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Diversity in WISH ~Jun-Japa, Third Culture Kids, Overseas students~

In the Waseda International Student Housing (WISH), there are Japanese students, International students, and also lots of Third Culture Kids (TCK). This month, we interviewed 3 residents: Japanese, international, and Third Culture resident. In WISH, we have the so-called “Jun-Japa” (full Japanese) students, and WISH is the first time they are experiencing globalisation on such a large scale. Even though there are a lot of “Jun-Japa” residents, they come to WISH with the aim of experiencing multiculturalism, and the difficult part of actually partaking in such. As expected, there is a really big language barrier, but language is not the only way to communicate. Generally speaking, Japanese people, international exchange means “a change to learn a culture that differs from your own”. However, to the International students and Third Culture residents, “international exchange” means to become comfortable with living in and communicating in a foreign country. Therefore, the desirable outcome would be for mutual recognition and understanding of the other by living with each other. In terms of language, Japanese are really conscious of their strengths and weaknesses and face many difficulties when communicating with exchange students. However, overcoming their weaknesses, through greeting each other, small chat, or by having fun by watching videos together, we can witness the beautifulness of multiculturalism.

Guests of this month	International students	: Eunju	(Korea)
	Jun-Japa	: R	(Gifu Prefecture)
	Third Culture Kids	: Tomotatsu	(Taiwan)

Interview a resident from Korea

Eunju&FU(An editor of WISH TIMES)

FU : Hi, Eunju. Could you please briefly introduce yourself?

Eunju: I am Eunju, from Korea. Currently I am living in the 925 on ninth floor in WISH. I major in GPE.

FU : How about your roommate? Where are they from?

Eunju: All the other three are from Japan. Since we are all quiet people and because sort of the language barrier, we do not talk to each other a lot. But we have a line group. Anytime anyone meets any trouble, she is free to ask help through this group.

FU : I see. I also lead a peaceful life with my roommate. Do you use the common living room often?

Eunju: Not really. My roommates use it as place to dry their cloth and put their luggage but I seldom use it.

FU : What is the best thing do you like about WISH?

Eunju: I chose to live in WISH because of its location. It is not that far away from the Waseda campus.

FU : Yeah, I agree. WISH's location is quite pleasant. But, on the other hand, do you think there should be some improvements?

Eunju: SI program.

FU : Really? SI Program?

Eunju: I mean the content and purpose of this program are both good. The only thing I want to change is its time. Because SI program in English is only on Thursday this term but I happen to have the fifth period lesson on the same day, which makes me almost impossible to attend the program on time.

FU : I see. So there seems to be a time conflict. Do you go to other activities held by WISH?

Eunju: No. I like to watch opera through the Internet or to read books in my free time. And, go to the fitness room.

FU : Yeah, I have met you several times in the WISH's fitness room. Do you go there often?

Eunju: Yes. For example, I go jogging on the running machine there every day this week.
I feel the condition of fitness room in WISH is not bad.

FU : I agree with you. After you move out WISH, where do you plan to live?

Eunju: Near Waseda, I guess.

FU : I see. At last, could you please give a sentence for the future residents?

Eunju: Look after yourself.

FU : That sounds like WISH is a dangerous place.

Eunju: No! I mean when you live in dormitory, away from your parents, you need to handle with lots of issues all by yourself. So you have to learn to look after yourself.

FU : Make sense. But don't worry too much. We have RAs if you are really in trouble.

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Interview with a resident (Japanese resident)

There many WISH residents whom experience advancing to university and living away from their parents for the first time. With the feeling of uncertainty and many expectations, I was able to come into contact with residents with various personal histories and grow as a person. However there were also many whom have experienced the dormitory lifestyle prior to entering WISH. This time, I interviewed Mr. R whom has been living the dormitory life since he was first grade of middle school.



-Please introduce yourself.

R: I am R. I am a freshman enrolled in the School of International Liberal Studies. Whilst I was born in Gifu prefecture, I went to a secondary school in Aichi prefecture which had implemented a system where all students are required to live in a dormitory.

-What are the differences of that dormitory and WISH?

