

Life in Fukuoka

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Today I went to sightseeing at Asahi Brewery where is near Takeshita Station. Asahi has many breweries throughout Japan but today I went to the brewery in Fukuoka. This brewery that has introduced the largest Solar generator in a domestic brewery. I didn't take the reservation before, so today I joined to sightseeing with Korean tour.



Asahi guider introduced about the history of Asahi, the production lines of Asahi and beer which is made from there is shipped to all parts of Kyushu and South Korea. the guider told me about the raw materials of beer, the process of brewing beer and gave a malt to me for testing.



Raw materials of beer

The main ingredients of beer are malt, hops and water. Other adjuncts are used wherever necessary.



The Process of Brewing Beer

1. Mashing: Malt, rice, corn and starch are added to hot water in a mash copper to make a sweet mash.
2. Lautering: The mash is filtered, resulting in a sweet, clear liquid called wort.
3. Wort Boiling: Hops are added to the wort, and it is boiled to produce the aroma and bitterness that is characteristic to beer.
4. Fermentation: Yeast is added to cold wort in the fermentation tank, and the sugar in the wort is converted into alcohol and carbon dioxide in a "green beer".
5. Maturation: The green beer "is stored for a few dozen days to mature slowly, and to produce a well-balanced taste and flavor.
6. Filtration: The fully matured beer is filtered and becomes the bright, amber-colored draft beer.
7. Bottling, Canning and Kegging: The beer is filled in bottles, cans and kegs.
8. Quality Control: Strict inspection is carried out with the state-of-the-art analysis equipments and then specialists carry out the sensory test.

9. Shipment: The beer is ready for shipment and the fresh beer is delivered to wherever it is needed.



At the end of sightseeing tour, I enjoyed sampling fresh draft beer in the tasting area. I tried to taste the sample of 3 types of Asahi beer such as Asahi Super Dry, Asahi Super Dry Black and Asahi Super Dry Premium. After Testing, all of that made my face flushing because I rarely drink alcohol. But today I really enjoyed with sightseeing tour very much. I learned a lot of new things from this place that I never knew before.