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Community Service Day

学期に一度行われているコミュニティーサービスデー、春学期は神田外語CUPが開催している幕張チャリティ・フリーマーケット（幕チャリ）に参加しています。キャンパスでフリーマーケットを行い、その収益金をアジアの発展途上国の支援団体に寄付しています。

今年9回目を迎えた幕チャリ、今学期は13名の学生が、神田外語大学の学生と一緒にボランティアとして参加しました。天気にも恵まれ、充実した週末になりました！
One of the best experiences in Japan for the spring semester is the Golden Week, away from school for over a week! The story is from Tony De Marco on his adventure to Kyoto with his friends.

日本の連休といえばゴールデンウィーク！今年は超大型10日間！ここではトニーさんのGWの日々を紹介します。

It was in the moments waiting for our Sobu line to Tokyo that I had a realization. I turn to my IES dorm mate Holger, "Hey, we're going on a vacation."

"I know. Weird thing is I thought we were already on one being in Tokyo."

After jokes of wanting to take more vacations within vacations, we had the revelation that we were feeling at home in Japan. In fact, we had unconsciously acclimated to living in Chiba, attending KUIS, and exploring Tokyo. On the horizon after the Night Bus though, lay a new adventure of maneuvering the tourist town of Kyoto.

We were heading towards Tokyo Station around 11:00 PM. This was the opposite direction than conventional for us IES students, for many of us live in Chiba and would typically be leaving Tokyo on the last trains after spending time in the city. However, we were bound for Tokyo Station this night during Golden Week in order to ride the Night Bus to Kyoto. We would arrive at 7:00 AM Thursday morning and spend the weekend.

"Look at that mountain!"

"Yes, we know Tony. We have those in the US, too. Let me sleep."

"Right, because you were sleeping so well on this damned Night Bus. I know it's 7:00 AM but I've been awake for an hour already. And seriously, look at those mountains!"

The logic of having seen mountains before could not curb my curiosity, perhaps on account of growing up in Minnesota. So by the first of our four-day excursion, my companions realized this would remain my mantra for the trip. This phrase, though, could not express the beauty that exists in Kyoto. It holds a massive state-of-the-art station, bustling but quaint streets, and shrine after shrine, all of which is surrounded by nature and mountains.

We got off the bus and made our way to the nearby Starbucks in a bleary-eyed stupor. After getting caffeine for energy and using internet for directions, we did some sightseeing and met up with our friend arriving on the Shinkansen. At this point, we were able to head to the house we were renting. And what a house it was! Nick, a fellow IES student, had found it on a Japanese website comparable to Vacation Rentals by Owner.

We navigated to the correct street but were not sure about the address. As we loitered and debated how Japanese addresses work, a man came out of a house one door down from where we stood. He had noticed the group of gaijin on the street and correctly assumed we were the ones renting his property for the weekend. As he led our group inside, we were all struck in awe. The sliding paper doors opened up to quaint rooms filled with tatami mats, slippers, low tables, drawers filled with chopsticks, and even a small Japanese style garden in the back.

After the man talked logistics with us and left, the first sentiment was proclaimed, "OK... We can't let anything go through these paper walls."

We managed this and also had a wonderful time in the house. It was a perfectly relaxing space to unwind after long days of walking and sightseeing. We were able to cook breakfasts and dinners, have a space to play cards at night, and even had internet to look up directions in Kyoto. The renters also had a map of the immediate area surrounding the house with dozens of necessities and fun shops marked off, such as the supermarket, candy shops, and rice cake shops. Since I live in a dorm, this was an incredible experience for me. For I had not slept on a Japanese futon or eaten meals sitting on tatami mats at a foot and a half high table. It will remain an incredible memory for all of us.
As for the majority of our time, we acted as good tourists and went sightseeing each day. We certainly did not see all that Kyoto had to offer, but explored as much as we could in a four-day period. We made it to Inari Shrine, a massive shrine on a mountain with thousands of torii lined up like tunnels and painted a bright red-orange with fox statues everywhere. We also visited Kinkakuji and Ginkakuji, temples covered in silver and gold, respectively. Further, we explored Kyoto Imperial Palace, the location where shoguns lived in the Tokugawa period and Emperors lived in the Meiji era. Further, one night we visited Gion, a neighborhood lively with nightlife. Finally we split up on Sunday and went to Uji, the setting of the famed novel *The Tale of the Genji*; Toji, a Buddhist temple built just after the capital of Japan was moved to Kyoto in the Heian Period; and Kiyomizudera, another Heian Period Buddhist temple with its main hall built jutting out over a large hill without a single nail used.

Unanimously though, our favorite sight was Arashiyama and Monkey Park. Why was this our favorite? Well, you see... you walk up a small mountain and hang out with a bunch of monkeys. This was not zoo style either. There were simply macaques all around, without a care in the world about the humans trampling all over their mountain. There was a staff that looked after both the monkeys and the crowd, made sure no accidents occurred, sold 100[1] bags of fruit to feed the monkeys, and cleaned up poop.

Hanging out with monkeys was of course the main attraction, but there was also a fantastic view of the city of Kyoto from the top of this small mountain. Further, we took the opportunity to go on the river at the base of the mountain where you could rent rowboats for an hour. It was quite enjoyable to sit on a boat on a perfectly sunny afternoon after hiking up and down a small mountain. It was almost relaxing too, until we inevitably bumped into numerous other rowboats since the river was crowded with tourists.

Sunday night came to an end all too quickly, but we had seen all that we could. We boarded the Night Bus at Kyoto Station in the late PM hours again, much more tired than when we had arrived. We all passed out as soon as we could after pretending to do a bit of homework. When I opened my eyes again, we were at Tokyo Station at 7:30 AM Monday.

Equally as bleary eyed as the last time we got off the Night Bus I turned to my companions. “So, do you all have Japanese class today?”

“Yup. We have what, 3 hours before class. I’m so excited.”

“Oh golly, and I think I have a quiz too. That’s going to go well.”

And just like that, vacation was over and we were back to our real life in Tokyo.

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