R: There are girls in this dormitory (lol). Also, because it was a secondary school we were very restricted... hand phones were banned and we couldn't really leave the dormitory. WISH is very free, and I'm not too sure if you can consider this a restriction but we have to attend the SI program. furthermore, WISH is very multicultural and there are many people to speak English to, and exchange students to whom also speak Japanese... one of my roommates is a returnee Chinese-Canadian, so he's a very international person, and I was blown away by how good his Japanese was.

-How is it like to live with people with different backgrounds?

R: Of course for me it was a culture shock, there were many things I was surprised by. For example, this is about the WISH communal bath, but depending on the culture the process to take a bath is different (lol). You just have to get use to the differences in culture one-by-one. Returnees, or exchange students however apparently do not seem to feel the multiculturalism, but to me this place seems quite multicultural. There were many strange things in the dormitory.

- I know you've been living in a dormitory since the first year of middle school, but do you have any advice for people who

R: It would have to be to depend on people. Since the third year of middle school, I had the job of looking after the dormitory underclassmen, and it is especially difficult if the underclassmen do not inform us about things. No matter how much the upperclassmen and RA approach the underclassmen, there are so many underclassmen, so the underclassmen should contact the upperclassmen without hesitating if need be. They will help you out for sure.

-What do you have to say to the parents and guardians whom will be sending their children to the dormitory for the first time

R: In reality, rather than "children separating from parents", "parents being separated from children" is actually tougher. Apparently my parents cried in the beginning when I was gone. However, your children will grow. Because they were able to live away from home they can experience more, and grow more as a person. It is hard, but your children will definitely grow as a person so please let them live in a dormitory. In the previous dormitory I lived in, overprotective parents kept running interference, and it never ended well. Of course if this is about your child then it is a different story, however other than that it is better to let them live independently in the dormitory as it will contribute to their personal growth, and it will also contribute to your growth. Apparently my parents were nervous in the beginning too (lol).

- What is your message to people who decide to go to university, and come live in WISH?

R: Well to say so humorously, it is tough to do the laundry in WISH. The dryers are not very good, so the smelly clothes do. Thank you so much!

R: Wow I said some impressive words in the end didn't I (lol)

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WISH Resident Interview (Third Culture residents)

Tomotatsu Kono
408 SILS Junior

- Please tell us about your upbringing!

My mother is Japanese, my father is Taiwanese, and I was born in Taiwan. Until I turned 20, I would spend a month of the summer in Japan, and the rest in Taiwan. My grandmother lived in Japanese territory until she was 10, so within the household, I would speak Japanese to my grandmother, mother, and younger sister. I would speak Chinese with my father and the neighbourhood. I also went to a local school in Taiwan. I was not very good at Chinese, so I transferred schools and experienced being a freshman twice. After I graduated from high school, I enrolled in the Department of Political Economy at East Asian Faculty of National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei.

-Please tell us about your university!

I originally planned to go to a Japanese university, and enroll in a university in



Taipei for a semester. When I went to the National Taiwan Normal University, I also lived in a dormitory, except over there, there was 6 person in 1 room. There were residents of various nationalities, but because the dormitory was built 60 years ago the monthly fee was only 5000 Yen (45 USD)!

-Can you please tell us about your language use, do you have any hardships or silver-linings?

To outsiders, it appears I am able to speak 3 languages (including English), however in reality I am not native level in either languages and internally I have a massive struggle in regards to language. However, when I enter Taipei and Japan, I always look forwards to the immigration check a lot (lol). Also, because I can use 3 languages I am able to absorb and relay a lot of information so it's useful. There are a lot of translation part-time jobs that only I can do. In regards to work, I am able to mingle with the Japanese, Taiwanese and Chinese groups relatively easily.

-Is Taiwan or Japan your home?

I feel as though both Japan and Taiwan are my homes. If you leave Taipei at 7am, you will reach Haneda airport by 11am, so you will still be able to attend your afternoon classes at Waseda University (lol). There have been times where I on the weekends I return to Taipei to meet up with my family and friends, then return to Japan. For me, back and forth from Taipei to Tokyo is like going back and forth to Tokyo and Osaka. Also, while I am in Japan I have become able to eat mango and xiaolongbao excessively, but also because I lived in Taiwan I missed the Japanese convenient lifestyle and sushi... so to me I "return" to both Japan and Taiwan, and my family and I have been saying so since I was a child!

