

Youth exchange program

I joined the Youth Exchange Program to learn and to see a glimpse of what my future will be like. It was a new and exciting experience for me, especially because I am greatly interested in the subject.

The program took place in Hiroshima, Japan. It was the first time I visited the area since starting a new life in Japan. From what I've seen in Hiroshima, the culture and treatment from the locals is very different than Tokyo. Hiroshima, compared to Tokyo, is a very quiet place. I believe that the people who grew up in Hiroshima are well educated, in terms of hospitality and language.

Motomachi High School

There were many events that occurred during the Youth Exchange Program. The first was a visit to a high school called Motomachi High School. This is an art-based high school, and it is one of the most developed schools in all of Japan. The technology used for the learning process is always the most up-to date technology, for example, the 2014 model of the Macintosh Computer. They give the students a place to be completely comfortable with their work, silence if they also needed it, and space for them to build their creativity. They also offer the students a private, creative space to show case their art.

Peace Memorial Park

The next event was a visit to the Peace Memorial Park. Here, I saw the Genbaku Dome. The Genbaku Dome served as a memorial to those who were killed in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. After 43 seconds of being dropped, the bomb exploded over this building.

International Conference Center

After visiting the Peace Memorial Park, I attended the Nuclear Disarmament Symposium Conference. There were 12 countries involved in the conference. They talked about Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative. The people who presented talked about the ability disarmament and taking away weapons from armies around the world and spreading peace between countries. The only negative aspect was that it was long, and idea was repeated many times. I thought that there was going to be a discussion between us and the people presenting, but there wasn't.

Grand Prince Hotel

During this event, we attended the Dialogue with Civil Society. Two Japanese students and two foreign students were also present. They presented at the main table. It was an event where these four students ability to persuade the ministers to support the disarmament, and spread peace around the world.

Testimony of a Bomb Survivor

Here, we attended a testimony of a bomb survivor. They spoke of their stories and their memories as if it happened yesterday. They were deeply affected, and by the tone in their voice, anyone could realize the sadness within them. As being part of the audience, I was also affected by their words. They made me think that peace is important, not only between the locals of a country, but internationally. I believe that no one should experience any kind of harshness as the people of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima have experienced.

Peace Memorial Museum

First of all, in the museum, were photos of each and every moment of the bombing. The museum showed us that the victims were suffering of severe dehydration. The waters were contaminated by radioactive substance and they weren't able to find any clean water. The heat from the bomb melted the sand, which from the insanely high heat, turned into glass. Their bodies also started to mutate, and started to melt and fall off their bones. The museum also showed the clothes and accessories from the victims to emphasize the reality. The museum greatly understands the importance of spreading their valuable information across the globe, that they even translated the words under the photos to all the languages in the world.

Group Discussion

The group discussion was about our ideas as students, in our new generation, would think of something that would help spread peace and create a free weapon world. We were divided into three groups, and in each group was an advisor. The first thing we thought about was that we should educate people about how humanity and peace are important. Some of the students suggested that we should imply humanity and peace as a subject in schools and universities around the globe. Another suggestion was that the Group of 7 would visit Hiroshima and the Peace Memorial Museum.

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I am extremely happy to have been part of this event. It was very educational and I learned a lot. I met many people from different countries, and acknowledged the different types of understanding between people when it comes to Nuclear Engineering. I believe this was a great opportunity for me because I want to study Nuclear Engineering in the near future. If the chance arose once again, I will definitely attend it once again.

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