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## KGN tennis team dominates Kyoto Championships

by Ra O

Nineteen members of the KGN tennis team played in the Kinki Tennis Tournament in Tonboike, Osaka on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

The team had played in a Kyoto tournament before Kinki, and achieved number one in Kyoto. It was first time for KGN girl members and boy members to both go to the Kinki Tournament.

“The boy’s final game’s atmosphere was so nervous. We all watched it and cheered them on. When they won, all cried, including the audience and the player’s parents. We were moved deeply because it was first time for KGN’s boys tennis team to be ranked number one.” said Sa Ts , a 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Kinki tournament was held on the same day as the KGN school festival. “What a coincidence! Why the same day?” said many of Sa Ts’s classmates.

As a result, she practiced hard in tennis club, and also helped to prepare the class display when she had time.

The KGN tennis club’s practice before the game was quite hard, according to the team. They practiced after class and held training camps. But they got over it with by helping each other and gained a victory. “ I was so relieved when we won.” said Sa Ts i.

“ The KGN tennis team’s members are very friendly. Except during the practicing time, we are always doing

funny things and laughing.” said Sa Ts

“When I heard that the KGN tennis team got number one , I felt so excited! Congratulations, KGN tennis team!” said Mi Ha o, 2<sup>nd</sup> year ICA student.



KGN tennis team celebrating their victory.

## Mr. Durning volunteers in Miyagi

by To Ma

This summer, Mr.Durning went to Ishinomaki which is a small country town in Miyagi prefecture for three weeks and Fukushima prefecture for three days to volunteer as a member of the IDRO Japan (International Disaster Relief Organization) which is a volunteer group in Kyoto.

According to Mr.Durning, on July 31st he arrived in Tokyo and on August 1st he arrived in Ishinomaki, where he worked as Camp Director for IDRO Japan’s work camp.

Mr.Durning and other volunteers fixed the windows, floor, furniture and torii (shrine gate) and so on. Mr.Durning had to buy food and cook the dinner, work as a driver and register the new volunteers as director.

Mr.Durning said, “Miyagi people have really strong mind. They are positive! And, nature’s power of recovery was very amazing. The flowers were blooming in the rubble and there were birds and animals.”

Mr.Durning said he decided to go to Tohoku around the beginning of June and before he went, he joined charity concerts and charity events and raised some money to prepare for the volunteer work.



Mr.Durning and IDRO volunteers in Miyagi.

IDRO Japan made a base camp on the third floor of Funakoshi elementary school in Ishinomaki Ogatsu Peninsula because the first floor and the second floor were destroyed by tsunami. Fifteen to twenty volunteers stayed there.

According to Mr.Durning, they had three main tasks. First was to tear down the buildings which are dangerous. Second was to clean houses in mud. (They took out the floor boards, took out mud and put back the floor.) Third was to clean the debris.

Mr.Durning said, “When I am in Kyoto, I have to think about so many things, but in Tohoku, things we have to do are very clear which is to recover from the disaster and everybody is working hard for the same goal. It was easy for me to focus. People in Miyagi made me feel very positive. I thought I was helping them, but they actually helped me.”

If you are interested in “IDRO Japan”, check it out!

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## 2ICA’s magical world of Harry Potter

by Ri Sh

The students of 2ICA at KGN High School have taken part in the display, *tenji*, of the 55<sup>th</sup> School Festival by decorating their classroom in the style of the movie *Harry Potter*.

As one of the big events of this School Festival, the theme of the displays this year was movies. 2ICA students were given Harry Potter as their topic.

They have prepared for the festival since the school began by doing things such as discussing about the idea of decoration in homeroom time, buying materials. The students used their leisure time, staying after school and on weekends to make the base of the whole work. All the students devoted themselves to the project.

The idea is that they would make the classroom like the Platform 9 3/4 which appeared in the film. They stuck brown paper to a thick piece of cardboard and put the cardboard on the classroom door to make it like the entrance of the magic platform.

Posters of Harry Potter were put on the wall outside of the 2ICA classroom. Small colorful lights were placed on the platform wall. Inside the classroom, the movie Harry Potter was broadcasted again and again.

One of the 2ICA students who joined in this activity said, “I didn’t have enough time to work on the *tenji*, because I had club activities. The others worked hard, and I think this one is better than the one last year.”

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## Students learn foreign languages at KGN

by Ta ■■■ Ka ■■■

KGN high school students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year begin learning foreign languages other than English, twice a week, as part of the school curriculum for the Course of International and Cultural Studies.

Students choose one foreign language from three choices, Chinese, Spanish and French. This year the most popular class was Chinese. The population of Chinese speakers is the greatest number all over the world and also it is now counted as one of the official languages of the United Nations.

The second most popular was Spanish, which is spoken by approximately 400 million people, including both native speakers and second-language speakers in forty-four countries in the world. And it is also used in the United Nations.

Ta ■■■ Ki ■■■ a student who is taking the Spanish class said, "Studying Spanish helps me increase my English vocabulary." That is because both Spanish and English share a lot of similar words.

Nc ■■■ Ow ■■■ who is also taking the Spanish class said, "Studying other foreign languages simply could be helpful for us when traveling around the world."

Students will continue to study the same language in 3rd year, and they can even try official language exams, similar to the Eiken exam.

Teachers who work at Kyoto University of Foreign Studies are invited to KGN for each language class.

A Spanish class teacher, Ma ■■■ Ts ■■■ has been working in the Spanish class at



Spanish teacher, Ms. Tsukada teaches her class

KGN for three years. She thinks that learning foreign languages can broaden students' outlook to the world so it is very nice. She said, "If we know Spanish, it can be useful to communicate with Spanish speaking people who live in foreign countries, but also those who live in Japan."

## School ghost appears in KGN classroom and halls

by Ka ■■■ Ai ■■■

Many times a ghost has appeared in KGN and there have been many witnesses.

Usually KGN's ghost has remained hidden every day. However, witness Yu ■■■ Hi ■■■ said, "When I was studying in a classroom on the first floor in 2010, I saw a woman's ghost who was standing at the back of the classroom. When I went to the toilet on the first floor, I heard a "don don don don" sound rapidly." According to Hi ■■■, the woman had long hair with bare feet.

Another witness, Mr. Komura, a modern Japanese

literature teacher, said, "When I thought I had shut the staff room at night, I heard flushing water from the dark lady's toilet."

Mr. Yamazoe, a classic Japanese literature teacher, said, "When I went to the toilet on the second floor at midnight, the toilet next to me flushed."