-Please tell us about your future!

From fall next year I will be studying abroad for a year. I have never applied for studying abroad in a European country. So far, I have travelled around in Asian countries, and in most of them I could use Chinese to communicate. However, in North America, there will be many situations where I cannot use Chinese to communicate. The reason why I applied for Europe was for the first time in my life I will be experiencing a world miles away from my own. The pace of the Northern European countries are slower, so I intend to take my time to find the things I would like to study, and live like the locals do. I look forwards to living the lifestyle of the Northern Europeans. Well, I'll be off to a world of the unknown!



↑ A picture of the dormitory of the National Taiwan Normal University



↑ A picture of me in my National Taiwan Normal University days with my friends

EVENTS

Nagashi Somen Event

On June 10th a group of residents gathered in the 2nd floor multi-purpose room, where an array of bamboo props was set up. To the unknowing stranger, such props may have seemed extremely bizarre, but the residents sure knew what was happening! This was the Nagashi-Somen Event, a Japanese summer tradition where people try to catch and eat somen noodles flowing on bamboo. As a majority of the participants were foreigners, this was an eye-opening experience for many of them. Many expressed gratitude to the RAs who prepared the setup, and others shared their thoughts on the fun, as one resident said, "It was hard enough using chopsticks, and we have to jab and fend off other people for our own noodles!" This event was an evident success, as residents laughed while joining in on the competitive chopstick action. Aside from the nagashi-somen, there was also some shaved ice served, and everyone participated in the interactive activities the RAs prepared. This was definitely a great start for the upcoming summer! decided to investigate the lifestyle of the freshmen WISH residents for future references.



World Breakfast Tour: India



In May, the RAs have created an event called the World Breakfast Tour, where residents could experience a different culture's breakfast. Living in a dorm with residents from different countries, all residents could discover a new world of cuisine and cooking, based on each culture. At the end of May, the 1st destination for this breakfast tour was Taiwan. In the middle of June, 2nd destination was India. Before the residents could taste how Indian dishes are, the RAs called two residents from India to introduce and give insights on their food culture and what they were going to cook for us. The residents introduced Indian cuisines such as Paneer, Dosa, Ras malai, Jalebi, Laddu, and Sheera. After their presentation, the event supporters demonstrated on how to make Chickpea Curry and Chapati to the residents. Both dishes were very tasty, especially when eating both dishes together. The Chickpea Curry was a bit spicy due to the coriander powder. However, if any of you are interested in making the Chickpea Curry, the recipe will be written below! The steps in making the curry is very simple, so definitely try cooking the dish when you have time. This breakfast tour, focusing on the exotic country, India, has deepened the resident's interest in Indian cuisine. Hopefully, the 3rd destination for the breakfast tour would also bring interest and curiosity to the residents.

Recipe for the Chickpea Curry

Ingredients:

- Chickpeas
- Tomato
- Onion
- Ginger & Garlic paste
- Coriander Powder
- Garam Masala
- Salt & Pepper

Steps:

1. Heat oil in a frying pan and add in ginger and garlic paste. Stir until it's slightly brown.
2. Add the chopped onion and stir till golden brown.
3. Add in the tomatoes and chickpeas.
4. Stir for a few minutes, then add garam masala and coriander powder.
5. Add salt and pepper to taste.





WISH スポーツ大会

On June 24, there was a WISH Sports Event at Waseda University Tokorozawa Campus. In total, 73 residents participated, and the teams were split according to 4 of the floor's blocks, which are yellow, magenta, blue, and green.

1. Jump Rope

Each member in a team had to jump the rope in a limited time, and the team who jumped the most times, wins. When a member in the group stumbled, the team just laughed them off and lifted the atmosphere.

2. Relay

1. Crawl under the net, then look for a cinamon stick in a plate full of white powder
2. Popping the balloon in pairs
3. Baseball Bat Spin, then race to get the bread.

