

My experience in California

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I decided to join this program this spring, though I had never thought that I would really be going to study abroad before. I decided to go anyway, because I wanted to improve my capacities of listening and speaking English.

One of my good memories is that I had a beach party at Monterey with my friends. This was my first experience that of making hamburgers by ourselves. We played beach volleyball, Frisbee, and buried my friend in the sand. It was a very exciting event for us.

Another of my good memories is that I went to San Francisco with my friend. We enjoyed big hamburgers, and steep hills which were very famous there. We strolled around San Francisco wearing sunglasses. (See the picture).

At MIIS, I learned various subjects. For example, we learned how to make presentations in English. We chose our theme, and then read English articles about the topics of our interest. Next, we reached some conclusions, and made a PowerPoint file for the presentation in front of our classmates. It was hard for me to present in English, so I practiced many times. I thought it was a good experience, as I was able to improve my ability to do presentations.

I enjoyed my classes, since our teachers were very kind to us. Thanks to them, we were able to study English harder and enjoyably.

I thought I was lucky that I was able to take part in this program. I got many new friends and acquaintances, had good memories and experiences, and went many places where I wouldn't have been able to go if I had just traveled by myself. What's more, I got confidence in my ability of English, and will continue to study English on my own.

If you are hesitating about whether to join this program or not, you should try it, because it is a great opportunity for you! I'm sure of it.



Yoko and Chihiro in San Francisco: "We are on a cable car!"