Mr. Matsui said, "When I was in the staff room at midnight, the bell rang."

There have been many witnesses in KGN, so you don't know what might be next to you.



Can you see any ghosts in the ICA classroom?

## KGN Sports Course to go to Guam in November

by Ha [redacted] Io [redacted]

The Sports Course school trip will change from Saipan to Guam from this year. About 60 students and teachers from grade 2 will go in November, staying for one week.

Saipan was very popular among the Sports Course students, but it took a long time to get to Saipan because there were no direct flights from Kansai airport. So their teachers decided to go to Guam from this year.

Like Saipan, Guam is a tropical island, where people can enjoy a lot of marine sports. The Sports Course students will get scuba licenses in a few days.

One of the Sports Course students said, "I like Guam better than Saipan." Another student said, "I'm looking forward to going to Guam with my classmates because I think it's a very fun place."

Mr. Kogane, a Sports Course teacher said, "The students will have a lot of activities, for example, they will go scuba diving and they must get a scuba diving license."

Students have been studying vocabulary cards so they can communicate while there. "The cards are very useful and convenient," said one 2SCA student.

### Mr. Komura chokes

by Ak [redacted] Na [redacted]

Mr. Komura a part time Modern Japanese teacher, choked on shoyu ramen in the KGN cafeteria on July 8th.

On that day, Mr. Komura ate ramen in the cafeteria, and then a green onion got stuck in his throat. He felt like he was going to throw up.

There were many students around him, so he couldn't throw up. "Pinch! Pinch!!" he thought. Mr. Komura said, "I couldn't bear it. I felt like I was dying. I was so anxious. I was dying, and then I threw up."

At that time, some students said, "Hi! Mr. Komura!!" The students didn't know that he had throw up ramen, so they were surprised. One student said, "At first, I was surprised, but it was really funny. When I went by Mr. Komura, he seemed O.K." He told the students, "Pass me the tissues!! Please!!" The students helped him.

Mr. Komura said, "I was really really embarrassed. Whenever I meet students now, I'm embarrassed".

### Convenience store opens at KGN

by Sa [redacted] Ts [redacted]

A new convenience store has opened inside Kyoto Gaidai Nishi High School's cafeteria, from this April.

The convenience store is the first store in the high school that is not administrated by the school itself.

"The high school wanted to add a modern taste to its campus," said an employee at the high school's convenience store, and explained the reasons for making the new store. "Since students nowadays are in the habit of going to convenience

stores, the school decided that having a convenience store would be profitable for both the kids and the school's image."

Another purpose for making the convenience store was to replace the cafeteria's hot food stand. "At the cafeteria, only big lunch menus are available, and the variety at the hot food stand was very poor. The cafeteria itself wasn't enough for students who wanted snacks or fast foods to eat between breaks," said a woman, working at the cafeteria. "Even though sales has decreased at the cafeteria, sales at the convenience store are amazingly high, perhaps 2 times higher than the previous hot food stand."

Additionally, the hot food stand still remains in the cafeteria, and many students continue buying food there. Even now, the French fries sold at the hot food stand sell better than the French fries at the convenience store. "I'm relieved," said a worker at the hot food stand. "I was feeling a little lonesome since many students stopped coming to the cafeteria and ordering our food. But it's great to know that students still love our food, and choose our fries over the convenience stores."



The new Family Mart in the KGN cafeteria

# KGN Festival News

2011 edition

## 2-ICA student wins second prize of English speech contest

by Yu Ih

A KGN student from 2-ICA, Takeshi Kitagawa, represented his class in the English speech contest before school festival on September at KGN because he is good at and likes English.

The speech contest is one of the tradition in KGN and students who win the English speech contest give their speech in front of all students and teachers on the second day of the school festival. In 2-ICA, at first, nobody wanted to join the speech contest but suddenly Takeshi raised his hand. Then decided that Takeshi would make a speech.

Takeshi prepared for the contest before summer vacation because he really wanted to win. He made a speech which was about "children who are involved in smuggling" very hard.

When Takeshi's friend, Miya, read the speech, he said, "This speech is very good. I like this speech."

Takeshi practiced about that speech every day and his class mates cheered him.

On the very day of speech contest, according to Takeshi's friend, Miya, Takeshi could give a good speech, but I think other

students made good speeches, too. After the contest, Takeshi said, "I could do my best because of hard practice."

On the school festival day, results of speech contest were announced. He couldn't win the first prize. Miya said, "I want Takeshi to win next year because I want to listen to his speech on the big stage."

According to Takeshi, he didn't have regrets, he wants to win the first prize as for the next year."



KGN Bunkasai Posters displayed on the front gate.



3rd year students perform in the KGN Bunkasai singing contest.



2ICA student Takeshi Kitagawa receives the 2nd prize for the English speech contest.

## Best singer at KGN wins Culture Festival singing contest

by Na Ki

Two boys who are KGN students won the singing contest at the KGN culture festival on September 15, singing "HOME" by Shota Shimizu.

The contest is the one of most popular project among KGN students. The winner presents the song again on second day of the culture festival in Morita Hall. One group for each class had to enter the contest.

Though they were all good at singing, the two boy's harmony impressed other student deeply.

Miya Takeshi a 2-ICA student, said, "I was moved to tears by their singing because when I was in New Zealand, I listened to that song every day. Then I listened their voice, I could remember those days."

Miya Isamu, also a 2-ICA student, said "That was so nice project. Their singing was so beautiful and made me relax. I want to listen that again."

Almost all students are looking forward to see the contest next year. It has been high quality every year. Who will be the next winner?

## 2-ICA48 becomes idols of KGN culture festival

by Yu Hi

On September 16th, the KGN students performed an Appealing Show in Morita Hall. The 2-ICA students danced four pieces by AKB48 because AKB48 are very famous idols and everybody knows them. So, they practiced dancing during summer vacation, in the morning and after school everyday. And it was completed.

The girls wore a colorful checked miniskirt and their uniform shirt. Some people wore loose socks. The first piece was titled "Aitakatta", which is AKB48's most famous song. The boys dressed as girls in this piece, too, and danced with the girls. They put on wigs of long hair and a girl made them up. At the moment when the music began all of the audience gave a shout of joy. All of the 2-ICA members smiled. The second piece was titled "Ponytail and Shushu". Nine girls danced this.

The third piece was titled "Heavy Rotation", which is a lively song. The nine girls danced vigorously.

And the final piece was titled "Everyday Katyusha", which had the most difficult choreography of dance. However, 2-ICA showed a perfect dance. Many people said that everybody were cute.