The audience couldn't hold back their laughs whilst watching the participants looking for a cinamon stick while their faces are getting covered with white powder.

3. Basketball

Every team showed solid team play, it is quite hard to believe that it was their first time and it has become a spectacular match.

During the break, team members ate their lunch together surrounded by nature. It was a good opportunity to deepen friendship with their team mates.

4. Dodgeball (match between floors)

Showing their floor pride, each team had a fun match throwing a soft ball.

5. Sweden Relay

Even though there was an accident, the team didn't give up and finished until the end! A big round of applause to them!

In the end, yellow block came out as the winner. In the past years, blue block won three times, while green block won once. This year was yellow block's first victory!

Speech from the yellow block's team captain:

Although we scored the lowest in the first match (the jump rope), I'm so happy we were able to win! In just one day, there was so much laughter, and I made friends with so many people. WISH is the best!

Editorial

Playing sports together with people who we usually don't meet— people from different floors, different faculties—is really fun. There were a lot of people who found common points with others unexpectedly. Together, it was a good sweat. Being college students, we got too busy with various activities that playing matches like this would be pretty unthinkable. There will also be a sports event in Waseda University in August, so please join that one too and meet people and play sports together.

SPECIAL CONTENTS

Surprise interview about the lifestyle of WISH residents before exam period!

June will be the first ever mid-semester exam experienced by the freshmen. Therefore, we decided to investigate the lifestyle of the freshmen WISH residents for future references.

Person number 1

Miss N.H.

Freshman

School of Culture, Media, and Society (WISH 8F)

Mid-semester Exams: English, German

Breakdown:

- ① Test is in first period
- ② The lecturer fell behind the schedule, therefore the contents of the test has been reduced
- ③ Circle (Pafosa) performance period was before, so very busy → unable to study for one section
- Interesting habit before exams:
 - ① Motivation towards room tidiness and cooking increases → actually follows through → no time to study
 - ② No all-nighters → studies for a reasonable amount of time the night before, and finishes the rest in the morning
- Interesting episode during a test: Had a blood nose during high school practice exam, but the invigilator was asleep so had to complete the test as is (it meant there was a lot of stress). ⇒ Because of the blood nose incident, all the answers on the exam were correct...!
- Tricks to staying awake: coffee/ loud music
→ last resort, sleep

Schedule before the test day

Blue: sleep

Orange: house chores

Yellow: self-study (library)

Light Blue: self-practice for circle

Dark blue: going home

テスト前日のスケジュール



■睡眠 ■家事 ■講義 ■自習(図書館) ■サークル自主練 ■サークル正規練 ■帰宅 ■就寝準備

Person Number 2

Miss E.H.

First Year

School of International Liberal Studies (WISH 11F)

Mid-Semester Exams: writing, marketing, philosophy, pop culture, statistics

Reports: American politics, North Korea



Would you please tell us about your mid-semester exams?

I had procrastinated, and left the preparation for the assignments until a week before so that was quite tough. Gradually, I came to live in the living room. For around 2 to 3 weeks I slept in the living room with my friends. By the way, this is actually the third time streak of my continuous sleepless nights. ☹

I wake up around 6, take a shower, have breakfast, and study again. Then I go to school and circle activities, then return to the dorm and then relax for around 2 hours. Then from around 11 to 12 o'clock I begin my studies.

For the marketing exam preparation, I did not understand English so I had to begin by gaining an approximate understanding from reading Japanese books, then I could read the English books. For reports, instead of reading English articles, I would research using Japanese articles.

I was told American politics was interesting, however, honestly as a Jun-Japan (pure Japanese) I do not understand what people see in this class ☹. For the mid-semester report, we had to pick a topic from the draft and write about it.

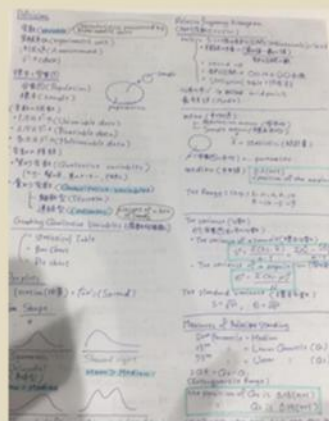
How did you recharge your energy during mid-semester period?

