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The Difference Between Sports Fans In Japan And The U.S.

One major difference between the Japanese and American sports fans is the atmosphere they create. In Japan, many fans support their teams in an organized way. They often sing the same songs, clap together and create a sense of unity in the stadium. The crowd moves almost like one group. In contrast, sports fans in the U.S. tend to express their excitement more individually. They cheer loudly, talk to strangers about the game, and celebrate big plays with great enthusiasm. The atmosphere often feels more energetic and spontaneous.

Although both countries are passionate about sports, the way fans show their passion is different. Japanese fans create excitement through teamwork, while American fans create excitement through individual expression. In my opinion, experiencing sports in both countries is very interesting because I could see different ways people enjoy the same game!

By Shu



MY FRIEND: AIRI

By Siwar



Ari is a Japanese girl. The first time we met was here at MLI. I love Japan and the Japanese because they're so nice, so smart, and such polite people. When I met her for the first time, I was excited to be friends with her. She is so special and has a very good personality. She is crazy with a good heart and mentality. For me, crazy people are the best because they have a lot of fun, so we became friends! We hang out and enjoy our time together. She can make me laugh so easily and supports me when I need help. She has taught me many interesting things about Japanese culture and language.



I'm grateful to have her as my best friend! Our friendship is very special to me and I hope we will always stay close friends and be able to visit each other's countries! Airi, I'm so glad I met you!

GYMS IN JAPAN AND THE U.S.

By Kira

Have you ever gone to the gym? I go five times a week. I've gone to gyms in both Japan and the U.S., and I've found there are three major differences. The first difference is that Japanese gyms are very quiet. In American gyms, people shout while lifting weights. If someone did that in Japan, they would probably get kicked out.

The second difference is that American gyms do not have safety bars on equipment to prevent injuries. I was very confused by this because I would have expected to see this as it's normal in Japan.

The third difference is that people here are very friendly and compliment you. Just going to the gym here motivates me and I sometimes work out with other people there! There are many differences and sometimes it can be confusing, but I like both environments - they both have good points. I've learned that gym culture is different in each country and this experience has been very interesting and valuable for me!





THE MONUMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD

BY GABRIEL

The Middle of the World Monument in San Antonio de Pichincha is a famous tourist complex in the north of Qito, Ecuador. In the center of the complex is a big tower which contains an ethnographic museum, a planetarium, and an observation deck. It's also located exactly on the equator – latitude $0^{\circ} 00' 00''$.

The surrounding complex is designed like a traditional Spanish colonial town with restaurants, artisan shops, and cacao exhibits. It also offers interesting activities such as attempting to balance an egg on the head of a nail or walking a straight line with your eyes closed, which is supposedly much harder due to the gravitational forces at the equator.

If you don't want to try these activities, there's always the option to stand with one foot on the northern hemisphere and one on the south, then take the classic photo! Tickets for the Ciudad Mitad del Mundo complex cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children and seniors.



WHY NAIL DESIGNS ARE IMPORTANT FOR ME

By Juna



Girls, do you like your fingernails? Do you feel that your nails are an expression of your personality? For me, plain fingernails are boring because there's nothing to see. When we design our nails, we feel happy and we are motivated to try new designs. Many girls get their nails done to express their personality and individual style. Today, even boys are experimenting with nail art. Nail designs can make people feel more confident and make everyday life more enjoyable. I enjoy having designed nails because they make me feel more excited and confident. When I look at my fingernails, they improve my mood and make me happy. I also like matching my nail designs with my clothes and accessories.



I do my own nails instead of going to a nail salon. I enjoy creating my own designs because I'm an artistic person. I really like playing with different colors and patterns. Another reason is by doing my own nails, I'm able to save money while being able to try more designs. Nail salons here are expensive, so doing it myself is an affordable option.

In conclusion, nail designs are more than just decoration - they help people express themselves, improve self-confidence, and allow people to enjoy everyday life. That's why I enjoy nail art and choose to do my own nails!

MY JOURNEY UP MACHU PICCHU

By Santiago

One of the most interesting places that I have visited was Cusco. During my visit, I had the opportunity to visit Machu Picchu, one of the most magical and energetic places in the world. To get there, I had to wake up very early and take the train at 6 a.m. The journey was so beautiful because I could see the mountains and all the green areas on the way.

