

AIW special event “EXPLORE JAPAN” - feedback summary

1. Japanese language & customs (3/31/2014, at Language Training Center)



- 17 participants + 3 Japanese support members
- Satisfaction with presentation – 100% “5 (highly satisfied)”
- Satisfaction with venue, location, parking, time of the day, refreshments – 92% “5”, 8% “4”
- Comments:
 - So-o good
 - very interesting & informative
 - excellent information - learned quite a lot - thought I knew about Japanese culture but realized that I didn't know that much!

2. Origami envelopes & boxes (4/21/2014, at Indianapolis public library Nora branch)



- 17 participants + 8 Japanese support members
- Satisfaction with presentation – 100% “5 (highly satisfied)”
- Satisfaction with workshop – 100% “5 (highly satisfied)”
- Satisfaction with exhibition – 100% “5 (highly satisfied)”
- Satisfaction with venue, location, parking, time of the day, refreshments – 100% “5”
- Comments;
 - Very interesting and knowledgeable
 - Had patient assistants / well paced / everyone left with a smile from such a GOOD experience
 - Would love more sessions like this.
 - I'm so glad you were there to instruct us.
 - Loved the story of 1000 cranes & the map fold
 - Your presentation showing the history of paper folding was very enlightening & helped give our projects special meaning.
 - I like the presentation of the food (especially the apples!!)

3. Japanese breakfast cooking demo (5/2,7,8/2014, at Yoshi's house)



- 28 participants + 5 Japanese support members
- Satisfaction with demo cooking & handout – 100% “5 (highly satisfied)”
- Satisfaction with breakfast menu – 100% “5 (highly satisfied)”
- Satisfaction with venue, location, parking, time of the day – 96% “5”, 4% “4”
- Comments;
 - So much good information both in the demo and in the handout. I can't wait to try menus on my own.
 - She was a very gracious hostess & very enthusiastic.
 - She is a pro. So good demo.
 - The best cooking demo I've ever seen.
 - This was one of the most unique authentic experiences I've attended.
 - Very thorough and very delicious! I wasn't sure if I would like it as I had never had Japanese food.
 - I became very interested in Japanese culture, and would like to visit the country!
 - Very educational, Answered all questions
 - She did a lot of research! She knows what we don't know & picked appropriate material to teach us.
 - A great ambassador for Japan!
 - You amaze us with your energy & willingness to lead.
 - It was a pleasure to get to know you, and I will continue learning because you "sparked my interest".
 - I feel that this experience has enriched me. I now have a bit more insight into the ancient and venerable Japanese culture and its hardworking and intelligent people. Thank you for the part you have played in all of this. I shall not forget the day I shared a Japanese breakfast in Yoshi's kitchen.

4. Interested topic about cross-culture

- Similar presentation of other countries (ex. China, Korea, Thailand)
- History
- Language
- Cooking
- Clothing
- Foreign films
- Customs / traditions / etiquette of other countries
- Real life experiences
- How to avoid cultural "blunders"
- Japanese health practices, such as exercise, diet, sports