During the night, I often drank the Monster energy drinks I bought from the convenient store. Although, the drink doesn't work for me anymore ☹. I would also drink the mega cafe au lait from the Lawson convenience store. However, right now I am not resisting the sleepiness.

How was your first mid-semester experience?

It was tough living off so little sleep, however I avoided over-sleeping by studying with my friends, and waking each other up in the morning. The girl living next door is in the lacrosse club, so she came to wake me up early in the morning. Now that exams are done and over with, I regret procrastinating. I have been doing some serious self-reflection. I am now committed to begin studying earlier.

(The cheat sheet for the statistics exam. It was a compilation of vocabulary and example questions)



Person Number 3

Mr. F.O.

First year

Department of Engineering Electrical and Bioscience,
Bioinformatics



Since this mid-semester just happened, I decided to ask the WISH residents about how they overcame their mid-semesters. This time I decided to interview Mr. F.O. from the Department of Engineering Electrical Biosciences, Bioinformatics!

His schedule is exactly what you would expect of a science department.

He had a writing, programming, and language test, totalling 6. He still had exams even after this interview.

It seems the exam he had not had yet is the hardest of them all. Although his English test was vocabulary, it was a mysterious crossword structure, and he's quite nervous about it.

The image I have of Mr. F. is of him studying very hard in late nights in the kitchen. He says so himself that he's not a morning person. Without further ado, I would like to explain his daily schedule before exam season.

Firstly, he will sleep-in until the last minute, then he mixes butter into his morning coffee, then he runs through Central Park whilst eating bread. He gets back to the dormitory at 6pm, then reads a book with the mysterious title "headstrong", then eats a healthy meal. Then he studies through the night, and sleeps-in.

His strategy to study is, he becomes sleepy so he goes to the kitchen, then puts on some Chinese troupe BGM-like music. He is a very kind person who will help his friends make their Powerpoint slides, and go to test without studying. Apparently his scores are not bad at all.

So that's how he overcame exams, through フミアキ編!! Even though he's in the science department and he has a large workload, he seems like the kind of person to be able to get a cute girlfriend. Even though he's through and through a science department student, he has a cute face and so of course he would be quite popular among the girls.



Special Feature

WISH x  **FamilyMart**



Interview with Tiwari

From the exit of WISH, turn left, and just around that corner is the convenience store, Family Mart (Famima), frequently visited by the WISH residents. So, in this convenience store, employee Tiwari have attained somewhat a celebrity status amongst the regular customers from WISH.

Who is Tiwari?

Originally from Nepal, Tiwari began to work for the Family Mart from 2015, just a year after WISH opened. He usually works the night shift time, by which many WISH residents became well acquainted with him. His popularity among the residents have been proved, as the WISH residents love conversing with him, and notice his absence on days he does not have a shift. Apparently on days he is absent the residents ask for his whereabouts, and converse with him in the neighborhood.

Fun Fact: his favourite Family Mart product is the Milk!

About WISH residents' activities in Family Mart:

