



TOYOTA

Toyota・Derbyshire
Children's Meeting
2016

豊田・ダービーシャー子ども会議
2016



DERBYSHIRE



**Junior
High School
students,
expressing
their views.**

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Report for Toyota and Derbyshire Children's Meeting

Theme

Internationalization of the City

Toyota and Derbyshire Children's Meeting is the place for junior high school students of both Toyota City and Derbyshire to exchange opinions. This was the fourth to become conference, in which 57 junior high school students from Toyota City and Derbyshire participated. The themes of their discussions were the present situations of many foreigners who visit Japan, and the student's efforts, from the viewpoint of internationalization.



Abstract

Date and Place / 25, October, 2016 1:30 p.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.
 TOYOTA BOSHOKU Global Training Centre (8-54-1 Obayashi-cho, Toyota-shi)
 Participant / 57 Students (Japanese 28, Derbyshire 29)

Workshop prior to as a preambles to the Children's Meeting

The student's combined to make smaller mixed groups and participated in workshop discussions, using sticky notes and whiteboards to jot down their points. The discussions were held in English, and both students could broaden their perspectives.



Greetings



Mayor of Toyota City Toshihiko Ota

We were very pleased to welcome those honorable guests from Derbyshire and promising youth from Toyota City to hold Toyota Derbyshire Children Meeting 2016 here in Toyota City.

I've heard you all visited Toyota Stadium this morning. At that very stadium, some of the 2019 Rugby World Cup games will be held. And more foreigners are expected to visit Toyota City from various countries.

The theme of this meeting was "Town Growth towards a Cosmopolitan City". Toward that end, I hope the ties of friendship continue and strengthen more in the future.



Chairman of Toyota City Congress Mitsuyoshi Kondo

We were very pleased to hold the Toyota Derbyshire Children Meeting in Toyota City where our brilliant budding leaders exchange their thoughts and opinions with each other. Toyota City would become one of the host cities for Rugby World Cup 2019. Many foreign visitors would be expected to come to Toyota City. Also,

many foreign visitors now are visiting places in Derbyshire, such as Peak District National Park. In this meeting, although there were students exchanging their views, many significant discussions were had regarding cosmopolitan city or international exchange. After this meeting, I hope the ties of friendship and international relations in each city become more strengthened in the future.

History of Exchange between Derbyshire and Toyota

In 1989, when Toyota Motor Company established at Burnaston in Derby, Toyota City signed a formal twinning agreement in collaboration with Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council forging a unique link which continues to go from strength to strength.

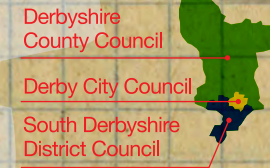
History of exchange

Junior High School Students' Delegation from Toyota City

2016 was the 16th time for the homestay exchange program. Derbyshire has continued to give a warm reception to Toyota City junior high school students. Through communication by using English, they could strengthen their hopes to become international citizens in global communities.

Junior High School Students Delegation from Derbyshire

28 Derbyshire students and 3 teachers had visited Toyota City in the middle of October, 2016. Through their experiences, the ties of friendship have grown strong, while some students cried when they separated.



What is "a Cosmopolitan City" ?, from the perspective of junior high school students

In the meeting, 9 groups of students gave the presentations about their images of "a Cosmopolitan City." The main points of their presentations are as follows:

Advanced Infrastructure in the City



- ▮ Firm transportation network required.▮
- ▮ Multi language signs.▮
- ▮ Multi language city guide maps would be created.▮
- ▮ Appropriate international signs, interpretation, translation options in public transportation, such as trains and buses would make the town more attractive.▮
- ▮ Good access to public facilities, like Toyota Stadium.▮



Multicultural Symbiosis

- ▮ Many residents know the importance of cross-cultural understanding Co-existence between locals and foreign residents and understanding the importance of improving hospitality, safety, and multicultural signs.▮
- ▮ Sphere for exchanging views, thoughts, and different cultures, by establishing more venues such as multi-cultural centers.▮
- ▮ Co-existence with multi-cultural ethnic groups.▮
- ▮ Creating cultural diversities.▮



