

Outline of the lecture given at Abiko High School

Theme: To know foreign cultures, based on my experiences living in Germany and the US

“The countries talked about are Germany, France, the UK and the US”

Differences in national character

- How does the character of people living in a continental differ from those in an island?
- Is there any difference between hunting people and agricultural people?
- Japan is an exceptional country in the world (The common sense in Japan is uncommon in other countries)
- Don't apologize in Germany, why?

Sports to watch

- Europe: No sport is as popular as soccer. How is the atmosphere of the away games?
- The UK: Difference between the rugby fans and the soccer fans
- The US: Baseball, American football and basketball. The season of each sport is well segmented.

Sports to play

- Europe and the US: Where people play sport? Is there any sport club in a school?
- The US: The way of instruction by coach is different from that of in Japan. (From my experience in a children's ice hockey team in Chicago)

Education system

- At the age of 10 years old the children's future course (Go to University or go to work) is decided according to their score in a school. Which country?
- In which country is there any failure system in an elementary school and even in a kindergarten?
- Which countries have a state run qualification test to enter a university? How is the university entrance examination?
- Is there any sport recommendation to enter a university?
- What should be done in a university?
- How hard do the university students study? How much is the tuition fee?

Culture and nature

- Europe: Christian Culture (Enjoying Christmas, Carnival and Easter holidays)
- The US: Magnificent natures. My favorite places: Deserts in Arizona, Niagara Fall and Florida Keyes.

Languages

- Western Europe: Germanic, Latin and a kind of Asian language(?)
- Nowadays English is an international common language
Why is it not French or German?
- How the English language has been established?
- In England a person can be distinguished whether he/she belongs to an upper class or is a commoner just by hearing his/her English, why?