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The 2016 Study Tour in Fukushima -ken was an eye opening experience. The tour was educational, but at the same time, it was also enjoyable. I was able to meet older participants and reconnect with newer participants.

Before coming to Fukushima, I had my doubts about the safety of Fukushima. Most of my worries were about the nuclear levels in the prefecture. Is the food safe to eat? Is the water safe to drink? Are the background radiation levels too high? I'm sure that most people moving to Fukushima keep asking these questions. This is due to the news and information that we see abroad. Most of the time, we can only get information that will catch the attention of the readers: sadly the information often is negative and inaccurate. I'm asking please don't rely on what the media says. Fukushima-ken is a safe place to live & study.

On first day of the study tour we visited Oyasuba historical park". There I learnt the historical value of Fukushima -ken. The most amazing part is there you can touch most historical items. This opportunity I've never experienced so far.

Then we visited Abukuma cave, That cave is natural cave. I never thought Fukushima has natural caves. As I know very few natural caves around the world . The Abukuma cave is one of larger natural cave in the world . Then inside of the cave temperature is around 23. We went winter outside temperature is around 4 Celsius but inside was more warmer. Which was so amazing.

The first day we stayed the night at a traditional Japanese hotel. It's also a different experience for us. Different Japanese foods and drinks, I experienced Japanese onsen . It was so comfortable.

On the second day we visited Nanko park and Nanko shrine". The surrounding of the shrine is so nice. Mountains with lake. It was very nice. Then we had an experience of "Sagawa daruma workshop" .There I studied about daruma dolls and I created a daruma doll myself and I made a wish. After that we enjoyed the "Iwaki day cruise and Iwaki la la mew" . It was a nice experience to traveling on a cruise ship in the sea. The cruise ship traveled around the Fukushima bay. After that we went to see aquamarine, Fukushima. Aquamarine Fukushima has lots of fishes from the sea eco system. That eco system is controlled by natural sun light. So Aquamarine Fukushima is made using glass. I like that place. I will go again there.

Finally, we visited "Wada tourism strawberry association" . There I picked a lot of strawberries. So I love that place. And I saw farmers effort to rebuild the facility. The entire tour I saw how people who live in Fukushima try to develop their lives back. They work very hard. Please help them. Further, Fukushima-ken is a very nice place and should still be visited by people in Japan and around the world.