After the dancing was finished, the audience clapped their hands and gave a great shout of joy again. The shouts of joy were bigger than for the other classes.



*At the end of the performance, everybody gathered at the center of the stage, and received applause from the audience.*

The 2-ICA members said, "It was very fun!!!! We want to do it again!!!!!"

The boys said, "It was interesting!!! " After that, many teachers told them, "ICA48 was very great!!!! We want to see you perform again".

This performance succeeded. However, unfortunately 2-ICA didn't get a prize. They were sad, but there were some teachers who thought 2-ICA was the best class. Mr. Miyake who is one of 2-ICA's homeroom teachers took a video, and he gave them the video. When they see the video, they remember then. What on earth will they do next year? Everybody is looking forward to seeing it.

### KGN Exchange Student News

## KGN student Shun Takeura studies in Orewa, NZ

by Mi Ki

Shun Takeura who is studying in New Zealand as an exchange student, is enjoying his New Zealand life.

His host family is from Germany. His family consists of his father, mother, one little brother and cats. Sometimes cats scratch him so badly. Shun said his host family is so nice and their dinner is delicious.

According to Shun his host family talked in English in front of him but sometimes they talked in German. so he said, " I could learn English, German, and Maori in one country."

Shun belongs to the Orewa College soccer team. According to Takeura Ka who is his classmate and his friend, Shun is the main player. He is one of the first eleven starters. He made a lot of friends through soccer. Many foreign exchange students are at Orewa College such as Spanish, Chinese, and of course Japanese too. So he said he could make many kinds of friends.

Takehito said Shun used to be one of the best players in Kyoto when he was in junior high school. In New Zealand, school soccer season was over so, he joined a soccer club. He is playing there with adults right now. Every weekend he has game.

His teammate said, "I didn't know a Japanese boy



*KGN student Shun Takeura with his New Zealand soccer teammates.*

could be that good. He is the main player on our team."

Shun said he is enjoying himself, but he has one problem. It is racism. When he was on the school bus, someone spit on him. He didn't care about it, but sometimes some people are so mean to foreign people, said Shun.

Shun's hobby is to chat with his friends on Skype or Facebook. He said he has nothing to do else to play soccer. "I only have two months left. So I want to enjoy the rest of my days."

## Kyoto Gaidai Nishi H.S. should be more flexible with school uniform

by Ma ■ Fu ■

KGN requires all students to wear an assigned uniform. The uniform is a blue suit with a white shirt and red tie for the boys, and a gray plaid skirt, black sweater, black blazer and red ribbon for the girls. The girls are also required to wear assigned black socks with the KGN mark.

In the past, KGN students could choose their own sweater, vest and socks. Some students wore navy, tan or gray sweaters. They could also wear navy, black or white socks.

Now, KGN students have to wear the assigned uniform, even the socks. The KGN socks are expensive and the black sweater is frumpy. When students leave school, many of them change their sweaters and socks before hanging out with their friends.

KGN teachers always say, "Follow the school rules. You have to wear the complete uniform."

As students we don't want to break the school rules, but we just want to wear a cuter uniform. So if the school could change the sweater's design to a cardigan style and offer a variety of colors, the students would not feel the need to break the school rules regarding the uniform. The students would also be happy if the school did not assign expensive black socks. Girl students want to wear socks with no mark.

KGN should change the school's sweater design and socks so students can continue to follow the school rules.

## KGN needs to renovate buildings

by Ch ■ Ta ■

Kyoto Gaidai Nishi High School has a long history, so I think the KGN buildings are old. Also, there are a lot of old equipment, furnishings and facilities (old desks and chairs, old LL rooms, old toilets, etc.).

I think there are many problems with rebuilding the KGN buildings. However, the administration of the school can update the equipment, furnishings and facilities because KGN is a private school.

We don't just want new things. We simply need new ones in order to study well. For example, have you ever seen the LL room (for studying English)? I surely think many teachers and students want to make changes to turn it into a new room. Sometimes the TVs don't work so we can't watch them. Also, the LL room's desks are dirty and slightly damaged.

In addition, the classroom desks are old. They are tumbledown desks and chairs. I feel they are shaky during lesson time and important exams. Why doesn't the administration of KGN High School change this old school's equipment and facilities to become new again for the students and teachers?

## KGN must rethink sports festival timing

by Ka ■ Iw ■

Kyoto Gaidai Nishi High School, KGN, holds their Sports Festival in the rainy season in June, so it is often raining.

In the last 2 years, it started raining in the middle of the festival, so we couldn't finish all the events as planned. The schedule was shortened and the event finished early. When it rained continuously, the ground became muddy and the rain got into the tents where students and spectators were watching.

In the last 2 years, many students couldn't participate in the Sports Festival at all. Why does KGN hold its Sports Festival in the rainy season? Possible, students may slip and get injured on the muddy grounds. Also, students may catch a cold because of getting wet by the rain. Students also need to bring umbrellas in case it rains, which many students think is an annoying obstacle.

Most schools have the Sports Festival in the fall but KGN has the culture festival in the fall too. If the sport's festival cannot be moved to the fall, then springtime would be OK because it's not rainy then. Students would be busy preparing the cheering, but they could practice after school and on holidays.

## Huge earthquake shakes Tohoku on March 11th

by No. Ow

An earthquake shook Tohoku on March 11th, damaging a large number of people and buildings in an instant, causing Tohoku people to lose family, houses, important thing.

This earthquake happened in the sea, but people who live in Tohoku felt a big earth tremor. After the earthquake a huge tsunami attacked the people and city. A large number of people were caught in the waves. 30,000 people, including missing people lost their lives because of this earthquake. The people who live in Tohoku often practiced to run away from tsunami because they know that big tsunami will come to Tohoku someday, but they couldn't make use of practice. This tsunami surpassed the estimate of tsunami size.

KGN High School teachers Mr. Durning and Mr. Adamson went to Tohoku to volunteer for Tohoku people. Mr. Durning served as a coordinator of IDRO JAPAN volunteer group. IDRO means International Disaster Relief Organization. About 50 people gathered from around Japan, including Kyoto Gaidai, Kansai Gaidai, Kyoto University, and so on. The volunteers did a lot of things in Tohoku, for example taking down dangerous things, cleaning beaches, fixing doors and windows. Mr. Durning also served as a driver from Sendai to Ishinomaki for people volunteers. Mr. Durning said "people in Tohoku gave power to me. They are trying to do their best to reconstruct their city. It's difficult, but I want to cooperate with Tohoku people."



