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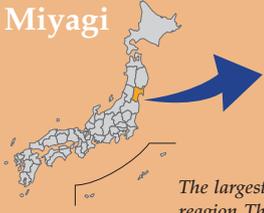
Focus on Japan 2007

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As reported in our "News" column, the participants in "Focus on Japan 2007" have been decided. (See **News**.) On the Focus on Japan 2007 website you will find profiles of the 16 participants and photos and captions posted by the high school photography club for each of the locations to be visited by the four teams. The report of the program of August 2007 and the photo essays to be created by the members will also be made available via the website. We hope you will join us again at our website.

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Miyagi



The largest wholesale market in the Tohoku region. This is where local fishmongers and sushi chefs come to shop.

Tokyo



Our city, Tokyo, is a mosaic of people and places. This photo shows people taking a break in Omotesando.



Kyung Ju, Seoul, Korea

I'm a cheerful and sociable person. I'm looking forward to seeing things in Japan we can't see as tourists.



Bo Ram, Seoul, Korea

I want to show what daily life is like in the summer in Miyagi prefecture and how people traditionally spend time during this season in Japan.



Alice, Tokyo, Japan

Instead of worrying about whether we can do something, I want to try anything, thinking positively that if we decide to do something, we will succeed, one way or another.



Sao, Hiroshima, Japan

I'm interested in meeting a variety of people from overseas and in hearing and observing many new things. I'm an active and enthusiastic member of the school photography club.



Xiaoyuan, Inner Mongolia, China

I think we are the ones who make our days pleasant or unpleasant. I'm going to do my best to have a good time.



Xiajun, Shanghai, China

I've got an active, cheerful personality. My Japanese is not so good, but I love meeting people.



Midoring, Osaka, Japan

I love having fun! I'm always fooling around with my friends. I want to take some really good photographs.



Tomomi, Okinawa, Japan

I'm talkative and like to make people laugh. I love listening to music, scribbling pictures, talking with friends, working on a personal computer, and taking pictures.

Osaka



Everything is flamboyant in this city, the people as well as the street signs. You'll be bowled over by the exaggerated signs.



Polly, Winslow, UK

I am occasionally quiet but become very open, friendly and chatty when debating about topics close to my heart or when meeting and getting to know new people.



Shinji, Gifu, Japan

Speaking English is difficult, but I'm easygoing by nature and we have our project of taking photographs in common, so I'm looking forward to working with the high school students from overseas.



Paul, NE, USA

I'm adventurous, and I like taking on challenges. I wrote and performed my own Japanese rap at a competition at the local university.



Hiromi, Tokyo, Japan

I love coming into contact with other cultures because it broadens my thinking and teaches me about new things. I'm a cheerleader. Here I am with my brother.

Hiroshima



On Aug. 6, people come from all over the country and all over the world to pray for peace and for the repose of the souls of the people who died in the atomic bombing.



Emily, QLD, Australia

I think I'm a little bit like a Meerkat (those fuzzy, cute African mammals) because I'm really energetic and very friendly.



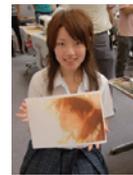
Daniel C., Upper Hutt, NZ

My main interests are mostly art-based; I am strongly interested in music and photography. I also love to travel. Me and my baby cousin.



Kosuke, Osaka, Japan

I'm cheerful and outgoing and make friends easily. I hope we can meet people our own age in Hiroshima and talk about our feelings toward the town where we were born.



Sawako, Tokyo, Japan

I like photographing people the best, especially children. I want to take pictures that will transmit messages to the people who see them.