

Our



Journey

KIZUNA

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11 March - Departure to Japan

- *Why did we depart on 11 March?*

Background

Research

- *Japan was hit by a devastating 9-magnitude earthquake and on March 11, 2011. An estimated 28,000 were dead or missing, and at least 500,000 were displaced.*
- *The earthquake and resultant tsunami were bad enough to cause a radioactive leak at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, and radiation contamination was added to their concerns. Although workers were initially unable to stop radioactive leaks at the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant, only 1/10 the level of radiation was emitted.*

Kizuna (Bond) Project

- *Student cultural exchange program in Japan.*
- *To support Japan's recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake.*
- *Scheduled visits to the devastated Ibaraki/Tohoku region, to experience the realities of ongoing reconstruction through volunteer works.*
- *Aims to deepen the students understanding of Japan's reconstruction and strengthen outbound announcement.*
- *Participants to return home and share what they have learned and experienced with their own communities.*

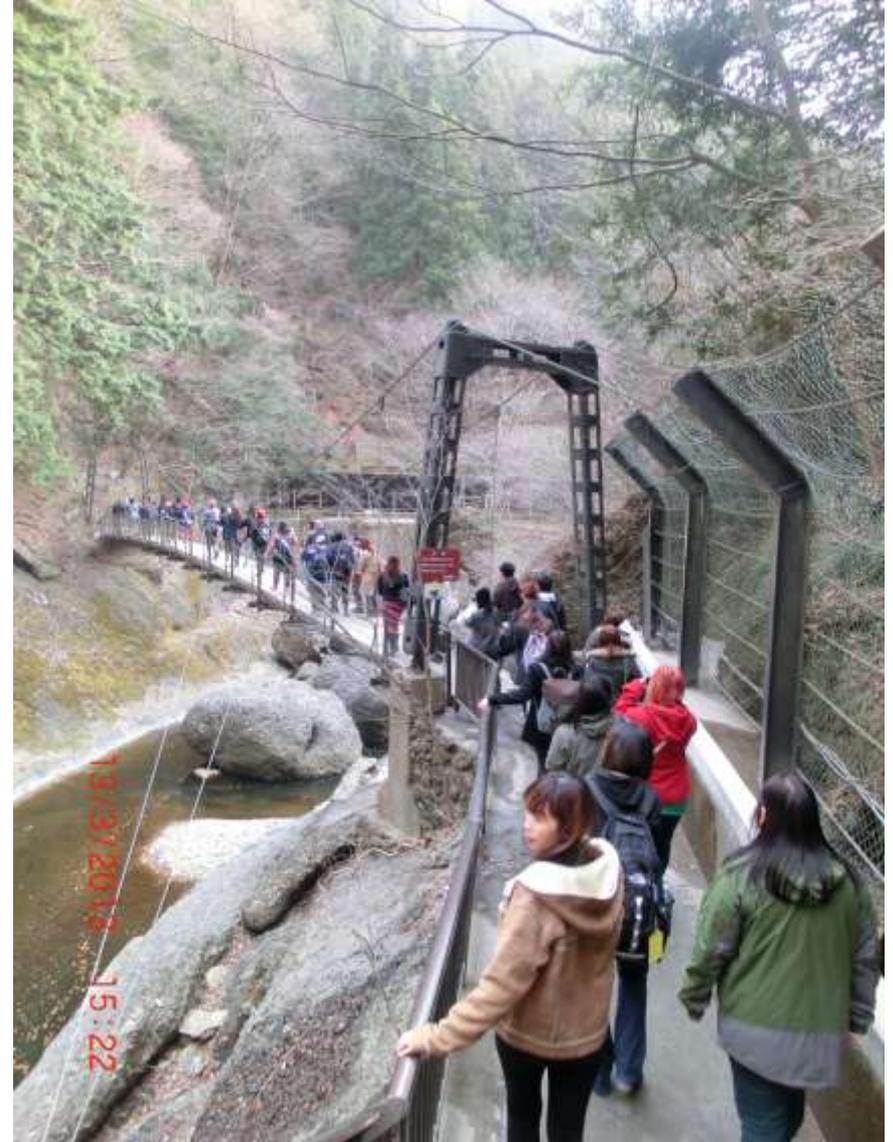
Our Experience: Making of the Wooden Planters



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Our Experience: Fukuroda Falls



Our Experience: Washi Paper



Our Experience: Setsuku Strawberry Farm



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Our Experience: Taking Responsibility



Blueberry field was slightly contaminated with radiation and hence destroyed.

Our Experience: Blooming of the Cherry Blossoms



Our Experience: Isohara Seaside Hotel



Our Experience: Otsu Port



Our Experience: 3331



Our Experience: Last Day



Our Experience: Their Hospitality



Reflection

In conclusion, we are now aware that the Japanese people are affected negatively from the harmful rumours surrounding their country.

We would like to dispel those harmful rumors by sharing with the public our very own personal experiences in Japan, and to bring to them beautiful products that Ibaraki has to offer.

We hope to be able to send a big helping hand to the Japanese people in the reconstruction of their country and at the same time, strengthen the bond between Japan and Singapore.

Thank you!