People of all over the world paid attention to this earthquake. Ri Sh who is from China came to KGN High School as a international student to study Japanese. She will have classes with 2-ICA students by February. She said, "People in the world have been surprised at the earthquake and the Chinese people felt sorry about that, and my exchange program had to be put off because of this."

Tohoku earthquake moved people of all over the world, and they pray for Japan.

## American burger shop, Burger King comes to Kansai Area

by Ka Ar

Burger King came to the Kansai area at the end of July, opening restaurants in Namba and Kyoto.

Burger King is popular hamburger shop from America.

At Burger King, there are a lot of items on the menu. The main burger is Whopper burger. It is 420 yen and the most popular. Also if they want more cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, onion and some other ingredients, they pay more money, and they can eat their favorite burger!

At Burger King in Namba, there is a speaker at every tables for listen to music. If they have mp3 players, they insert it, and they can eating, listening to the their favorite songs as BGM. Most people think this is so good idea.

One of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at KGN took an employment examination for a part time job. He said " It was so strict and so many people wanted to Burger King's staff, so I fail.

Ac who is 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at KGN, said " I went to there on opening day! There were many people. I ate onion ring and it was yummy! "

" Have it your way! " This is catch phrase of Burger King. In this way we can enjoy eat my original burger !

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## Students in Fuzhou No.1 High School live a busy school life in China

by Shi -i Ri

Fuzhou No.1 High School in Minhou County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province, is my home school.

The school has been founded since 1817. The senior high school part of Fuzhou No.1 Middle School has been downtown, before its junior high school part was set up. Now the downtown area is used as teaching buildings and the other school equipments of the junior high school.

The high school part is so far from the center of the city that most of the students of Grade One choose to live in the school dormitory during the school days. More students from Grade Two and Three would like to go home after school even though they need to bear long time on the road, not receiving the latest messages of the clubs they belong to in time, and other such inconveniences.

There are 5 dormitory buildings, including one for teacher to live in, and also 4 teaching blocks with teacher offices on every floor. One ceremony hall and one gym have been built for announcing very important information and immense performances. A large sports playground with soccer, volleyball, tennis, basketball areas and a 400-meter running track is for PE class and any students who like sports. A three-floor canteen was built for having meals, and a two-floor school library with computer room for getting knowledge and searching for information. The special design of all the school buildings, except for the gym is that on rainy days, you can go from one to another without an umbrella, because they are connected by arched roofs. However, only the gym has been separated.

"The main watching grandstand in front of the playground has been painted into different colors recently.", one of my friends said, "And there are several new dishes in the canteen this year."

The study time begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 4:40 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Every class lasts for 45 minutes. The noon rest time is from 11:40 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The students usually do their homework, take part in club activities, go to the library or go back to the dorm to have a short sleep. There is also time for clubs from 4:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The students living in school have to start self-studying in their classroom from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The sleeping time is 10:30 p.m.

*The school is in front of a pond.*



*This is Fuzhou No.1 High School's entrance.*

"I feel busier on the classes since I became a second year student.", one of the new grade 2 student said.

The school also organizes entertainment for the students. Every school year, students can have the chance to watch two or three brilliant show from out of school, such as ballet, Beijing Opera, Fuzhou Opera, light music concert. There are also several big shows performed by students every year. The student union arranges the Singing Competition every year. And clubs, such as music club and stage-drama club, have their own schedules for the plays open to all the students. The school sports meet is held once a year, while the grade sports meets of all kinds of sports are held irregularly.

One of the most unforgettable school events for me last year is the Chorus Competition. Every class of the same grade needs to practice for a chorus song and compete at the same stage. Our class finally got the second place in all the 16 classes from Grade One. "I think we sang better than the first-place class.", one of my old classmates said at the end of the match excitedly.

I think all the students in Fuzhou No.1 High School will not feel bored this year, because there are so many things there waiting for them to do.

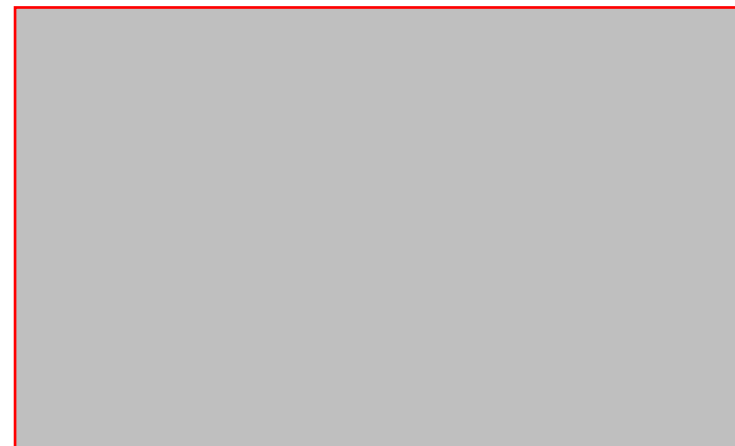
## Universal Studio Japan reaches 10 year anniversary

by Ka Mo

Universal Studios Japan is a popular amusement park in Osaka. Many people visit there to enjoy the attractions and they call it "USJ". USJ has a lot of attractions, some famous characters and big plans for the pleasure of guests. USJ has been open since 2001. The park is 54 hectares in area, and there was an attendance of 500,000 of people on November 7th, 2006.

A favorite attraction is "Hollywood Dream the Ride." This attraction is speedy, and amazing. "Space fantasy" is popular too. It is new and it is very beautiful because the attraction was built imagining space. We can see a lot of starlight during the ride.

We can enjoy some big events at USJ during the whole year. First, we are able to get to wet in the summer. Everyone has water pistols or buckets and they use those to play during a parade. If you want to do that, you had better bring a raincoat or a change of clothes. Secondly, we are also able to enjoy "Halloween Horror Night" at 18:00 from this year. There is a safety area, horror area, and super horror area. And there are many zombies in each area in the dark. Finally, there used to be the biggest Christmas tree in



the world. We can't see it anymore. However, the staff of USJ is thinking of a new Christmas project.

Everyone will be able to enjoy USJ.



## Something for everyone at Tokyo Disneyland

by Ka Iw

Tokyo Disneyland, TDL, in Urayasu, Chiba was opened on April 15, 1983 by Walt Disney.

Many people love TDL. Children and adults can spend dream time. Also people, who have a handicap, can enjoy because there are services and facilities for them. Walt Disney said, "Disneyland will not complete unless imagination in the world will be keep on growing." The catch copy is "The Kingdom of Dream and Magic," and it's symbol is the Cinderella Castle.

