Murayama Visit, Fall 2017 20th Anniversary of Friendship Agreement

International Relations Committee

Who went? Members of the IRC, those who have hosted guests from Murayama in the past.



Where we went



How exchanges work

- Plane-to-plane hosting. Participants pay for their flight and the hosts cover all costs after that.
- Every second year, Barrie families host a group of Japanese high school students.
- On alternate years, a group of Barrie high school students travel to Murayama.
- There are occasional adult exchanges.

City Hall welcoming ceremony



Meeting with city officials



Signing Friendship Agreement



バリー市・村山市 友好都市盟約締約

バリー市民友好訪問団歓迎レセプション Friendship City Agreement Signing Ceremo



Our gifts to Murayama



Publicity





Newspaper coverage



Murayama is surrounded by mountains and includes a lot of farmland



There are rice fields beside city hall



What we saw and did: Eating sushi



There was no end to the food



Painting dolls



Visiting the aquarium



Touring television studio



Touring newspaper



Making noodles



Eating pancakes



Making pottery



Learning swordsmanship



Learning meditation



Dining at home with hosts



Visiting museums



Visiting temples



Touring the countryside



Traditional tea ceremony



Soaking feet in a roadside footbath



Tsunami museum in Sendai



Dinner with Murayama councillors



Touring mountain spa town



Visiting Yokohama and Tokyo



Shopping



And more eating



Arigato, Murayama and Japan

