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3x10 Floor Picnic at Showa Kinen Park

Written by Yoyo Lo



Every so often, WISH holds floor events out in the city, often among one floor of each gender, allowing residents to socialize while exploring the ins and outs of Tokyo. On April 21st, a picnic was held at Showa Kinen Park among 3rd and 10th-floor residents who were sent on various missions while competing in groups of six. Missions included roaming the park to find scenic areas to photograph while striking optical illusion poses. Optical illusions included one member pretending to “smush” the other team members, or even one team member standing from a distance while pretending to “eat” the other team members. In order for these optical illusions to be taken, residents got creative and experimented with angles and poses, while having a laugh at many ridiculous photos taken in the process. These randomly assigned group assignments enabled residents of different departments, years, interests, and backgrounds to interact. Residents also enjoyed various active games such as soccer and flag, in which a representative from each group would race to see who would grab the flag first. Upon the end of the event, quite a large group of residents decided to end the day by dining and getting the infamous ¥50 ice cream at the one and only IKEA, only a twenty-minute walk away. Interestingly enough, according to 10th-floor resident Yoyo Lo, many WISH residents found the differences in pronunciation of IKEA to be quite interesting from country to country. That is, the Japanese pronunciation of IKEA being “E-K- Ya” , American being “I-KEY-YA” , and the Chinese being “E-KEY-YA” . All in all, however, the Japanese pronunciation prevails, as the Swedish pronunciation is exact to that of the Japanese pronunciation. All in all, through this event, residents from the 3rd and 10th floor enjoyed the crisp air and sunshine of Tachikawa, while simultaneously enjoying the beautiful tulips the garden had to offer while ending the day on a full stomach from Sweden’ s very best.

How Do You Perceive Time?

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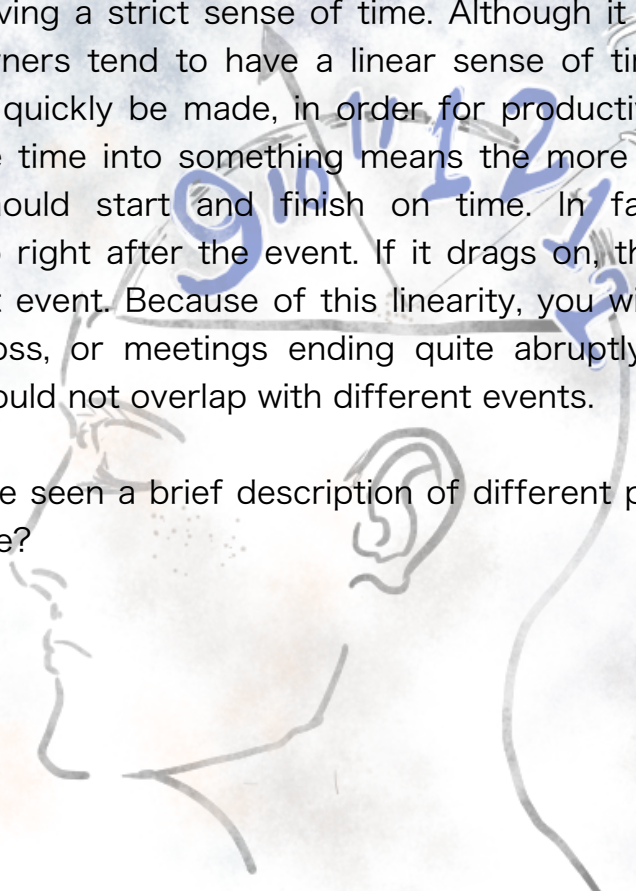
Perception of time has always been a tricky thing. Our standards of what is to “be on time” , “be early” and “be late” varies immensely. Our value of time and how we spend it also differs based on our cultures.

The stereotype is that Japanese people have a strict sense of time. However, reality is slightly different. “The Japanese have a keen sense of the unfolding or unwrapping of time” is a quote from “Wrapping Culture” by Joy Hendry. Time, for Japanese people, is sectioned according to courtesies and traditions. There are clear beginnings and endings for each different event. For example, usually a meeting will not start until the boss comes in, even if he is late. This is because, culturally, the person in power should start the event. Additionally, as custom, the Japanese will usually take the time to exchange business cards. At the end, they will make casual conversation instead of abruptly ending the meeting. Such activities symbolize the beginning and ending of the event.

Other Asian societies tend to have a more cyclic sense of time. Asian cultures are usually influenced by Buddhism, where the concept of karma and life cycles play a big role in understanding the world. Asians, therefore, are more likely to take their time to think through past decisions and how they intertwine with the present and the future before making new decisions. Asian cultures also tend to value relationships more than time. Because of this, they will take the time to establish a strong connection with each other. That is time well spent for them.

