

My Experience on the MPMA Field Trip to Nagasaki

The MPMA field trip to Nagasaki was one of the meaningful and unforgettable experiences. I think one of the greatest strengths of the MPMA program is that learning does not stay only in the classroom. Through field trips like this, we can experience history, culture, and society directly and understand Japan in a much deeper way.

Unfortunately, I was not able to join the first winter field trip to Hokkaido, so when I heard about the Nagasaki trip, I was very excited and looking forward to it. From the beginning, I knew it would be special, but I never expected it would leave such a deep impression on me.

The most emotional and unforgettable part of the trip was visiting the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum. Like many people around the world, I had learned about World War II and the atomic bombing in history classes. I had read books, seen photographs, and watched

documentaries. However, standing in the very place where the atomic bomb was dropped was something completely different.

As I walked through the museum and saw the personal belongings, photographs, and stories of the victims, I felt a deep sadness and respect. It was difficult to imagine how much suffering people experienced at that time. What touched me most was not only the tragedy itself but also the strength of the people who survived and rebuilt their city. Being in Nagasaki made history feel real. It was one of those moments when you stop being a student reading about



history and become a witness to the place where history happened. I believe this experience will stay in my heart forever.

Another memorable part of the trip was visiting the Unzen volcanic area. Learning about the 1991 eruption helped me understand how Japan faces natural disasters and how communities recover afterward. I was impressed by how the memories of the disaster have been preserved while at the same time creating opportunities for education and tourism. It showed me the resilience and determination of local communities.



I was also fascinated by our visit to Gunkanjima (Hashima Island). Seeing the abandoned buildings rising from the sea felt almost unreal. It was interesting to learn how this small island once played an important role in Japan's industrial development. Looking at the remains of the island made me think about how quickly societies change and how important it is to preserve places that tell the story of a country's past.

Spending time with classmates and professors, sharing meals, taking photos, exploring new places together, and enjoying the beautiful scenery of Nagasaki made the experience even more special. These moments allowed us to connect outside the classroom and create wonderful memories together.

This field trip helped me understand not only Japanese history but also the resilience, strength, and spirit of the Japanese people. I feel grateful to have had the opportunity to visit places that I had only read about in books before. Standing in Nagasaki, visiting places known throughout the world, and learning



directly from these historical sites was an experience that no classroom lecture could ever replace.

I am sincerely grateful to Kataoka Sensei, Lim Sensei, Orihara-san and the entire MPMA staff for organizing such a meaningful trip. I feel honored to be part of the MPMA community, and I am sure that the memories and lessons from Nagasaki will remain with me for many years.

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