

RODSIRI PRASOPCHOK (Thailand)

I am truly grateful to have been in my homestay host. The homestay lasted for three days, and time passed very quickly. Although I had some difficulty resting properly and developed an unusual sleep schedule, the host family was very understanding and supportive. I still remembered the time I laid down for a sleep on sofa in the second day morning after my lack of sleep. On the first day, Mariya-san prepared sukiyaki for dinner. It was the best sukiyaki I have ever eaten, especially compared to the only other one I had tried before. This meal left a strong impression on me and became one of the highlights of my stay.

During the homestay, I spent a lot of time with the host family's children, who were energetic, cheerful, and playful. Their presence created a lively and warm atmosphere in the household. We played a lot of things together from basketball, football to video game. They often had small arguments in a funny way, these moments reflected a natural part of childhood. All three children brought many joyful and memorable moments to my stay.

I also had the opportunity to experience many Japanese foods and activities for the first time, such as natto, temaki sushi, ramen, Japanese green tea, anko dango, watching Doraemon with the children, and drinking beer with Japanese people and many things I could not name it here. These experiences helped me better understand Japanese culture. In addition, Oba-chan kindly prepared traditional matcha for me. Her skill and dedication left a strong impression, and the matcha was memorable. All the meals during the homestay were delicious.

Overall, this homestay was a meaningful and unforgettable experience. I am very grateful to the host family for their kindness, generosity, and care. This experience allowed me to gain deeper insight into Japanese family life and culture, and it has motivated me to continue improving both my English and Japanese skills. I will always feel nostalgic looking back at those moments.



Regarding improvement on the homestay program, I think there is nothing to do much beforehand. Only thing I can hope for is the good chemistry between host and student. I am fortunate that my host husband likes basketball and has a lot of connection with me. If anything we could do maybe collect a detail of their hobby and match them up.