When I arrived the weather was cloudy, and I was worried that I would not be able to enjoy the view and take the popular photo of the famous view. After arriving at the town of Aguas Calientes, I took a bus that went up the mountains of Machu Picchu. This place is located about 7970 feet above sea level. Fortunately, just as the bus reached the top, the clouds disappeared and the sky was clear. Thanks to that, I was able to take many amazing photos of the ruins and the beautiful mountains in front of me.

Different Things To Do In L.A.

Of course there are many things to do in Los Angeles. Most people who come only go to the usual tourist spots, but there are many other events and I'll tell you about a few! First, I'd like to recommend going to the Night Markets and also checking out the local Flea Markets. The Night Markets are held in several different locations across Los Angeles, but my favorite is the Santa Anita Market. At the Night Market, you can enjoy a variety of food - from Mexican tacos to boba, fried chicken and specialty french fries. I really like to try different American style foods that you usually can't find outside of an American home. They are big and filling!

Another type of gathering is related to the different cultures here. For example, in Filipinotown, there is an annual celebration involving local music, food and fashion. In Little Tokyo, there is always something going on. I love anime and there's plenty of anime related events to enjoy and many ways to meet new people.

Have you ever heard of a County Fair? County Fairs are held every year in cities like Pomona (Los Angeles County), Costa Mesa (Orange County), and Del Mar (San Diego County). They're super popular with the locals who come to enjoy exciting "midway" rides, delicious and unique foods, and interesting exhibitions of livestock and crafts. There is so much to do and you can end up spending an entire day! At night, the fair hosts concerts, and I love dancing with my friends to the music.

You know, there's nothing bad about visiting the famous tourist attractions, but if you really want to experience the local culture, you should check out the Night Market, neighborhood cultural festivals, and definitely one of the County Fairs. I promise you won't be disappointed!



