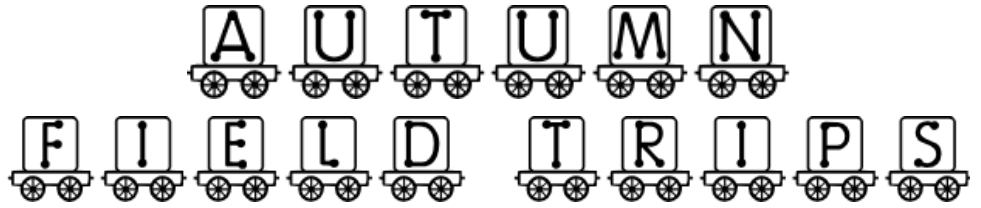


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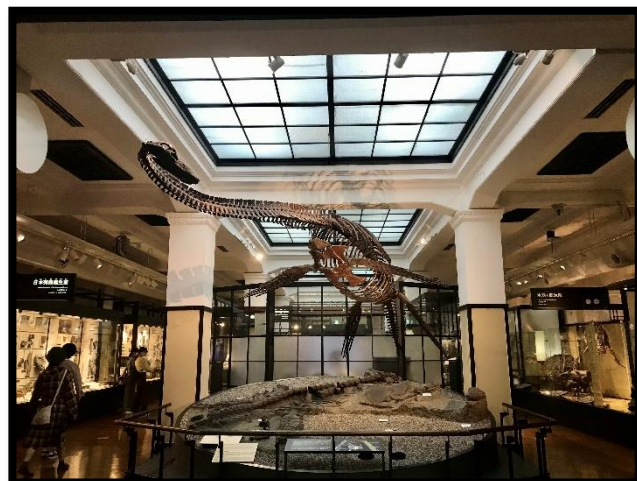
Friday, October 15th was a big day at Keika Girls! The high schoolers had their Special Sports Day and the junior high school classes went on **field trips** around Tokyo. Then, they had their **dodgeball** games on Saturday.

中 1 went to the **Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center** (池袋防災館). Sheila joined this trip in 2019 and 2020. There was always very useful information about **earthquakes** and **fires**. Please learn how to keep yourself and others safe!

中 2 went to the Japan Gallery of the **National Museum of Nature and Science** (上野国立科学博物館) in Ueno. Sheila was happy to finally see this museum! However, it was **bittersweet** for her to see the "**faithful dog Hachiko**" (忠犬ハチ公). She loves dogs but his story is so sad. Erin is **jealous** and wants to see the museum soon too. Maybe we can see the cute Ueno Zoo pandas next time?



中 3 went to an **exhibition** in the Warehouse Terrada Building on Tennozu Isle called "Who is Banksy?" ?? (『バンクシーって誰?展』). It was about the famous **street/graffiti artist** named Banksy and his interesting and **meaningful** work. Sheila has only been to Tennozu Isle to go to the **immigration office** for her **visa**. Now, let's go for art, which is much less stressful!



Sheila's picture from the 'History of the Japanese Islands' exhibit.

XOXO,
Erin & Sheila

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

CORNER

2D



Ri Shiken

リ・シケン

O Goshō

(Ou Gosyō)



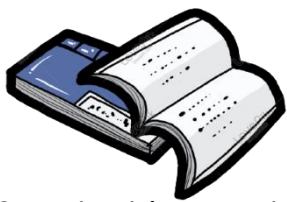
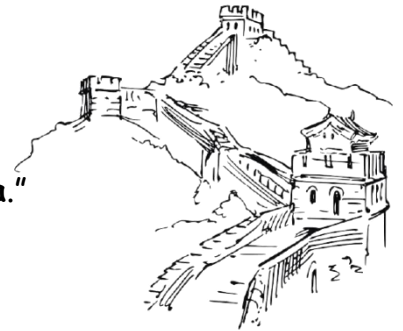
To Girin (2A)

1. What is the name of your hometown? Where is it?

Ri: "Ningbo (宁波), in the middle of China's east coast."

To: "Beijing (北京), the capital of the People's Republic of China."

O: "My hometown is Wuxi (无锡), Jiangsu Province, China."

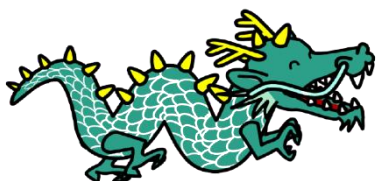
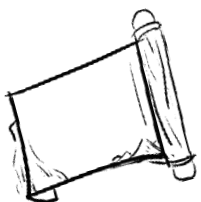


2. What is your hometown famous for? Any recommendations if we visit?

Ri: "Tian Yi Ge Museum (天一阁博物馆). It is the oldest existing private library in China, and one of the three oldest existing private libraries in the world."

