

Academic Tour in America ~New York~ Pray for Global Peace at the 9.11 Memorial



We (Akai, Hirai, Okano, Fujimoto, Kiyama, Yamada) visited some famous places in New York on the morning of March 5th, one of which was Ground Zero, where the World Trade Center used to be. The picture on the left shows a stone monument on which names of the victims who were victims of terrorism were carved. There were many people at this place and they seemed to be suffering from unbearable sadness even now. We saw the wreckage of the buildings and ambulance that had been damaged during rescue operations. Seeing many young people visit this memorial, we found that they had a strong will never to forget the tragedy in the past, sadness against terrorism, and hope for peace. We prayed for victims and wrote messages for world peace.

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On March 6th, we visited the United Nations Headquarters in New York city. First, we joined in a study tour guided by a staff of the UN, observing several conference halls. After that, Akai and Hirai, representatives of the peace division, donated their original supplemental teaching material to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA). They introduced their materials in English briefly and got the staff to read it. Then, all of us had a discussion about our research project. Although it was not so long, it became a fruitful experience because we received a lot of questions and opinions. After we came back to Japan, our teaching material was put on the website of the UN. We are satisfied to feel our activity will be spread to the world. Search “Disarmament Education”, click 【For teachers & students】, and you can find our teaching material on the website.



Through These Experiences

We learned a lot of things such as multi-culturalism, traffic and economic systems in a big city, confusion of terrorism, and so on. Moreover, seeing a monument made by Isamu Noguchi which we studied in English class, we felt an artistic side of this city.

We are so happy because we had such a wonderful experience at the age of seventeen. We want to continue to have keen eyes for multi-culturalism and world peace, communicate with many people, and send our opinions to all over the world.