

Exchange Project 2022-2023

3rd High School



I researched about piano as a hobby. I found out that fewer people in Italy tend to take piano lessons, compared to Japanese people. I learned that Japanese kids want to learn piano because they want to be able to do it as adults. On the other hand, Italians have a higher motivation for composing songs, accompanying themselves while singing, or to develop other skills besides piano, so many people take lessons.



As for the interaction, I remember talking about our favorite anime, which left a strong impression on me. That was, "Spy Family" which another member introduced. Since I like it, too, it was really fun to talk about it. I wish we had talked more actively about Italian culture and other related topics during our interaction.



I researched and explained about *koto*. *koto* is a Japanese traditional instrument with 13 strings that are played using special pics, like a guitar. I was asked if the koto was difficult, then answered that anyone can play it easily. During the exchange, we talked about Japanese anime. In my group, there was a person who likes 'My hero academia'. Also, we talked about the place where would like to visit in Italy. I answered that I want to visit to Rome because I want to see the Colosseum. In exchanges, I wanted to say it was the last supper, but I had a hard time because I didn't know what to say.

My research shows how students spend their free time is almost the same between Italy and Japan. start season is different depending on the person, and kind of activity is depending on the person. But rhythmic gymnastics is especially popular for girls than other activities.

And I have heard calligraphy in Italy has many kinds of writing brush. Martial arts are popular in Italy.

Especially Judo and Karate are popular among boys.

I have heard that waiter offer sparkling water instead of water in restaurant.

Is it true?



Difference between swimming in Italy and Japan

In Japan, many people go to swimming school when they are child.

Most of them, especially children think swimming for good for their health.

A lot of Italian go to swimming school, as well. But the reason is different.

In summer, many Italian children go to the sea. Italian schools don't have a swimming pool.

So their parents send them to swimming school.

I wanted to talk with Italians students about where you often go for swimming. That's because Italy has a lot of beautiful places.

The Difference in Rhythmic Gymnastics between Italy and Japan



I researched the difference in popularity

of rhythmic gymnastics between Italy and Japan.

In Italy, rhythmic gymnastics is so famous and a lot of girls learn it twice or three times in a week.

Moreover, according to ranking of lessons in Italy, in the girl's department, rhythmic gymnastics is 5th place. On the other hand, in Japan, there are a lot of people who even do not know the name of

rhythmic gymnastics. In the exchange program, I was asked how many children were learning it in the class. At that time, I think the number of children learning it is much larger than the one in Japan.

I was very surprised by the differences in how football is practiced between Italy and Japan. I have heard that in Italy, it is common to have two practices lasting an average of 90 minutes per week, and play matches on weekends. I have also heard that sometimes there is no practice at all during the three-month summer vacation. In contrast, in Japan, practice is held almost every day, and it is common for the daily practice time to exceed 4 hours. Despite this, there are many strong football teams such as AC Milan and Juventus in Italy ,so I think the quality of practice is more important than the quantity.



I talked about recommended sightseeing spots and school trips. I could not speak English very well, but my Italian friends worked hard to understand me.

So exchange meeting was so fun! At that time, I wanted to speak about my favorite writer. But I did not what say in English. So, I could not speak "Koutarou Isaka ". The man who is my favorite writer. It's fun to exchange Instagram with everyone and talk on DM after the exchange meeting have limited time to talk because of the large time difference😂 I can not speak English very well, but I am good at communicating things to others using gestures, so I really enjoyed the exchange meeting. I want to talk to everyone again.

KICKBOXING

Kiko Masaki

JAPAN

KICKBOXING IS FAMOUS SPORTS IN JAPAN

- > I studied kickboxing for 6 years from the 2nd grade of elementary school. My teacher was very strict, but I was able to become stronger.
- > Some people learn it for health.
- > Young people often do it lose weight.
- > Some children were as small as nursery school children in dojo.

I joined the softball club when I was in two grades of elementary school.

At first, I wanted to play tennis. However, there weren't any tennis teams near my house. So I started to play softball in the school team.

Every day, I swung the bat, pitched, and ran a lot.

Finally, our team won the championship in my city tournament.

By the way, do you know Yukiko Ueno?

She is one of the most famous professional softball players in Japan and she got a gold medal in Tokyo Olympic. She is good for pitching control and speed.