Life in Fukuoka By Ruthai Thaveechulavong

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Last week I saw the Advestisement of Gokuku Jinja Shrine Mitama Matsuri festival. And this festival will start on August 13. I'm interested with it so much so today I decided to visit this festival and near area by myself. I took a train from Takeshita Station to Hakata station. Then I transferred to Bus6-1(at Hakata bus station) and bus stopped at Fukuokajo.



First, I visited to Fukuoka Art Museum. There have some temporary special exhibition "Doing History". Since its inauguration in 1979, the Fukuoka Art Museum is welcoming its first milestone for a major renovation. Before the museum closes (closed from September 1, 2016 to March 2019), they will hold the contemporary art exhibition pondering on the museum's history as well as the present and the future.











The museum history engraved in things and people, They will explore the present while recording and tracing the past. The architectural space which embraces approximately 40 years of time, documentary photos, reference materials as

well as the voices of people who have been involved and the people who have come and gone till the present time.









Second, I visited Ohori Park. This is my second times to go there. In the first times, I went there for Hanabi Festival at night so I wanted to visit this park again. Ohori Park was constructed between 1926 and 1929 and it is design resembles the West Lake of Hangzhou, China. I saw many people were enjoying with their activity such as walking, jogging and cycling. I thinks Ohori Park is a good place for take some rest and I enjoyed with this place so much.











Third, I visited to Gokoku Jinja Shrine. Today there had a festival is called "Mitama Matsuri". This festival is for thanking ancestors and fallen soldiers. There were some stalls along the way to the shrine. They sold foods, toys, souvenirs, and

some of them provide booth game.











When I came into the shrine, I saw a wall of painted lanterns which are donated by worshippers. It's so amazing and beautiful. I think this festival is a best spot for sightseeing!