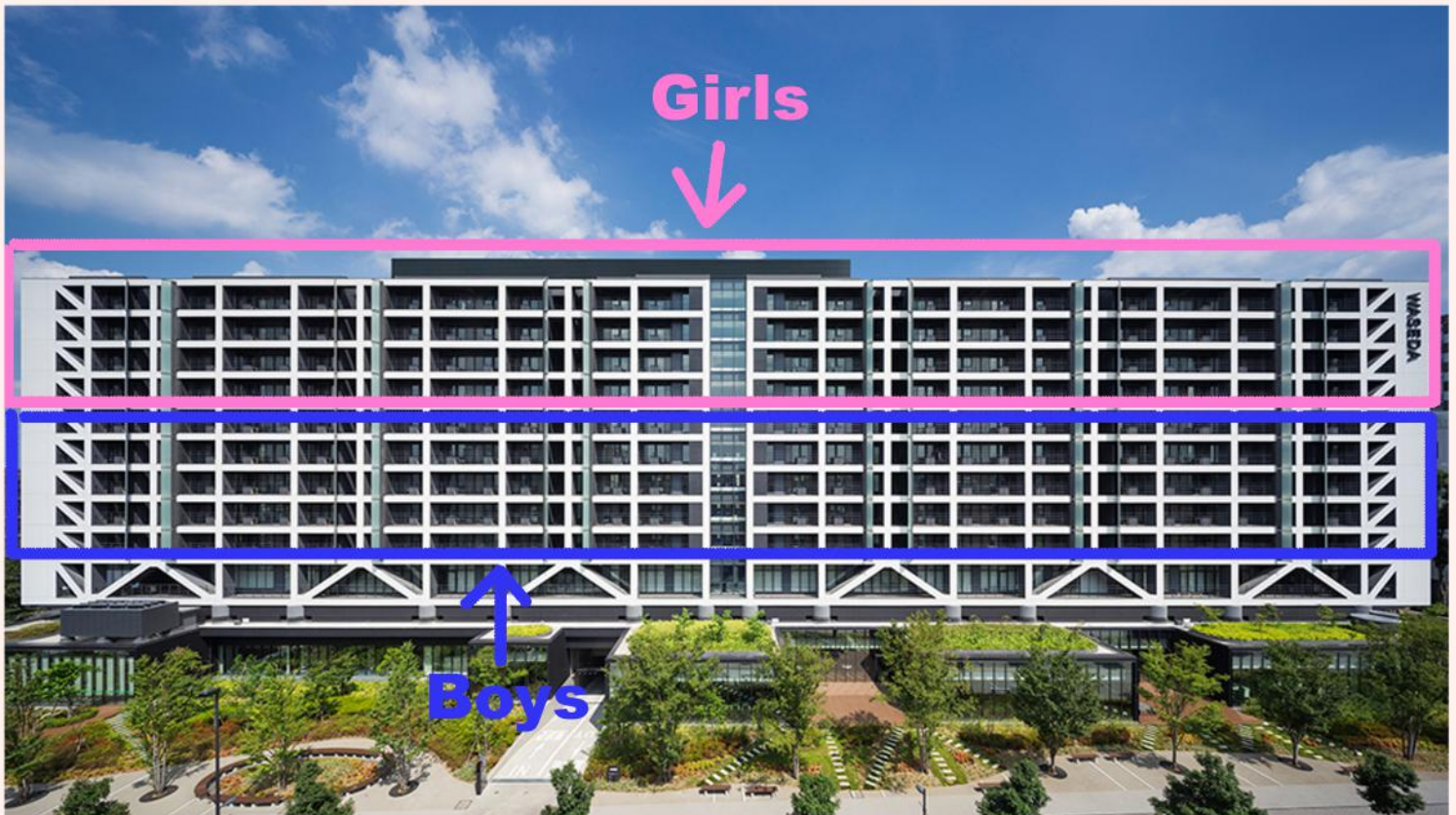
The popular WISH residents' food is their Famichiki (Family Mart Chicken)! This snack is especially popular amongst the Chinese exchange students, and they buy even 2 or 3 pieces at one time! The usual popular beverage are Sodas, and the residents usually go to Family Mart from 5pm to 11pm. However, during exam period, the popular drinks become juice, and the residents visit there around 1am to 3am.



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The girl's floor

WISH is consisted by 11 floors and there are about approximately 90 Waseda University students living in each of them excluding the 1st and 2nd floor. Also, each floor has 4 dorm leaders called the RA who supports the daily life of students. In this section we will pick up each floor's characteristics and the policies of the RA for constructing the environment of their floor to deliver the diversity of WISH.



Guide of Girls Floor



11F : The floor with the best view and the cleanest kitchen

Overall characteristics of the 11th floor from the perspective of RA and their policies for the creation of environment

“I aim to create a comfortable floor” states the RA. The 11th floor sets rules to maintain the cleanliness of the kitchen. For example, in this floor the residents are not allowed to leave their rice cooker. In addition, from this year the RA encourages people to attach a sticker which indicates the room number of the person who owns the rice cooker to promote better management on personal belongings. “When the kitchen is dirty, many residents sense stress towards it.” claims the RA. “Hence, I want to keep the public areas of the floor clean, so people can spend their daily life without feeling discomfort.” Because it is clean and comfortable, the kitchen had become a place where people frequently gather up to watch television and take communication with each other. From this the residents in 11th floor had become close together regardless which grade they are in. Therefore, the rules set in the 11th floor is not just a limitation towards the residents but a caring for them to live comfortably in the dorm.