To: "If it is famous, it must be a place of interest like Tiananmen Square or the Great Wall of China. But I recommend some famous restaurants because the specialties in various parts of China are really delicious."

O: "My hometown is famous for a food called Xiaolongbao (小笼包, 'little basket bun'). Some characteristics of Xiaolongbao are 'thin and transparent skin, rich marinade, fragrant crab, fat but not greasy, rich juice, and tender meat.' It has become famous all over the world."





3. Why did you choose to study at Keika Girls' School?

Ri: "Keika Girls' School does not only focus on students' **test scores** but also has many clubs for students to choose. It makes me feel **relaxed** during my school life."

To: "Keika Girls' School has **outstanding** characteristics even among many **private high schools**. Both the teachers and their teaching **experience** are clear **advantages**."

O: "Because I think Keika Girls' School is a good school, and I will study very happily."

11. What is your favorite subject or class at Keika Girls'? Why?

Ri: "It might be 2B's math class, also 1A or maybe 3 too. This is because working with the numbers, and the **diagrams (graphs)** sets my **mind** at rest."

To: "So far, I prefer Japanese Expression class (国語表現). I prefer to do **investigations** and research on a subject and **express** my own **opinions**."

O: "My favorite subject is math, because when I **overcome** a problem, I am very happy. So now I'm interested in it."



12. Are you in a club? If yes, which one?

Ri: "I had been in **Photography Club** in Grade 10, but after I started Grade 11, I thought the most important thing was to put more time on studying so I stopped. But taking photos with friends was a very good **memory**."

To: "I joined the **Art Club** before because I like art? I don't know if it's a good reason... in short, I'm very interested in painting."

O: "No, I didn't join any club."

13. What is your favorite place in Japan? Why?

Ri: "Daikanyama (代官山) in Tokyo because there are a lot of stores selling **used/second-hand** goods. I'm very interested in it. Also, there is a restaurant in Daikanyama that is my favorite."

To: "I like the **amusement parks** and **aquariums** open in Japan. Maybe because I like playing, I will be interested in these places."

O: "My favorite places in Japan are Kyoto and Kamakura because I like Japanese **traditional** gardens, **shrines**, and buildings."



14. What do you think is special about Japan?

Ri: "The **relationship** between student and teacher. It surprised me that teachers here were all very kind. I have never seen anyone here get mad."

To: "Each country has its own characteristics. In my own opinion, the special **feature** of Japan is that the **environment** is very clean and **tidy**."

O: "I think Japanese traditional gardens and shrines are really special."



8. What are the good things about being an international student?

Ri: "Being an **international student**, you can live in another country to study not only the language but also the culture there, which is the most interesting thing for me."

To: "Honestly, it's not completely, but most of what happens after becoming an international student is not a good thing. Of course, the most obvious **benefit** is the increased **selectivity** after becoming an international student."

O: "Because I am **abroad**, I can learn about a lot of **scenery** that I can't see in China. I am more **independent** and understand people's **hardship** and hard work. This is something I can't learn in China."



9. What are the bad or difficult things about being an international student?

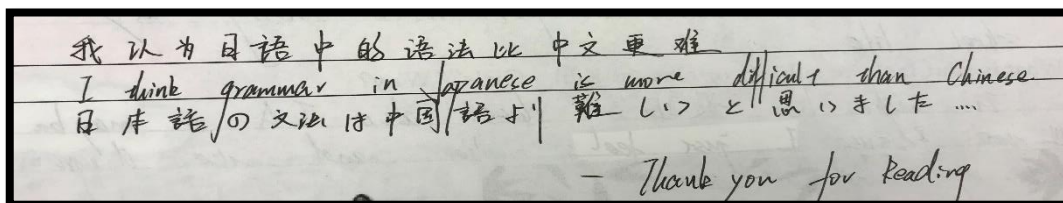
Ri: "I think it's not just for me but also many other international students. We are just living alone away from our family. I **miss** my family, my friends, even the breakfast restaurant near my house. However, it was also an amazing thing that taught me how to be independent."

To: "When international students do not have excellent **social skills**, simple things will become **complicated**."

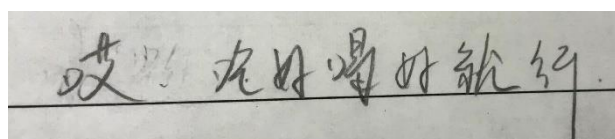
O: "I think the most difficult thing about living in a foreign country is leaving my parents. Also, because of this **virus**, everything is more difficult, so sometimes I miss home very much."

10. Do you have a message in Chinese for our students studying with Kohaku-Sensei?

Ri:



To:



O:

书山有路勤为径 学海无涯苦作舟。— (唐) 韩愈



Tang Dynasty thinker
Han Yu (韩愈) (768-824)

