



Satsuma Chuo High School Post - May 2012

Hello! Welcome to my May newsletter. Please enjoy reading it ☺

☀ Golden Week! ☀

Did you enjoy Golden Week? I went to Kansai to visit my friend Deyi. She lives in Nishifutami, in Akashi. Her parents are from China, but she was **raised** in America. She has lived in Japan for four years! I met her Japanese friends. They were very fun!

We had a great time. We did a lot of shopping in Kobe and Osaka. I **bought** many nice clothes and some **jewellery**. And I **bought** TWO PAIRS OF SHOES! ☺ I was so happy. I love shoes! In the UK, I **bought** shoes **every month**. But in Kagoshima-Ken, I cannot buy shoes because they are too small! ☹

In Deyi's **hometown** Nishifutami, we met some of her High School students. They were very excited to see us!



I enjoyed spending time in the big cities. I like living in big cities, with many shops, **international** food and people from all over the world. I love Kagoshima-Ken, but sometimes I **miss** international shops and food! It was so good to eat Spanish and Italian food: go shopping in my favourite shops and see other foreign people again. I also went to Koyasan! It is in the mountains, about two hours by train from Osaka. There are many temples there. Also, the **biggest graveyard** (最大の墓地) in Japan is at Koyasan. It is a very beautiful, **peaceful** (長閑) place. I took many pictures.



Me and my friend Deyi with the Koyasan mascot. He was very cute!



I ate tofu in a **famous** tofu restaurant at Koyasan. The restaurant was very busy, because many people wanted to eat the tofu. Koyasan is a very good place. You should go there!



The tofu was delicious!

The Fukiage-hama Sand Festival

I went to the Sand Festival in Minamisatsuma City with my friends Matthew and Lily. It was a very hot day.



There were many sand **sculptures** (彫刻).

My favourite sculpture was Totoro! He is one of my favourite Japanese characters. I often watch the movie 'My Neighbour Totoro'.

I went to Kirishima and I got lost!

I went to Kirishima to see some friends. It was fun! We **sat** by a beautiful **waterfall** and we had a **Barbeque**. It was delicious! We talked for a long time. At 18:30, I **began** my **journey** home to Sendai. The journey should take only 1 hour and 40 minutes. But I got very **lost!!** ☹ The **petrol** in my car almost **ran out**. I was very worried! But, **finally** I arrived home at 22:10. The journey took nearly four hours!!! I was very **angry** with myself. But, now I can laugh about it! I am very bad at **directions**.

See you next time!