By Kurumi

THE TOWN ON THE EDGE OF A VOLCANO

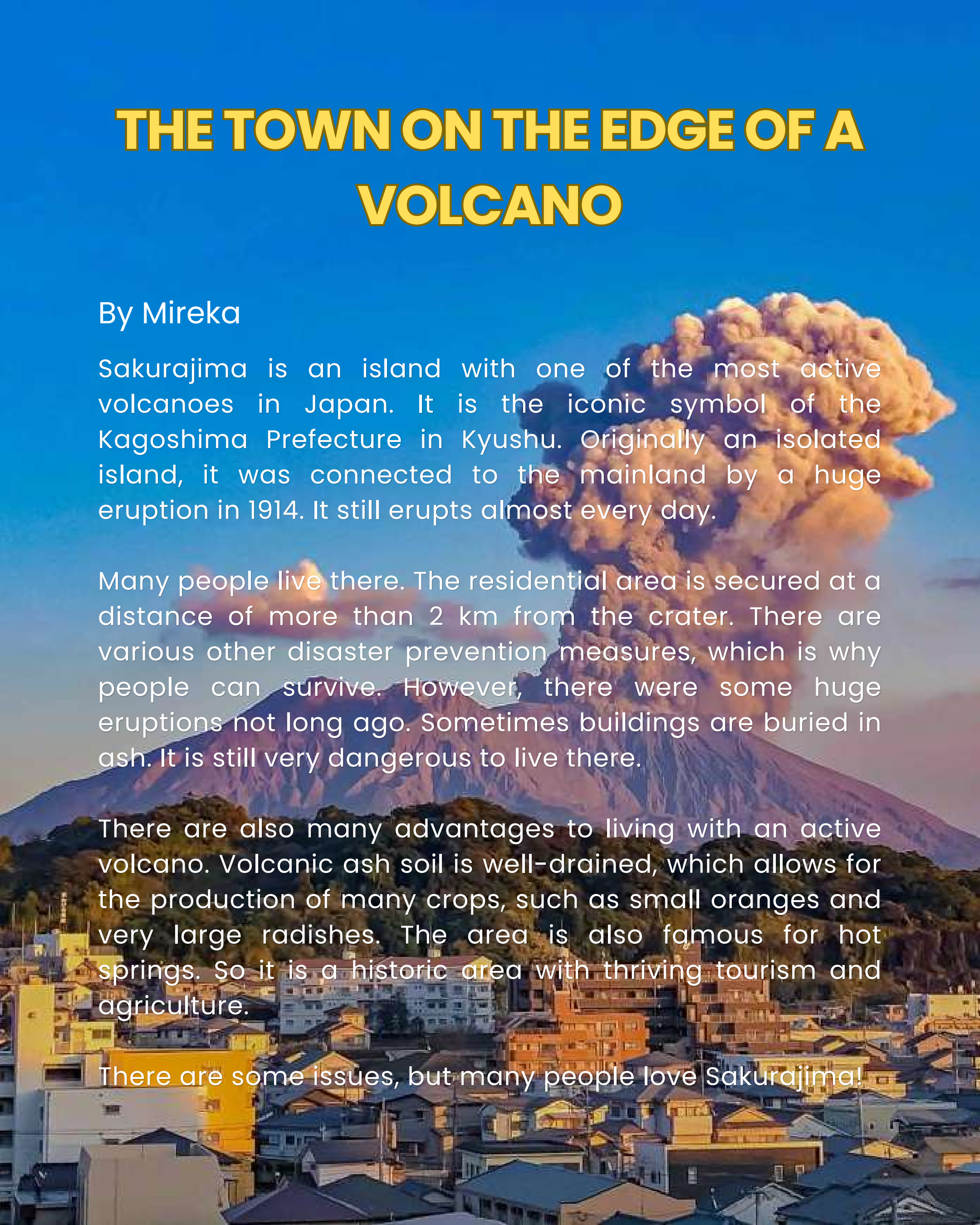
By Mireka

Sakurajima is an island with one of the most active volcanoes in Japan. It is the iconic symbol of the Kagoshima Prefecture in Kyushu. Originally an isolated island, it was connected to the mainland by a huge eruption in 1914. It still erupts almost every day.

Many people live there. The residential area is secured at a distance of more than 2 km from the crater. There are various other disaster prevention measures, which is why people can survive. However, there were some huge eruptions not long ago. Sometimes buildings are buried in ash. It is still very dangerous to live there.

There are also many advantages to living with an active volcano. Volcanic ash soil is well-drained, which allows for the production of many crops, such as small oranges and very large radishes. The area is also famous for hot springs. So it is a historic area with thriving tourism and agriculture.

There are some issues, but many people love Sakurajima!





LAS VEGAS: LIFE AND HISTORY

By Joohwan Lee

In 1905, a small railroad town in Nevada was founded, named Las Vegas (Spanish for “the meadows”). In 1931, two important events changed the city’s future. First, Nevada legalized gambling. Second, construction started on Hoover Dam, so thousands of workers came to the area, helping the city grow.



In the 1940s and 1950s, famous casinos such as the Flamingo were built, and Las Vegas became known for entertainment, nightlife, and gambling. During the 1960s and 1970s, large companies started investing in the city. Since the 1990s, Las Vegas has developed luxury hotels, fancy restaurants, shopping malls, and major venues hosting concerts, conventions, and sporting events such as UFC and F1 racing.



Today, Las Vegas is known as one of the entertainment cities of the world. The city is home to many famous resorts such as the Wynn, the Bellagio, and the Cosmopolitan. Here are a few unique laws in Nevada, aside from legal gambling: No state income tax, 24-hour businesses, easy marriage licenses, and indoor smoking. These are some of things that make Las Vega different from other states. Nevertheless, if you have never been to Las Vegas, it is definitely worth visiting!

THE CHARMS OF SINGAPORE

One of the most interesting places I have visited is Singapore. It's a small but modern country in Southeast Asia. It is known for being clean, safe, and well organized. When I visited Singapore, I was impressed by the beautiful buildings, green spaces, and modern city life.

My favorite thing about Singapore is the weather. I don't like cold weather, so I really enjoyed the warm and sunny climate there. The temperature stays warm throughout the year, which made me feel comfortable and relaxed.

I also enjoyed visiting Marina Bay Sands and Gardens by the Bay. The city is very beautiful – especially at night. In addition, Singapore has people from many different cultures, so there are many different kinds of food to try.

I think Singapore is a good place, and I hope to visit it again in the future!

By Vera