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Opening Ceremony

The 10th International Earth Science Olympiad started last morning. Before the opening ceremony, students participated in a Disaster Prevention Program, where the Earthquake Early Warning System implemented in Japan was explained in a short film. This system issues a warning before a strong tremor (S-Wave) arrives. Moreover, it is emphasized the importance of staying calm and to protect yourself when receiving the warning. Thereafter, government executives and the representatives of the national and international Earth Science Education Committee also gave remarks, and Shirako High School Brass Band performed for the ceremony. After the ceremony, the keynote speech focused on the plate-boundary drilling program. Then, a comedy was presented by local high school students and they involved all participants in Japanese traditional dancing.



Today's Schedule

Students

- 06:30 - 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:10 Departure to Ise
- 10:30 - 12:00 Exchange Meeting in *Jingu Kaikan*
- 12:00 - 15:00 Cultural Trip and Lunch
Visit *Ise Jingu*
- 15:00 Departure to the Accommodation
- 18:30 - 20:00 Dinner (rotation)
- 19:30 - 21:00 Meeting (Preparation for Mie Declaration)

Mentors and Observers

- 07:00 - 09:00 Breakfast (Room Ise)
- 09:00 - 12:00 Review of Theme 2 (Room Aoi)
Translation of Theme 1
(Deadline of submission by 12:00)
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch (Room Ise)
- 15:00 - 17:00 Review of Practical Tests
(Deadline of Theme2 submission)
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner (Room Ise)
- 19:00 - 21:00 Translation of Practical Tests
Enclosure of Test Sheets

Weather Forecast

Today (22)



max 35 °C
chance of rain 30%

sunny partly cloudy

Tuesday (23)



min 27 °C
max 33 °C
chance of rain 30%

sunny partly cloudy

Wednesday (24)



min 25 °C
max 29 °C
chance of rain 50%

cloudy partly rain

Excursion to the Ninja village

Last afternoon, students visited Iga-Ueno, a city about 40 km west of the IESO venue in Suzuka. This city is known for its Ninja village. The students visited the Iga-Ueno Castle and an old Karakuri Yashiki (house of tricks), where Ninja lived, and they also enjoyed a Ninja show at the Ninja Museum.



Ise Jingu

Word of Today

Shinto is a Japanese religion, and the worship to kami (Gods) is mainly done in Shinto shrines (Jingu or Jinja). Ise shrine (Ise Jingu) is considered the supreme shrine amongst over 100,000 shrines of all sizes and a variety of Gods. Furthermore, Ise Jingu has a distinctive 1300-year-old tradition called “Shikinen sengu”, which involves renovating the main buildings every 20 years. The latest one was done in 2013. Also, if you want to get souvenirs, Okage Yokocho is a shopping street in front of the shrine where traditional Japanese items are offered.

Clockwise from top left; Iga-Ueno Castle, Ninja show, Instruction on how to use secret door in Ninja house and Traditional Japanese House.



Aerial view of Ise Jingu in 2006 and 2016. The main buildings are removed and rebuilt in the neighbouring site. (Photos from GoogleEarth)

Today's Quiz

In Japan, volcanoes that had at least one eruption in the past 10,000 years and/or steaming activity today are defined as active volcano. Active volcanoes are designated by the Japan Meteorological Agency based on the advice from the Coordinating Committee for Prediction of Volcanic Eruptions. With the advance in geological research, number of active volcanoes increases. The question is: Today, how many active volcanoes are located in Japan?



Mt. Fuji is also an active volcano. The latest eruption occurred in 1707, and about 1 km³ of magma was released as scoria and ash.

A; 55

B; 110

C; 220

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