

Our fieldwork in Misawa base



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On January 8th, we visited Edgren High School to communicate with American teenagers. It is located in Misawa base. There is not only a high school. For example, there is a general hospital, shopping malls, a few restaurants, a theater and so on. It was like an ordinary small town. The base was not what we had expected.

First, we rode on the bus and listened to our guide's explanation of the base. Then we arrived to the restaurant. There were many foods. For example, ankake-yakisoba, fried rice, potato salad and many cakes. Their tastes were different from Japanese foods, but they were delicious. We thought that American foods are bigger than Japanese food. For example,



American cookies were about twice as large as Japanese cookies. Also, they were too sweet. Cherry pie was one of them. We could know differences between American foods and Japanese foods, and we had a very good time.

Second, the time came when we talk with American teenagers. We were nervous that we could not make ourselves understood. But it was an unnecessary worry. They answered our questions in a friendly way. We talked about our favorite things, our dream and the famous things in each country. Unexpectedly American high schools do not have club activities like Japan. They join different clubs in a season. For example, they play tennis in summer, but in winter they ski. When we talked about a topic of our favorite things, it really came alive. Although our English was clumsy, we felt we were friendly. However, when we talked about a topic of the famous things in each country, it was difficult for each other to explain our own country. At that time, we were ashamed of it. Why did we think so? Because we have not

known our country so much.

When we talk to foreigners, important things are not only speaking English well but also taking pride in our birth place.

We want to explain our native town with confidence by the next time we meet them.

