing them in the near future.

Last but not least, we would like to express our greatest gratitude to all of the people who made this wonderful tour a successful one.





Group 4

Members : Anthia Ku (leader), Louisa Chung, Macy Cheng, Carmen Wu, Chan Chin Hang, Jessie Lam, Meg Leung, Keith Tien, Winnie Wong, Esther Pang

We were so excited and fortunate that we were selected as the Hong Kong Youth Delegates, exchanging ideas with Japanese officials, university and high school students. During the trip, we have learnt many things by sharing the opinion and comments with local as well as foreign students. That's why we enjoyed joining this programme very much.

Living with the host family for two nights is an unforgettable experience. We had the chance to live with Japanese and experience their lifestyle directly. Our hosts were very nice and they spent the whole day with us to visit many places. We looked forward to visiting them again in the coming future.

The programme was well organized which gave us a deep impression. It consisted of recreational activities and exchanges. We had visited the places which people did not usually see. For example handicap centre, the Government Offices like Kagoshima Prefectural Government, Higashiichi and Koriyama Town Office, pottery workshop and high school.



Group 3

Members : Michelle Lam (leader), Kaai Law, Anita Kwok, Chris Ng, Nicole Ng, Jenifer Tam, Eunice Li, Vicki Wong, Connie Tang

Kagoshima is a peaceful place which is totally different from other bustle cities like Hong Kong. When we stepped on the Kagoshima Airport, we could smell the fresh air there. Everywhere was covered with beautiful trees. We were very much impressed by the clear sky and the hot springs.

The experience throughout these eight days is undoubtedly fruitful and unforgettable. Learning Japanese Kendo, dancing camp fire with Kagoshima university students, practising the craft of the pottery, sharing of our feelings at night, the painful farewell with our host families...We could not forget all these scenes in Kagoshima. We were so excited when we saw ourselves on TV and on the newspaper. Apart from these, we appreciated the time we spent with the university students. Although the time we spent together was short, we treasured every minute and we have built up a very good friendship. We still contact each other after the trip. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for their warm hospitality. I could say we had really got more than what we expected.