Behold,
the kitchen
of 11th floor....



This is the kitchen of the 11th floor that the RA takes pride in. The beautifully organized kitchen is opposite to those stereotypes of dormitory kitchen being dirty and a bit old. The 11th floor had the highest evaluation for the degree of cleanliness among the other floors according to the survey results that I had conducted in each floor. Within the survey they were many comments that had mentioned the beauty of the kitchen as one of their good points of their floor. When people from outside come to observe the dorm, they are guided to the 11th floor most of the time since the kitchen looks good. Although, the excellence of the 11th floor kitchen does not end with this. The view from the kitchen is also magnificent since the 11th floor is the highest floor in WISH. Around 6 o'clock in the evening, the kitchen transforms in to a luxurious space that can gain a full view of the city of Nakano during the sunset. Watching this view, I feel that it pays off the inconvenience that the residents in 11th floor needs to experience when forgetting their umbrella on a rainy day and realizing it at the 1st floor. It could be said that beautiful kitchen is the fruit resulting from the effort and hard ships of the RA and the residents in the 11th floor.



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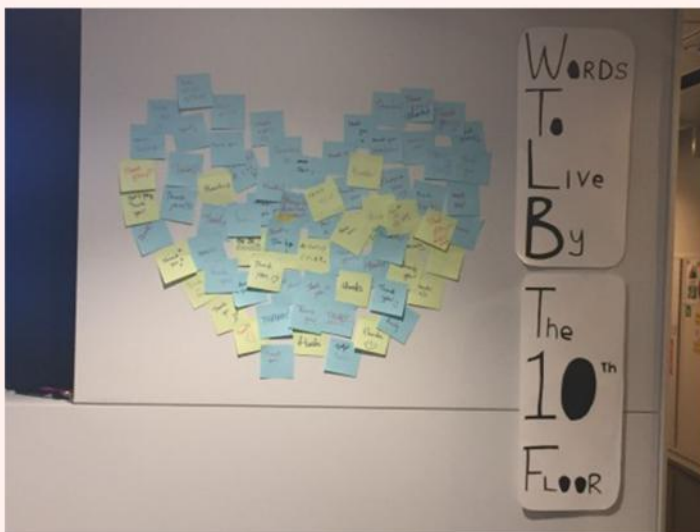
10 F : The floor of freedom that allows you to be yourself

Overall characteristics of the 10th floor from the perspective of RA and their policies for the creation of environment

“My basic policy is non-interference!” claims the RA of 10th floor.

This policy may sound controversial; however, it is actually a sign of her trust towards the people who live in the 10th floor. In the 10th floor there are no strict rules set. This is because the residents attempt to resolve problems by themselves through sharing it upon LINE. When a problem is shared, students do not fight each other but tries to improve the situation with a calm manner. This is possible from the overall characteristic of 10th floor residents being peaceful and open minded. In addition, people in the 10th floor tend to establish wide human relationships rather than hanging out only with certain people. “I think it is also noticeable from the style of interaction between people and their attitude for resolving problem that the residents of 10th floor are very mature.” says the RA.

“Because of this people are able to be their selves with a sense of secureness.” Hence, the freedom of 10th floor is maintained through the calm and mature attitude of the residents.



Creativeness
emerged from
the free atmosphere of the floor

When I visited the 10th floor, an inventive sight spread before my eyes. What first caught my attention was the Post-it notes shaped in to a heart, stuck to the wall in front of the elevator. Looking more closely, it was noticeable that each note has the message “Thank you” written upon it. These messages were used to express appreciation when trading of goods had succeeded at the flea market opened in the 10th floor. Proceeding further, in the hall ways they were paper lanterns hung from ceiling. This was a production of a project that a 10th floor RA candidate done during her internship who attempted to decorate the floor. Also, even in the kitchen they were pictures of the floor events displayed on a board beautifully and the whole floor overall was decorated very nice. The floor’s free environment may had played a role for these creative ideas of the residents to shine.