Mickey was born in 1928 by Walt Disney. After that he built Disneyland in California, and TDL. TDL was built before the Maihama station was built, so Mickey took a train only once from JR Maihama Station when they had it's opening anniversary. It was of course the first time for him to take a train. On May 23rd, 1985 one million guests came to TDL. Later about three hundred million guests came. Nowadays many people are going there too.

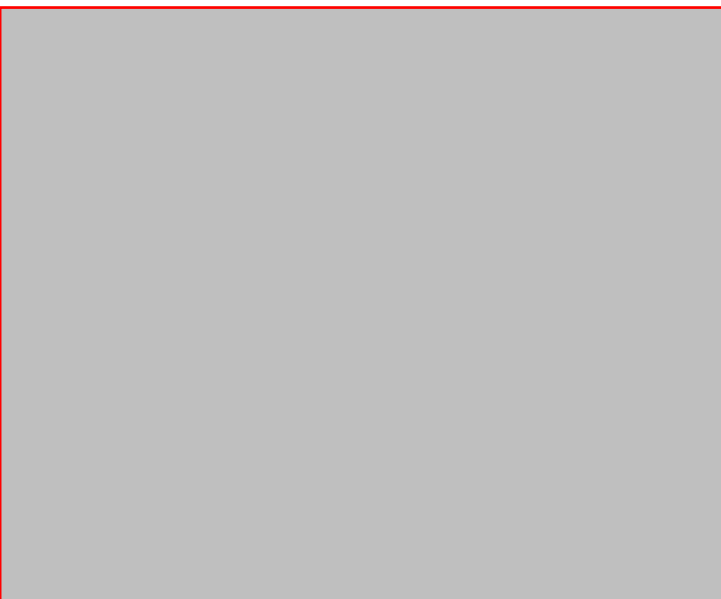
TDL has many characters and casts, who give us hope and dreams. The main characters; Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, and Pluto are called "Big 5". "Big 7" includes Chip 'n' Dale.

TDL has 41 attractions, 48 shopping corner, 48 restaurants (including wagons), and 10 main shows and parades, which are many places to enjoy. Three Mountains (Big Thunder, Splash, and Space) are the 3 most popular attractions. They are followed by Haunted Mansion, Pooh's Honey Hut, It's a Small World and Pirates of the Caribbean. Also, the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean" was modeled after TDL's Caribe.

Tokyo Disney Sea was built in 2001 and is now having it's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. TDL had it's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003. Both have many themes depending on the seasons. Performances every year are different, so we enjoy an interesting variety of themes.

Both had renovations recently, TDL has a "Mickey's Philhar Magic", a 3D attraction and TDS has "Fantasmic", a night time show on the sea.

Many people love TDL because they can spend their time like a dream time.



## Kamo river loved by everyone

by Ch Ta

The Kamo river is the most famous river in Kyoto. There are a lot of people who go there for different purposes such as walking their dog, running for health, or talking with friends and lovers.

Many people love the Kamo river who live in Kyoto. Also, many tourists come to the Kamo river for sightseeing and fall in love with it.

The Kamo river shows us different scenes in the four seasons. For example, in Spring, lots of cherry trees bloom.

Many people agree that the Kamo river is the best river in Kyoto, however there are some points of dissatisfaction about it. For example, the Kamo river is not really a clean river. Have you ever seen it after a heavy rain or a typhoon came? A lot of driftwood and garbage comes to city from the upper reaches and we can see some driftwood and garbage here and there in the river.

Also, there are a lot of weeds in Kyoto river. Why people don't clean? Many people turn our eyes for dirty of Kamo river.

I want Kamo river to become more clear and clean.

## As difficult summer

by Yu Ih

My class mate, A Chi was operated during summer vacation at Shiga hospital because she developed a brain tumor when she was fourteen years old.

When she was fourteen years old, she had influenza, so she had a CT and the tumor was found, but she couldn't believe that at that time. Then she had to go to the hospital to have a medical examination once every three month, and her doctor told her that she would have to be operated someday.

One day, before summer vacation, when she went to the hospital to have a medical examination, her doctor told her that she had to be operated in the near future. According to A she was afraid at that time because it was her first time to be operated. When I heard that she had to operate, I was surprised because she looked fine.

In the beginning of summer vacation, she was operated. The operation was a success and she was in the hospital for a month and many friends came to the hospital to see her. According to her, she was so happy at that time because she was bored in the hospital and she was missing her friends. But hard days weren't over soon because she had to have a medical examination and take blood tests many times. She was afraid but she always smiled because she could leave the hospital soon.

After summer vacation, when the school started, A had not come to school yet. I was a little sad because I wanted to see everyone in my class. A few days later, A came to school. I asked her how the operation was. Then she answered, "Don't worry, I'm getting better little by little." When I heard that, I was very happy.

## Foreign celebrities fashion becomes talk of Japanese fashion

by Mi Is

Foreign celebrities fashion is getting popular with young Japanese people recently.

Some Japanese people are interested in this kind of fashion style because there are many import shops such as Forever 21, H&M, ZARA, DIESEL, and TOP SHOP. There are some magazines about celebs too; I used to read GOSSIPS magazine. The magazine writes about foreign celebs' life, fashion, scandals and other such topics.

There are many trendy items overseas. First Houndstooth items are in vogue. Lady Gaga and Selena Gomez have worn Houndstooth dresses. Next 'color blocking', which uses many colors on clothing, is extremely popular. For example, Miranda Kerr has worn an orange top, navy blue skirt, blue and gold belt and a red hand bag. If you can imagine this style, it is quite strange. However, many celebs are wearing clothes like that. Finally, 'fur sleeves' which are different from last year are still very trendy. Last year fur was really popular but this year it is just fur sleeves.

Nail fashion is also changing this year. If you want to use it at office or school, you have to try beige nails. This color is not too striking, but it looks fashionable. Now 'Magic Nail' is becoming the talk overseas. This is nail polish which has a magnetic compound in it. If you put a magnet near the polished nails, the polish will emboss!!

Na a student of 2-ICA said, 'I usually buy import clothing because these are casual and simple, but they are easy to copy for Japanese too. So I like it.'

I introduced some kinds of celebs' fashion styles. If you are interested in foreign celebs' fashion, why don't you try it!

## Japanese fashion becoming trendy in France

by Ao Sh

In France, Japanese fashion is popular now from things such as Japanese magazines and music.

