

REPORT from Natasha LANGAN

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A WORLD 12 HOURS AWAY

Three years of language lessons, a hundred and fifty word essay, four months of waiting and a whole lot of fundraising. Put this together and what do you get? A once in a life time opportunity to go to a country 12 hours away.

Having this chance to go to Japan was one of the best things ever to happen to me. The tiring 5am flight started an adventure I will never forget. Japan was all I wanted it to be, and more, with the friendly people, beautiful scenery and all round gorgeous atmosphere.

My host family was kind and generous, doing all they could to make me feel at home and comfortable. Though the futon and bean was as uncomfortable as they get, giving me restless but fulfilling sleeps every night

The trip gave me a chance to improve my Japanese, as well as my English, teaching a class at school and also cram school at 8:30 at night. It helped me decide exactly what I want to do with my life and what to pursue in the near and far future. All the trips including a moving Hiroshima memorial, sight-seeing, and amusement parks, were new different and exciting. I got an inside look to Japanese culture you can only get by being there.

I made friends I will never forget and memories I will always treasure.

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