

Junior High School and High School

Great

Fabulous moments in Okinawa

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3 years ago, I went to Hawaii with my family for the first time in my life. To celebrate my grandmother's 70th birthday, it took 3 years to organize the holiday. It is like a dream come true for her, who likes traveling very much.

The images and impression of a foreign country, Hawaii, were spreading throughout my mind and I just could not wait to go. The climate, natural environments and cuisines of Hawaii and Okinawa are said to be alike and are often compared in the aspect of tourism.

When I actually visit Hawaii, I saw right away the sign of "Welcome" and the smiling faces of people. Warm and gentle winds, the greens and parks kept in good condition, and the well-maintained roads without any garbage made a beautiful contrast with the lovely natural environment. I could feel that the people there wanted all visitors to enjoy their stays and create good memories. It was also a journey that I understood because of the love of the country, they live and the support the people to preserve the beauty that 7 million people visit this world paradise every year.

During my stay in this wonderful Hawaii, I had my birthday, which was on 30 December. At a place that we could see the ocean shining in emerald green, we celebrated both the 70th birthday of my grandma and my birthday. The time spent with my family was a moment I will treasure forever.

On the other hand, Okinawa, in which the city we live, is not inferior to Hawaii, with lots of attractiveness that we are proud to show the world. No need to mention the marvels of the nature, the attractions consists of independent culture, traditional performing arts and historical heritage, and also respectful hearts of people. I also tried to think about what we can do to let tourists who are from thousands of miles away feel closer to these attractions.

It was a birthday that I celebrated while I was looking at my favorite ocean of Hawaii. How fabulous it was to spend an important day in a special place only for myself. Recently, I have seen a slogan saying, "Spend your important anniversary in Okinawa". How do you think if we make it more and more only to oneself? Birthdays and anniversaries are phases that everyone has in their lives.

First of all, we make a list picking up the major facilities and places drawing attention of people. Chura-umi Aquarium, Shuri Castle, sites designated as world historical heritage, and places other than those mentioned, like sunflower farm, lily farm and cosmos farm, are some examples. After letting the guests choose their favorite place, we can provide the site only to the guest for one to two hours after the operating time

on a reservation basis. Complying with the request of the guest, staff will pick up the customer and provide him or her with support so as to make the fabulous memories unforgettable. It will be more enjoyable if the guest chooses to spend the moment together with their friends and family. Many ideas can be used to make the moment special and original. I am sure that the time will be a fabulous memory that stays in one's heart. When people's satisfaction rises, the feeling of hoping to come to Okinawa again will surely become stronger as well. The attachment to Okinawa will be deepened simultaneously.

We, as citizens of Okinawa, should find out more attractions of Okinawa and make Okinawa a beloved place. Then I would like to have our tourists to enjoy their moments here from their hearts and make their journey an unforgettable one by a warm-hearted welcome. The enjoyment of every tourist will encourage him or her to visit Okinawa once more. I think this will be a great support to the tourism of Okinawa.