According to the TV program, Tokyo Kawaii TV, Japanese fashion is now prevalent among people in France. It includes Japanese visual fashion, Lolita fashion, gal fashion and others. Visual fashion is the most popular. It comes from a kind of Japanese music. The clothes seem scary and often have black and silver. Accessories include chains and skulls. A special thing is the hair style. It is called "Mori-hair" in Japanese because the hair is piled up and seems big.

Lolita fashion is for girls' only. The clothes have a lot of lace, flower prints, ribbon and other cute accessories. It looks young, but this is the fashion. Curly hair is a part of this fashion. Sometimes there is a person who holds a doll and she tries to seem like a doll.

Gal fashion looks colorful and has glittering accessories, shoes and clothes. The most special point is cosmetics. Eyes are very big, cheeks should be really pink and lips are red. Hair style is big, curly hair.

Takaaki Iwaki said, "When I went to France, there was a lot of Japanese Visual fashion. I was glad to see it, because I could talk about Japanese visual music. Across borders, people can talk about my country's music, so I was impressed."

Now, Japanese fashions have become pretty popular around the world. It is a source of big pride. On the other hand, in France, it will be a revolution that could change French fashion. The future is a pleasure.

## Smartphones more popular than ever

by Mi i Ha

Recently Japanese mobile phones have changed to a new style called, "smartphone" and these new smartphones are very popular.

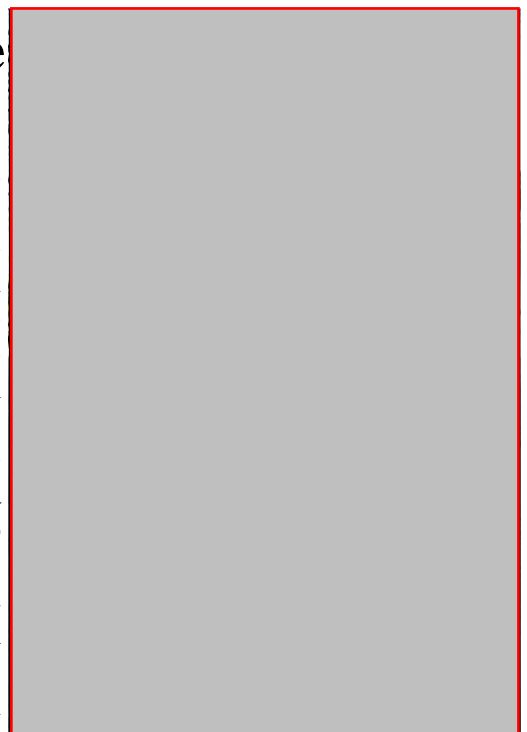
More and more people are switching to smartphones and you can see people carrying these new and stylish phones. Some people even have both types of phones.

The smartphone is similar to the personal computer, and you can e-mail, search the internet, take pictures and talk on the phone as usual. These phones are useful to search for something that you want to see without opening your computer. You can use the phone while you are outside and that is very convenient.

There is another good point regarding smartphones and that is you can change their cover and choose a design that matches your mood. So if you want to change to pink, green, red and black you can buy a new cover in the phone shop.

There are many good points, but also there are also some weak points with smartphones. The biggest weak point is that the phone only has a touch panel, so it is so difficult to touch and input the words for beginners sometimes. The regular phones have a touch panel sometimes, but there are also buttons which users can press, so it easier to use, especially for older people. Another weak point is the battery. Smartphones use the battery quicker than other phones. Also, according to users, it's difficult to touch the buttons, and also the functions are difficult and it is hard to understand how to use them. But, once they get used to the new smart phones, most people prefer them over the older types

Smartphones are now like a small computer and this new style is good because you don't need to carry a computer with you. Smartphones are changing the way we live.



Lolita fashion with doll

## Miliyah writes novel for the first time

by Chiaki Okamura

Miliyah Kato was born in Aichi on June 22, 1988. She is a singer songwriter. She wanted to be a singer because she wanted to convey and show her existence.

She passed the Sony music audition at 13 years old. She appeared in a TV commercial before her debut. Her academic achievement was all 5s from elementary school through junior high school. She released "Never Let Go / Night Sky" as her debut song in 2004. She also released "Lonely Girl" as her first PV in April, 2005. Her 4th single CD, "Jonetsu", was released in September. Then she also released her first album "Rose" in October and it became number 2 on the Oricon ranking. She released her second album "Best Destiny" in March, 2007. And her first live was a great success.

Kato started the fashion brand "Kawi Jamele" of the clothes which she designed in 2006.

"Just As I Was When I Was Born", is her first novel.

"- - - If I become lonely, the room would wrap in loneliness again."

The story that begins with this sentence is about Kato Miliyah in a pensive moment herself.

When she wrote this novel, she said, "I gave up all rules".

She wanted to let readers understand the loneliness of the youth who gave up it. It is a wonderful novel. She said that the chief character looks like her.

## Toy Story series comes to end

by Rio Jokei

Toy Story is the Disney movie which was released as a series. Part 1 came out in 1996, Part 2 came out in 2000, and Part 3 came out in 2010. They were very popular in the USA, Canada and Japan.

There are 2 heroes, Woody and Buzz. Woody is a cowboy doll and Buzz is a space ranger robot. Their owner is a boy, Andy, who is big hearted. He has many toys and he loves them, especially Woody, who is his favorite. Woody and his mates can talk and they cause commotions in these stories.

In Part 1, there is a birthday party for Andy and he gets some presents. Buzz comes to Andy's room as a new mate. At first, Woody and Buzz don't get along with each other but they cooperate and help Sid's toys. Sid is nasty boy who lives next to Andy's house. And they become good partners.

In Part 2, while Andy goes to the camp with his friends, Woody is stolen by a man. And he meets with Jessie who is a cowgirl doll and Bulls-eye who is her horse. Buzz and his other mates help them, and Jessie and Bulls-eye become their new mates.

In Part 3, Andy has grown up and his toys are given as a contribution to the Sunny Side day-care center. It looks peaceful at first, but it is a terrible spot because there is an ill-tempered leader, Lotso, who is a teddy bear.

Eight fans of Toy Story were asked what character they like the best. Four people like Buzz the best. One of them said, "Because he was so cool!" Two people chose Woody because he has a kind heart. And one people each answered Jessie and Bulls-eye. They joined the mates from Part 2, but they are very popular because their characters are cute.

## Thai American rapper is seizing the limelight

by Ta [redacted] Ki [redacted]

A Thai American rapper-comedian, Traphik, who is also known as Timothy Delaghetto, is getting more and more attention from the American media because he is one of the most popular Asian American rappers.

