

I'll introduce the school trip to Nagasaki.

Do you remember the ferry accident carrying the Korean students on a school trip that sank? In Japan almost all schools schedule school trips. And many schools set the theme of the school trips.

The 9th grade students of the school, which I taught until March, went to Nagasaki on a school trip in April. They decided to visit Nagasaki to learn about the atomic bomb dropped there.

They studied about the atomic bomb and the damages that the people of Nagasaki suffered. They visited Nagasaki Peace Hall. They viewed many photographs and listened to stories of the survivors, who actually experienced the atomic bomb 69 years ago.

Many students were shocked to hear the devastation of the atomic bomb. The entire city of Nagasaki was burned. Many people were killed and many suffered from the exposure to radiation and still to this day.

After that they visited the Memorial Park where there is the statue of the Peaceful Prayer. This statue was made as a requiem for the victims of the atom bomb and to express determination to make world peace. They paid homage to the victims by placing thousands of paper cranes and wreaths of flowers on the statue. They declared an oath of peace.

In October, they will hold the school cultural assembly. Some students will announce their experiences in Nagasaki and their thoughts about this school trip in front of underclass students, their parents and teachers.

This is a small action for the students to develop a feeling of love, peace, and to value life.

I strongly hope that each of the students will never forget this experience and become a person who makes efforts to build a peaceful world.

P.S. Our DKG sisters from Japan showed pictures of the fieldtrip to Nagasaki.