

My Exchange Program Experiences at Nadi Fiji

- 1.Place: Nadi Fiji
- 2.Term: 18th February-10th March
- 3.School name: FBI(Free Bird Institute)Nadi campus.

I, Mio Akisawa went to Fiji. Why did I choose Fiji? Because I was interested in developing countries from before, and Fiji is a developing country, but it is also a world happy degree index higher rank country, so I decided to go to Fiji.

(1) FBI school

In Fiji, I went to the language school of the spot which Japan founded, and studied English. By the school rule, we use of the native language in a school is forbidden and the foreign students of the same country were talking in English. Therefore, we were able to live in the environment where only English is always spoken. A school starts at 8:00 of morning and finishes with 2:30 p.m. All teachers are Fijians and the class was divided according to the level by the writing test and the interview. All lessons advanced in order of the following, respectively.

-Morning talk

In the morning talk, improvement in fundamental speaking ability and reform of pronunciation were performed.

- Reading

Fiji which was a colony in England and Fijian speak in British English. So we used text that British Cambridge University. We read it and comprehended it with the pair.

- Grammar

It discussed in the group and studied grammar.

- Writing

An essay is created by various themes, a teacher grades, and a student

announces and receives questions and answers.

- Speaking

It debated by the role play in a group, and the theme which the teacher decided, and expressed the opinion of it.

(2) Orphans home

After school, I went to the nearby orphans home for volunteer. First, I went to meet a director teacher in order to negotiate that I want to play with orphans. The director has consented pleasantly. Although the orphans home was not so large, but the vivid pretty picture which children drew had decorated the surroundings of the outer wall. As for children, Fijians and Indians from a high school student to 0 years old lived on about 20 persons in all.

Everyone was really friendly, and they were always laughing and very lovely. All children were so fine that they did not impress us with they are an orphans, and I became pitiful at children's innocence. Because the children were very fine, I got tired truly. But it was very pleasant.

Acting as a volunteer in an orphanage this time, I hope a thing will be lost in an orphanage in the future all over the world.

(3) Other experiences

I was home staying during stay of Fiji. Then, I have a lot of good experience. For example, although my host family was the Christian's Fijian, they did the pray every day and appreciated to the surrounding people every day. I also participated and it carried out the pray every day. My host family prayed also to my Japanese family and friend, and I was impressed very much. Furthermore, neighboring people gathered at the beginning of the month when rain fell, the festival "the tear of God" was also performed, and I also participated. To the festival, everyone was sang the song and were doing the play.

The friend of Japan which I met there is staying at the house of the Indian who lives in Fiji, and the friend invited me to the dinner of his house. They said that a place of worship is located in almost all the Indians' yard, and they pray there. It was looks like small temple.

Moreover, I was able to do much heart-warming experience in Fiji.

For example, those who go past on the road did the greeting of Fiji certainly said "BULA", and when I was ride on bus, the person who sat next was also able to make friends immediately. If I am losing my way, Fijians will certainly address and will take to a destination. Furthermore, although they only met me once, they remember perfectly, and they spoke always with me. Fiji is developing country, but Fijian have very rich and warm heart.

(4) Finally

I really enjoyed my Fiji life and I have some great memory of Fiji. Fijian people are very kind for me. Why Fiji is a world happy degree index higher rank country? I regard it as Fijians' very cheerful disposition and friendly character being related. And Fijians are always smiling faces and very kind. Japan is developed country and Japanese can to live in plenty. Japan does not have a power failure, nor have suspension of water supply, and does not have a flood, either like Fiji. Therefore, we may be fortunate. But, we should follow Fijian's rich and warm heart. We need to more communicate with surround people and more kind for our family, friend, and neighbor. I think if we does that Japan is become more happy country. This exchange program makes me think what is the happiness. It was really good experience for me. I'll never forget this experience and meeting very kind Fijian.