Traphik was born in Long Beach, California on March 6, 1986, to a Thai American family. He graduated from a high school where most of the students were Hispanic.

His first album, "Rush Hour", which was rolled out in 2009, is one of his best-selling albums. Thanks to the release of this album, he became one of the best-known Asian American rappers. He is active mainly on social network sites such as Twitter and You Tube.

Aside from rapping, Traphik also makes online parody and comedy videos. One of his most popular comedy videos is High School Sucks.

Traphik often appears on freestyle rapping competitions. He often comes out on top in these competitions thanks to his remarkable free styling ability.

Traphik has always been fighting against the prejudiced belief that many black rappers have that Asians cannot rap. Traphik often uses the word SWAG in his lyrics. SWAG is an acronym that means, "Something We Asians Got".

Traphik says, "I am on a mission to be the greatest rapper, and they say it's impossible. They say I have a dream that I can never realize, but to me it is anything but a dream. It is more like a destination. No one can bother me because my flow is so unstoppable."

## Glee boosts its popularity throughout the world

by Sa Ts

*Glee*, the hottest TV show in the world, will be releasing their first-season DVDs in Japan, on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

*Glee* is a musical comedy set in a present day high school in America. The main characters belonging to the Glee Club are mostly minority kids, who are far from being popular or cool. Usually labeled as “losers”, they get pushed around by other students all the time. Each episode shows how the kids deal with their everyday problems with humor, togetherness, love and tears. Take, for example, an episode in season one where Kirk, a main character, is embarrassed to tell people he is gay. As the show continues, he gains pride and confidence in himself and by the story’s conclusion, Kirk no longer shies away from his true nature, but comes to believe that one of the best parts of himself, is being different from others.

One unique aspect of the show is how completely unknown most of the main cast members were. Before joining the show, some even worked as waitresses, taxi drivers or shop attendants. They were chosen as the director traveled around America, looking for the right person to play each role. Also, they weren’t selected for their good looks, but for their outstanding singing or dancing talent.

Lea Michele, one of the main characters in *glee* said, “I always failed my auditions because the directors said I wasn’t pretty enough for TV. Being a member of a TV show requires super good looks and a nice voice, and I have the opposite. I’m thankful that the director of *glee* has faith in my voice.”

Recently, *Glee* has become extremely popular throughout the world. Compared to last year when 70,000 people attended their world tour, this year, they brought in 720,000 people. Obviously, *glee*’s publicity has been growing exponentially.

*Glee* has already won Golden Globe Awards for two consecutive years, as well as an Emmy Award. President Obama, who says he and his whole family are big fans of *Glee*, invited the cast to the White House and enjoyed their performance. The cast have also sang the national anthem at the opening ceremony of the baseball World Series. Additionally, many top movie stars, such as Jennifer Lopez and Anne Hathaway are anxious to be on the show.

The second season of *Glee* is now playing on FOX channel, and several episodes from season one, have been released on DVD. They are also available as rentals. Watch, listen and feel how unknown minority kids take on the world. Don’t miss anything on *Glee*!

## Restaurants in Kyoto serve “Ricos” with smiles

by Ta Ka

There are four Spanish restaurants in Kyoto organized and owned by the company Bajarbol, which have not only been serving people delicious Spanish dishes, but also providing entertainment and smiles for the past 13 years.

Bajarbol opened its first main restaurant, “La Masa”, located at Nijo and Teramachi in 1998, under the basic theme, “Make people delighted”. It was a small restaurant with several tables, where they just tried to make enjoyable dishes that made guests feel at home.

The second restaurant, named El Fogon, which has a Kyoto-ish atmosphere opened in February, 2006. It merges both Spain and Japan because it has a bar on the first floor and the restaurant is upstairs, and it is in an old Kyoto Machi-ya.

The third restaurant La Gallega, which is designed for holding banquets, is just like a Spanish bar, offering reasonable tapas and more than ten kinds of *paella* (which is a well-known rice dish), was first opened in 2008, but later reopened after renovations in February, 2011. La Gallega also offers a flamenco show once a month. If you have an opportunity to go, you might see some KGN teachers there.



Bajarbol, which is the office for these four Spanish restaurants, was established in May, 2008, by the present owner Mr. Kinoshita, and the fourth restaurant, Fuigo, which has an atmosphere just like Spain, was opened in December, 2008.

Mr. Kinoshita was working at a Sushi restaurant when he became interested in matching foods with wines. Then he went to Spain without enough skill in the Spanish language and worked at a seafood restaurant for 3 years. When he returned to Kyoto, he opened his own La Masa, and now he’s running these four Spanish restaurants around Kyoto.

Spanish food culture has various types of local foods in each region. La Gallega mainly offers the local food of the Galicia region in northwest Spain, which is based on seafood. *Pulpo*, which is octopus served in Galician style or *Gambas*, which is a shrimp dish, are recommendable and very typical tapas. Of course, they also offer typical Spanish dishes such as *Paella*. Other items on the menu include grilled meats, marinated olives, and *Jamón Serrano*, which is world-famous cured ham, are at all the bar. Spanish food is mostly based on garlic and olive oil, but it tastes very light.

Mr. Kinoshita said, “There’s an answer that I really seek. That’s joy, happiness and affection. Cooking can’t exist without those three, you know. Skills or luxuries are not very important.”

Incidentally, Bajarbol is planning to open a new restaurant next year, but he says it is still a secret.

Mr. Kinoshita is serving Spanish deliciousness - “Ricos” with smiles”.

## KGN basketball play against best 16 teams in Kyoto

by Mi ■■■ Ki ■■■

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, the KGN basketball team is going to join the winter cup that is going to be held at Kyoto Shimin taikukan.

The Winter cup is a basketball tournament for high school student. It is held every year in October. It is one of the main tournaments in Kyoto. Many teams join to win the tournament.

The KGN basketball team is going to against play Ritumeikan. Ritumeikan is the best 16 team in Kyoto.

The KGN couch said 'they were really strong and they are better than us. But you guys Might win.' When the captain drew a number, he said he was rally shocked.

When the player learned about that, they were a little

bit socked but, they were also a little bit excited to play them. They said 'We might loose the game but still, we can do

Our best.' So they have started to practicing to play against Ritsumeikan.

The couch organized three practice games with Suzaku Nishiotokuni and Kyouto Sangyou high schools. The KGN players don't have much experience so, their coach wants to get over it. They lost to Suzaku and Nshotokuni high schools, but the coach said they are getting better little by little.

