

Explore Kanagawa and find the sign of spring

*Kanagawa Expedition Report “Strawberry picking,
vegetable harvesting, matcha tea break at Sankeien
Garden”*



Kanagawa Expedition offers opportunities for KANAFAN members to visit tourist spots and facilities and directly feel the attractive features of Kanagawa. Eleven members joined the tour this time and enjoyed strawberry picking, vegetable harvesting and matcha tea break at Sankeien Garden.

The first destination was the strawberry field! Members got on the bus and headed straight to the strawberry greenhouse in Hiratsuka City.

After explained about picking manners, munching time started!

Members got on the bus and



The strawberries were sooo sweet, surprisingly big and juicy!



The red and cute strawberries are really insta-genic☆



Members got full and really satisfied!

Leaving the strawberry field, they walked to Kana Garden, Kanagawa Prefectural Flower and Greenery Center.



First, members were briefed on the outline of Kana Garden seeing its miniature model.



Harvesting of lettuce and parsley in the greenhouse was really fun!



They could take home the fresh vegetables.

The salad made with the vegetables were very good and tasty.

Following the harvesting, it was the time for strolling in the Garden filled with the scent of early spring.

Blessed with the fine weather, Mt. Fuji was clearly seen.



Plum blossoms and rape blossoms were in full bloom☆



It was a really warm day which was perfect for strolling and finding the signs of spring in the Garden.

They moved to Asatsuyu Square, where they enjoyed shopping of souvenirs and fresh vegetables, and got on the bus to head for lunch spot!

Hungry members had delicious lunch such as kamameshi iron pot rice at a Japanese restaurant Danran. In a relaxed atmosphere of the Japanese-style private room of the restaurant, they could talk a lot and get to know each other.

In the afternoon, they were back in Yokohama to visit Sankeien Garden, one of today's main features!



Having enjoyed green-powdered matcha tea at a matcha café space Boto-tei of Sankeien was a special experience.



The members were pleased to see the tea ceremony performed in front of them. The Japanese members were worried if the foreign members would like it, but glad to hear “it’s tasty!”.



After the tea break, they strolled through the garden with a guide.



In the spacious premises of 175,000m², structures of high historical values brought from Kyoto and Kamakura are placed to create a beautiful landscape. (The garden has ten important national cultural properties and three tangible cultural properties designated by City of Yokohama.)



The plum blossoms were in full bloom here, too!



Former Yanohara Family Residence, an important cultural property. The highlight of Sankeien Garden.

The huge and steep thatched roof was very impressive. Its construction method is called “gassho (to hold palms together in praying)-style”.



They entered inside, where folk craft articles were displayed. →



Snap! Taking a photo together in front of the old house.





Destinations of the tour

○Strawberry farm in Hiratsuka City

○Kanagawa Prefectural Kana Garden (<http://www.kana-garden.com/>)

○Japanese traditional restaurant “Danran”
(<http://www.miduhono.co.jp/danran/>)

○Yokohama Sankeien Garden (<https://www.sankeien.or.jp/>)

We hope you enjoyed the report! If you are interested in Kanagawa Expedition, please join us! We look forward to going on a trip with you!