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I had a wonderful and memorable homestay experience with Hiromi-san and her family, which gave me my first opportunity to stay in a Japanese household and experience Japanese daily life and culture closely. This homestay was very meaningful to me because it allowed me to learn not only about Japanese customs, but also about family values, kindness, and hospitality.

On the night of Friday the 12th, we had dinner at a ramen shop where Rena works part-time. It was my first time eating ramen at a local Japanese restaurant, and I truly enjoyed the authentic Japanese taste. Sharing dinner together helped me feel relaxed and welcomed from the very beginning of the homestay.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast, Hiromi-san, Rena, Yuma, Shoya, and I went to Hattasan Temple. This was my first time visiting a temple in Japan. The peaceful atmosphere, beautiful nature, and traditional architecture left a strong impression on me. At the temple, we ate yakayoko, which was a new and enjoyable experience and gave me a chance to try traditional Japanese food.

After returning home, we had lunch together. In the afternoon, we went shopping to buy ingredients for dinner. Rena and I cooked dinner together, which was a very special experience because it was my first time preparing Japanese food. The dish turned out to be very delicious, and I felt proud to share it with the family. During the evening, I also spent time playing with Yuma and Shoya. They showed me their photos and talked about their daily lives, which helped us become closer.

The family also gave me many cute presents, and I was deeply touched by their kindness. All the gifts were very thoughtful, and I like them very much. Throughout my stay, every family member was extremely friendly, kind, and caring. They paid attention to every small detail and always made sure I was comfortable, which made me feel safe and at home.

After dinner, we went to Aeon Mall, which was lively and fun. On Sunday, Motonobu-san, Rena, and I visited the Unagi Pie Factory. I learned how Unagi Pie is made, and of course, it was very delicious. Later, we went to watch Yuma's wadaiko performance, which was powerful and impressive. I admired her dedication and effort.

After lunch, I returned home feeling grateful and happy. Overall, this homestay was a very valuable experience for me. I learned a great deal about Japanese culture, family life, and hospitality. I am sincerely thankful to Hiromi-san and her family for their warmth and generosity. This experience will remain an unforgettable memory in my life.

