袋井市国際交流員活動日記帳

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ブラントリー・マイケル | 2025夏姉妹都市からの学生訪問団!

6月下旬、アメリカ北西 部オレゴン州姉妹都市ヒ ルズボロ市から8年ぶり に学生訪問団が袋井市を

来訪しました!



学生訪問団は袋井市の名産物であるお茶 に関する特別な経験ができました。

「茶ピア」に行き、伝統的な技術である 「お茶の手もみ」を体験しました。自分 で急須の使い方とお茶の入れ方も挑戦し てみました。

お茶といえば、訪問団が袋井商業高校を訪れたときにも登場して、そこでは、茶道部のメンバーに茶道のデモンストレーションをしてもらいました。商業高校生が文化の架け橋となり、姉妹都市からのゲストに対して茶道の手順を丁寧に案内する姿は、すばらしかったです。

また、訪問団は高校生と一緒に英語の授業にも参加しました。授業後のフリートークの時間では、生徒たちは共通の話題を見つけて熱心に話していました。音楽やスポーツの話題も多かったです。教室は熱気に包まれていました!

この訪問の間、彼らは市役所を訪れ、大場市長に表敬訪問しました。和気あいあいと交流し、プレゼントを贈り合った後、記念に集合写真を撮りました。その他、訪問団は、袋井市でホームステイを体験するなど、袋井市を存分に満喫しました。今後のヒルズボロ市学生との交流の機会が楽しみですね。







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Michael Brantley Summer 2025
Students visit from our Sister City!

At the end of June, a Student Delegation from our sister city Hillsboro, Oregon in the Pacific Northwest of America came to visit Fukuroi City for the first time in 8 years.



During their time here, students had a special experience with one of Fukuroi's most famous products: green tea. The students went to Cha Pia, where they practiced ocha no temomi, traditional techniques of rolling and preparing tea leaves by hand. They also tried their hand at using a small teapot called a kyusu, to pour the tea.

Speaking of tea, it appeared again when the Student Delegation visited Fukuroi City Commercial High School. There, they received a tea ceremony demonstration from members of the tea ceremony club. It was cool to see the high school students become cultural bridges and carefully guide their international guests through each step of the ceremony process.

The students also joined an English class with their high school counterparts. During free talk time after the lesson, students eagerly found things they had common to talk about. Music and sports were some of the more common topics. The energy in the classroom was electric!

During their trip, the Student Delegation came by city hall and had a courtesy visit with Mayor Oba. After a friendly interaction and exchange of presents, they took a group photo. The students also had a homestay with a family and were able to enjoy Fukuroi to their hearts' content. We're looking forward to the next opportunity to have an exchange with Hillsboro City students.

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