The KGN basketball team doesn't have much time left but they are enjoy their practice and looking forward to playing against Ritumeikan.

## Earthquake victims cheered by rugby

by A ■■■ Ch ■■■

Rugby World Cup is being held from September 9th, 2011 to October 23rd in New Zealand.

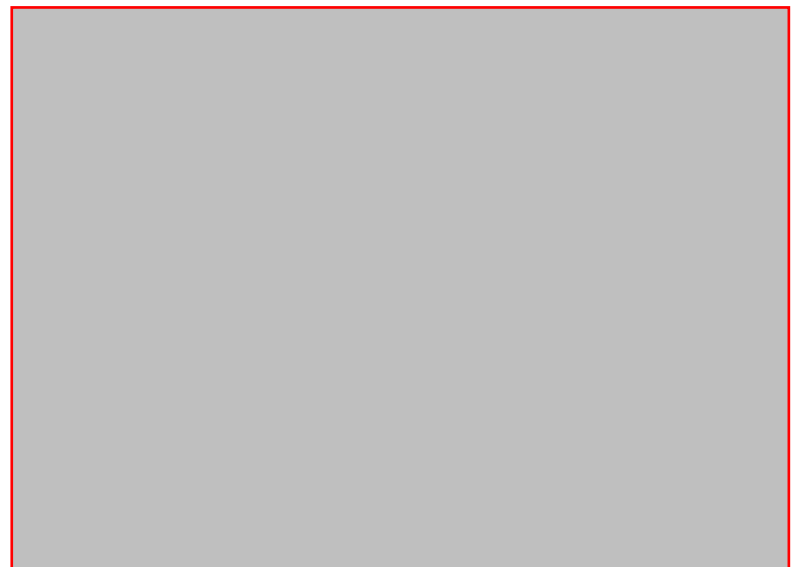
This year, both Japan and New Zealand had big earthquake this year and all prayers of Japan and New Zealand prayed before their game against each other. Japan lost the game.

Takashi Kikutani who is captain of team Japan said he was thankful that he what was able to fight with All Blacks. And he also announced that he'll retire as a representative of the Japanese team after this World Cup.

The All Black is New Zealand's national team which won a victory of the first champion at Rugby World Cup. New Zealanders love The All Blacks and of cause they love rugby.

A man, who lives in New Zealand said, "The All Blacks are a very strong team and have a big scrum. They study the way other teams play and work out ways of being better. We currently have a lot of very good players in the team and have a good chance to win the competition. That's the key of their victory. Australia and England will be our toughest opposition. They too have strong teams."

He watched The Japan VS New Zealand game, and said, "They had a moment of silence to remember all the people who have suffered in both



countries. In New Zealand we also like the Japanese team because the coach of Japan is an old All Black called John Kirwin. When he was an All Black he was very famous and a great player. Japan has never won a game in a World Cup and he was hoping they would. They came very close when they played Canada. The game was a draw, 23 all. I did notice that Japan is getting a lot better at playing Rugby and I think in the next World Cup in 2015 they will probably win some games."

## KGN rugby team gets 3rd in Kyoto Championships

by Ma ■ Fu ■

KGN's rugby team placed third in the Kyoto Championships of the All-Japan Hanazono Rugby tournament held from September 18<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Hanazono tournament takes place in September in all prefectures around Japan. Only one team can represent each prefecture at the national tournament.

KGN's rugby team has been in the best 8 for many years in Kyoto, but lost their seed, when they lost to Ritsumeikan High School at this springs tournament.

For this qualifying tournament, KGN was in the same group as Higashiyama High School and Kyoto Gakuen. On September 18<sup>th</sup> they played against Higashiyama High School at Fukuchiyama grounds, and lost by a score of 17 to 10. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> they played Kyoto Gakuen at Taiyogaoka and lost with a score of 36 to 26.

After the mach Ma ■ Om ■, the KGN rugby team captain said, "We lost, but I did everything I could in the 3 years, and I don't have any regrets. Everybody said our year was very weak, but I think our last mach was pretty good. We got points by cramming, like KGN play style.

I hope the juniors will do a good job. I now want to enjoy my retired life."

This fall 10 third year players have retired. Yu ■ Ma ■, a KGN second year player said, "Now third year teammates have retired, and our year is starting. I hope to take over the good parts of them and have good communication and a good atmosphere with our motto "Play with Pride". I want to get our seed back."

Many players' parents come and support the games. One of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year player's parent said, "We lost, but we attacked with our backs, and pushed with the forwards. The captain's salute with tears really moved me. I expect a lot from next year's team. KGN rugby rocks!"

Ri ■ It ■ the KGN rugby manager said, "It's sad we lost, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> years left many things and I look forward to the new team, I've just started this year, and they are still immature, but I want to support the team with my motto of *always looking around*." The Hanazono All-Japan tournament will be played in January, 2012. Rugby fans expect either Fushimi Kougyou High School or Seishyo High School to represent Kyoto.

### *KGN exchange student joins New Zealand soccer team*

## Sh ■ enjoying his New Zealand life at Orewa

by Mi ■ Ki ■

Sh ■ Ta ■, who has gone to New Zealand as a exchange student, is enjoying his New Zealand life.

His host family is from Germany. His family consists of his father, mother, one little brother and cats. Sometimes cats scratch him so badly. Shun said his host family is so nice and their dinner was delicious.

According to Sh ■ his host family talked in English in front of him but sometimes they talked in German. so he said "I could learn English, Germany, and Maori in one country."

Sh ■ belong to the Orewa college soccer team. According Ta ■ Ka ■ who is his classmate and his New Zealand friend, sh ■ is the main player. He is one of the first eleven starters. He made a lot of friends through soccer.

Many foreign exchange students are at Orewa college such as Spanish, Chinese, and of course Japanese too. So he said he could make many kinds of friends.

Ta ■ said sh ■ used to be one of the best player in Kyoto when he was in junior high school. In New Zealand, school soccer season was over so, he joined a soccer club. He is playing their with adults right now. Every weekend he has game. His teammate said "I didn't know a Japanese boy can be that good. He is the main player on our team.

Sh ■ said he is enjoying himself but he has one problem. It is racism. When he was on the school bus, someone spit on him. He didn't care about it but, sometimes some people are so mean to foreign people said Shun.

Sh ■ s hobby is to chat with his friend on Skype or Facebook. He said he has nothing else to do but play soccer. "I only have two months left. So I want to enjoy the rest of my days.