On the other hand, westerners such as Germans, Swiss and even Americans should be considered as having a strict sense of time. Although it does differ from individual to individual, Westerners tend to have a linear sense of time. For them, time is money. Decisions should quickly be made, in order for productivity to occur. Working harder and putting more time into something means the more successful something will be. Appointments should start and finish on time. In fact, usually people will have somewhere to go right after the event. If it drags on, they will often choose to leave early for the next event. Because of this linearity, you will often see meetings starting without a late boss, or meetings ending quite abruptly on time, as timing is more important and should not overlap with different events.

Now that you’ ve seen a brief description of different perceptions, what kind of time sense do you have?



Summer Festival

Sato Nao

In the humid rainy season, the mood becomes even more depressing. But, after this rainy season, our long-awaited summer will come!!! Well, here I would like to introduce you some summer festivals of this year. It seems to be able to hear the voices that “We already know famous festivals such as Sumida River Firework Festival (Tokyo) and outer gardens of Meiji Shrine Firework Festival (Tokyo)” , so I paid attention to other three events which are a little different.

1. Fun Fun Splash

This event is one of the biggest water festivals of Japan and everyone (from children to adults) can enjoy it. Everybody wears original matching T-shirts and shooting water with water guns. Some people may think that throwing water balloons and splashing water at each other with buckets are like children playing. Aside from these activities, there are also a huge pool, the firework show that decorates the night sky and luxurious guests. So, with no doubt you can enjoy the event the whole day happily. This event will be held on July 27th and 28th for two days at Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise this year.



2. Color Me Rad

This is the event that you can bathe colorful powders and color gel which are installed in several stations along the course and run. You can enjoy colorful scenes and unusual experience that is completely different from your daily life. Although you have to run the distance of 2km, there is no time limit and rank, in other words, you don't need to rush to reach the goal. It is just the event to wear white T-shirts

3. Minions Run

It is an event with the concept of “Minion's search: Finding the worst boss.” Participants can enjoy running and solving mystery at the same time which can give new feeling. All participants also enjoy wearing minion costumes and go to the attractive places to clear the all quizzes. Besides, special guests come and perform the show. There are also many cute photo spots, so you can take beautiful pictures to upload on social media! There is no doubt that it is the best event for those who are crazy about minions. It is going to be held on July 27th ,28th for two days at La Cittadella located in Kawasaki City.



Things you can do at WISH

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Language Center

WISH (Waseda International Student House) is an international student dormitory with over 800 residents from different backgrounds. There are not only students from Asian countries but also from Western countries. Even though you live in the dormitory, you may feel that you are wandering around the world every day. I would like to call WISH a Language Center, because by communicating with international students, you can practice foreign languages. WISH is the best place to improve your foreign language with native speakers. If you are now in WISH, just grab this incredible chance.

WISH TIMES

WISH TIMES is a dormitory magazine which is published monthly by residents and RAs. There are four sections in WISH TIMES: writing, translating, editing and designing. You can freely join this group and share your beautiful ideas. It helps you to become aware of things around you, even simple, mundane things like (your cup noodles)?, because you have to visualize what you are going to write or design. Every time the magazine is published, you get feedback from the members about your article. So, no need to worry if you are a beginner. All of the members will support you with their best. WISH TIMES will encourage you to enhance your output skill and critical thinking. It will also broaden your horizon and maximize your own potential. Don't miss this chance, guys!





W-creator

W-creator is one of the groups in WISH, where you can participate freely to support WISH residents. There are lots of sections in W-creator such as education, communication and problem solving. When you join W-creator as a member, you will be assigned to participate in one of the sections you are most interested in. The meeting is held once a week and there you discuss and share your ideas with other members about how you plan to support the residents. Meetings are held around 10pm. Even though everyone is tired after university activities, they make great efforts to debate and support each other. It will give you motivation to go forward every time. In W-creator, seniors don't tell you what to do. You need to cooperate with other members to think and create your own plan. After the meetings, you can have great conversations with the members while eating snacks together. This will give you the chance to create strong relationship with friends. You have to do a lot of brainstorming in W-creator, so it helps you improve skills of planning, problem solving, presentation and leadership.

SI (Social Intelligence) Program

SI programs are held at WISH on weekdays and it is mandatory to attend once a week. Guest speakers from famous companies and occasionally alumni visit WISH to share their onsite work episodes. SI programs help you to become aware of how you need to prepare for the future at an early stage. Through active participation in SI programs, you can develop your communication skills and teamwork. Your one step can change your future, so don't be lazy and go to SI!



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