9F : The floor that deepens fashion and bonds within the unit

Overall characteristics of the 9th floor from the perspective of RA and their policies for the creation of environment

“I try to deepen bonds within the members of the same units interactively”

says the RA. In WISH each person belongs in a unit with 4 people. These people share a same living room and a washstand. The combination of people in the unit is various, since residents from different nationality and different grades are all together. This creates opportunity for residents to interact with diverse people. For more enhancement of friendship within the unit, in the 9th floor all 4 RAs intervene in the unit room session which is a meeting that is periodically held among each unit. During the unit session the RAs will encourage the members to exchange their LINE address and play a role as a mediator, so they can be open to each other smoothly. These actions come from the hope to create more opportunities to strengthen the bond between the senior and junior residents. Because of these efforts made, the units in the 9th floor had established strong friendships with their unit mates. Some units even hold small parties with their members in the unit. Thus, the policies of 9th floor effectively utilizes the environment of WISH.



High degree of “Jyoshiryoku”

The 9th floor is also recognized from the high degree of “Jyoshiryoku” which is a positive expression for girlish qualities in Japanese. This is because many people in the 9th floor cook by themselves. In addition, there are also people who makes sweets such as cookies. Moreover, the interior of the living room for each unit and the individual rooms in the 9th floor are decorated very fashionable.

The picture at the right was taken in a



Christmas party held in a unit. The electric decoration of the living room creating an atmospheric scene shows the residents good taste for interior. The colorful heart shaped balloons that they hold while taking the picture, also reflects their unlimited “Jyoshiryoku” that they have. Overall, the picture is very heartwarming, since we can notice the bond within the unit from the happy looks on their face. The door which was also arranged charmingly too, represented their authentic sense of decoration.

8F : The floor that provides relax and sense of security

Overall characteristics of the 8th floor from the perspective of RA and their policies for the creation of environment

“I target to create a homey floor” mentions the RA.

It seems that her aim for the floor is to establish a place where residents can relax from their heart. To achieve this, they had been making multiple efforts such as writing letters to new residents and designing an original floor polo shirt, so the residents can get along as soon as possible. Also, because there are many people who play instruments in the 8th floor, they frequently hold music events before the floor meeting. “The people in 8th floor are very unique. The residents challenge various things such as music, clubs, internships and part time jobs” claims the RA. “Hence I always try to make opportunities, so they can express their uniqueness”. Therefore, the 8th floor creates an environment where the residents can get easily used to their dorm life through gaining a place for them to show their hobby and characteristics. In addition, interaction between Japanese students and students from abroad are enhanced in the floor and students try to learn each other’s languages. From these points the 8th floor is a floor where everyone respects each other’s uniqueness and can strongly sense that they belong there.



Interaction through food

The 8th floor frequently holds events that are related to food. This is because they believe that the experience of eating together can promote interaction between people. It is not an exaggeration to say that the residents of the 8th floor had deepened their friendship through cooking and eating together. In events foreign meals such as Korean food would be served. Other than that, they also have pizza parties too. The residents in the 8th floor also plans events with other floors. For example, they had a cheese fondue event with the 6th floor in the past. These events provide more opportunities for the residents to meet people from other floors. In addition, activities to move your body are prepared before these food related events, so participants can appreciate and enjoy the food better. Thanks to these entertaining events, many residents in the 8th floor enjoys participating in events and the floor overall have a high participation rate. Hence the events of 8th floor are planned to be strongly attractive for the residents since they can enjoy food and construct human relationships at the same time.

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Did you enjoy the article? Although this section only covers a part of WISH, I hope that the article was able to provide a general overview of the diversity that WISH holds and the atmosphere of the girl's floor. I also believe that this floor pick up had made us be able to identify the various efforts made by the RAs, so the students could have a comfortable life in WISH.



Next : *The Boys Floor* Don't miss it!

