## Irish Food Tasting



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On March, 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 I was able to attend the Irish Food Tasting event at the Katsuragi Kitanomaru Hotel. I was able to try many different types of Irish like Bacon and Cabbage, Prawn Cocktail, Porridge, and Guinness Stew. I also was able to try some Japanese food like the Irish Team will be eating when they come and stay before the games this summer.

Everything I ate was very good and reminded me of American food because many of the ingredients were quite similar.

While I was eating I thought about perceptions of other countries, and how we form our thoughts about them. I think when we are younger, how our parents raised us and taught us about other cultures and countries shapes how we think and interact. Because as humans, there is so much fear of the unknown we are prevented from different experiences like even trying a bite of a new food. We have to move outside our comfort zone to really know if we will like this new thing or not. In this way, food can be simply used as an object lesson to describe what it's like to learn about different cultures.

Sometimes we may try a bite of something that we don't like but it doesn't mean that entire

culture is bad, just that we haven't found what we like about it yet. It is only through being open and adventurous enough to at least try a new food, or a new language, or traveling or even living in new country can we learn about that place. I think that many of the participants at the Irish Food Tasting event had their first bite of traditional Irish food and that it opened their eyes to a different country, and it opened their hearts to a different, beautiful culture as well.



## アイルランド料理試食会



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出来ました。食べたもの全てが美味しくて材料が似ているアメリカの料理を思い出しました。

食べていた時に、外国に対するイメージがどういうふうに作られるかを考えました。確かに両親の育ち方や教え方によって他の国や文化への考え方や感じ方が変わってきます。人間として知らないことへの恐怖があるので、例えば新しい食べ物を一口食べようとするなど、様々な経験ができなくなっています。こういった新しいものを実際に好きかどうか知るためには、いつも歩んでいる道とは違う、分かれ路を通らなければなりません。他の文化について学ぶことは食べ物を通してこういうふうに例えられます。

時々口に合わないものを食べることもあるかもしれませんが、その文化や国の全体が合っ

てないのではなくて、自分が好きなところをまだ見つけられなかっただけです。心を開き、冒険心を持ち、新しい食べ物や新しい言語を試したり、海外旅行や移住したりすることにより、その文化を深く勉強することが出来ます。アイルランド料理試食会の参加者は、きっと初めてのアイルランド料理をひとくちを食べて、違う国や新たな美しい文化に対して目も心も開けたでしょう。

