

Describe the most interesting experience you have had so far

Once a year, the city of Regina has an important festival called “mosaic.” It is an event that show case many cultures. I went there and had a great time. It is a good chance to know other culture. Canada has a mixed-culture so it is also a good chance to know Canadian culture. Nineteen countries were represented each one pavilion per country. Many people go to there to enjoy a multi culture experience.

I enjoyed tasting foods of many countries. There were tons of traditional foods of each country. I tried so many foods that I have never experienced in Japan such as perogies in the Ukrainian pavilion, ginger cookies in the German pavilion, langos in the Hungarian pavilion. People can recognize the culture through foods. Sometimes, I could see people who were making those meals. Seeing how to make these foods is another way to know the culture. I thought it was fun to see the differences between Japanese food and other countries’ food. I found many differences such as equipments. At the Italian pavilion, I saw an unique equipment to make pasta. It was very interesting.

I liked the dances, as well. People who represent the ancestry of their country showed dance with traditional clothing. When I was at the Chilean pavilion, they pray as they are dancing. I found it was interesting. Not too long ago, when people didn’t have any cell phones, PCs or any electric equipment, they enjoyed dancing and praying. I felt kind of sad because I don’t see that people enjoy traditional dances very often except at special events. On the other hand, I felt happy because there are still people who are trying to keep traditional dances alive. I hope we can protect our many cultures forever.

I thought Canadian culture was so interesting through mosaic. Canadian history has a tragedy in its history due to the colonization of the country. The first nations people suffered at the hand of European colonization when the new settlers came to Canada many people from different nations arrived. And they had different kinds of religions, culture and views. Overtime they began to understand and accept each other. It is so amazing! I think people in Canada should continue to work towards greater appreciation of others.

I really am enjoying learning about Canadian culture and learning something new about Canada every day. Everything I see and every time I talk with Canadian people is a opportunity to learn something new. I want to treasure every second and continue to have a great year as an exchange student.