

# Life in Fukuoka

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Today I spent time all day with Seinan University students who are a member of Kubara Honke project. Their name is Yurika, Kanae and Yuka.



First, we went to Hakata Machiya Folk Museum. This is a small museum. The permanent display is small and takes up only at the first floor of the museum but the exhibits are fairly interesting. There are dioramas of Hakata during the Meiji and Taisho Periods, a series of telephones which I can listen to people talking Hakata-ben (the Hakata dialect) and a corner

dedicated to the Hakata Gion, Yamakasa festival which is the one of Fukuoka City's major festival.



at the second floors, We found a workshop area where Hakata's artisans demonstrate various old crafts and techniques. The type of craft changes everyday and the artisans were working on Koma (wooden spinning top) on the day that we were there. So we decided to join Koma painting workshop. I tried to paint my Koma and I'm so proud with it.





Second, we went to Canal City. We took a lunch at one of the Ramen restaurant in Ramen stadium which is located on the 5 floors of Canal City. I ordered Kara-Miso Ramen (Spicy Miso Tokotsu Soup) which is a good taste and little spicy.



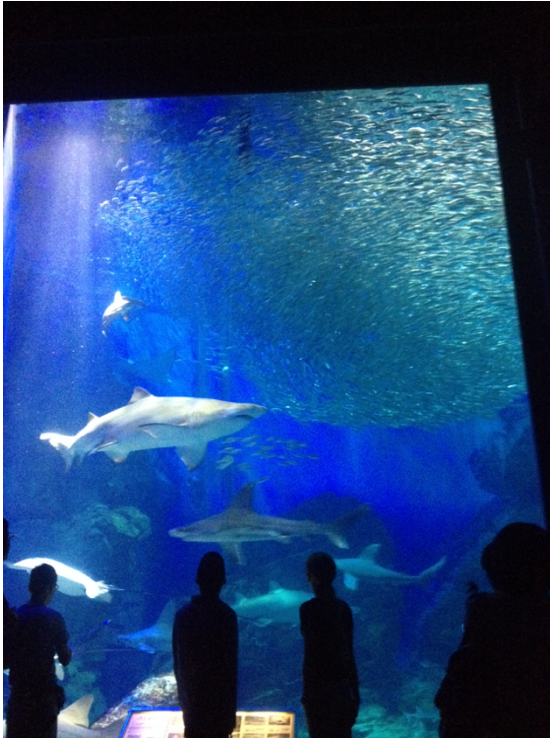
After that, we took a photos in Pirikura. From my observed, I think mostly of Japanese girl really like Pirikura so much. It seem like a Japanese girl culture.



Third, we planned to go Marine World Umino-nakamichi. So we walked from Canal City to Hakata Station for brought a train ticket and Marine World ticket. When we arrived, we joined to see the live dolphin and sea lion show. The animals are tricked entertaining and different. I watched the sea lions dance to J-pop music. I enjoyed with them so much because They so interesting and funny.



After that, we walked around the aquarium for sightseeing. Marine World have an impressive collection of 30,000 marine creatures representing 450 species.



And Marine World have a large panorama such as tank with over 20 kinds of sharks, a sea otter pool, penguin pool and sea turtle tank. Some species of that I never saw them before. Then I very excited to see all of them. And I joined to see night aquarium live show at the large panorama tank. I really impressed with the show so much.

Today I and Seinan University students spent time together all day. We had a little problem about our communication. But we tried to understand each other. I think today we had a great memories together.