Promoting the understanding of different languages



- ▮ Promotion to understand different languages and cultures, not only English but other languages, aiming for multilingual citizens.▮
- ▮ Increase the opportunities properly to learn the major languages including English, German, Spanish, and French languages.▮
- ▮ Increase the opportunities to study this language in school. In England, such opportunities for UK students are few. By increasing those opportunities, it would be more comfortable for foreign visitors to stay in UK and it also would be easier to understand foreign languages and cultures when UK citizens visit different countries.▮



Cultural Understanding



- ▮ Increase the opportunities to communicate with foreign residents, through sports activities recreational events.▮
- ▮ Being tolerant towards others and their religious views.▮
- ▮ Forming a society where ethnic groups enjoy their daily life.▮
- ▮ By improving these elements we will increase the number of people who understand the importance of cultural diversity in the world.▮

Other Opinions

- ▮ Cleaning activities to beautify the town.▮
- ▮ Creating the facilities like parks, and forests; allowing for the natural interaction of people in the town.▮
- ▮ Create the kind surroundings for foreigners to enjoy their stay in tourist sites and holiday resorts.▮
- ▮ Boosting students enthusiasm towards studying foreign languages.▮
- ▮ Making a profit through tourism, and understanding different cultures.▮



The things students would like to tell in the future

Main points of the discussions

Proposal of the Toyota and Derbyshire Children's Meeting 2016

Communications

The importance of promoting the right attitude towards communicate with foreigners

- It leads to the motivation of students to learn English.
- Purchasing foreign products leads to experiencing foreign cultures.
- Effective utilization of social media and international correspondence.



Transportations

Required to maintain adequate living surroundings, proper transportation and social safety

- Increasing public transportation, such as buses.
- Tied to community, social safety would be the first step to building the cosmopolitan city.



Culture

The importance of respecting our own domestic history and culture within the theme of globalization

- Showing respect for traditional culture in their regions, towns, and countries.
- Information transmission of their local cultures to the world.
- Increase the opportunities to watch foreign TV programs.

Teachers



From the teacher of the Derbyshire delegation
Claire Owen

It is an honor to be here with my students in your wonderful city, discussing cosmopolitan cities. The young men and women here today are fortunate to have been born at a time when they can travel half way around the world in less than a day, still communicate with home freely and receive the latest news at the touch of a button. The development of cosmopolitan cities and exchange programs allow young people to develop their understanding of other cultures and their own, which they will hopefully take with them into adulthood and then pass on to the next generation. As a teacher, I have seen firsthand the benefits to young people of opening their eyes and ears to a wider world.

Proposal



"How to Make a Cosmopolitan City"

We will make a proposal on
In our opinion, a cosmopolitan city is...



The Derbyshire and Toyota students cooperated towards completing this goal. In addition, to what was discussed, we need to live beyond the stereotypes. Regarding the universal signs, we have not come to a conclusion whether they should be made in English or other languages. A pictogram used as a sign would make it easier for people to understand. To learn from a younger age the importance of culture and languages. Festivals should be celebrated in all cultures in our country, and transportation made more efficient.

From here, I'd like to express my own opinion towards this proposal as specific measures for Toyota City. 2019 World Cup Rugby Games are going to be held here, so many visitors will come to Toyota City here, and we have a lot more Japanese volunteers who speak English. We, who have experienced the exchange students program, have to actively engage in the activities the students and visitors from the UK or Derbyshire, have proposed. The quests are not just looking to attend the Rugby World Cup Games that will be held in Japan; please take an interest and Get involved more effectively with that and other events promoting exchange and understanding.



Jeannine Barstard,
the representative of the Derbyshire Students

Nozaki Daichi,
the representative of the Japanese students



Fukushima Kanemitsu,

The superintendent of education, the board of education, Toyota City. In this society, science and technology, and transportation have advanced beyond the barriers of countries and there are a lot more exchanges of people, goods and information; however, we realize the many differences in history, culture, religions and the ways of life. For mutual understanding to take place, we hope to learn the attractiveness of our own culture, especially our own towns. For the Derbyshire and Toyota students I hope you will strengthen your ties and raise the awareness of the need to become and grow as international cities and to take action for the future to come.



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Sawada Kyo

Sugimoto Ai

Kotama Kaito

Inomata Sakura

Nozaki Daichi

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Takeda Masato

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Jeannine Bastard

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