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### Journal Entry #3

You guys will never believe what happens in 17 hours! The future is amazing~~~ Yesterday, We enjoyed our last breakfast buffet at Dai-Ichi Hotel and traveled to Nagoya by taking a Shinkansen (bullet train). The train ride was approximately two and half hours. On the train we got to enjoy quality time with our friends and Chichi and Haha (Dad-Mr. Laing and Mom-Mrs. Curtis). We were also served a delicious bento lunch, full of tasty Japanese delicacies. A few students explored the train which was 16 cars long. It turns out, if you run 15 km/h on a train going 300 km/h, you're not actually running at 315 km/h ☺. We learned that the hard way. Train ride flew by fast (literally). We arrived in Nagoya, where we went straight to Toho High School. There we spent time talking about our schools, and then had time to talk one on one with a few students in grades 10 and 11. We made lots of new friends with the Japanese students and fellow Canadian students from Winnipeg and Toronto. At Toho, We also got to participate in their afterschool club activities. These activities included Home Economics (Cooking), Tea Ceremony & Origami, and Kendo (Japanese Sword-fighting Martial Arts). It was an amazing experience to visit a High school in Japan and to meet students who are so different, yet similar to us! After a jam packed day, we went out to eat at a JAPANESE BUFFET!!!! :O There were so many options! We can all agree that after dinner we had a mega food coma. Finally, the second most exciting part of the day. We checked into Croom hotel, which just opened the day before!! The rooms were small, but so well designed and innovative and beautiful. After settling in, we got to the BEST part of the day. We went out as a group to explore the streets of Nagoya, and stumbled a quaint (8 FLOOR) karaoke bar. We jokingly asked if we could go in and sing some songs, but little did we know our dearest Mr. Laing loves to sing! It also only costed us 250 yen (so cheap!!) and included free drinks. We sang our hearts out to "I Want It That Way", "I Have Nothing", "Sweet Caroline", "You Belong With Me", "Grenade", "Baby", and "Lean On Me". It was extremely memorable and unforgettable experience and we hope we get a chance to visit a karaoke bar again before we leave Japan.

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