



## STUDY ABROAD CANADA

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### **Congratulations Ruka Iwashita, winner of the HarumiTerai Scholarship**

It's is my dream to go abroad and try my English skills. Unfortunately I have never got the chance because of financial problems. I like English. Perhaps I liked English before I was born. My mother often listened to English songs when she was pregnant with me. After I was born, my mother and I sang English songs together. When I sang English songs in front of her, she was so pleased. So gradually English became an important part of my life. For me English is not just a language but a connection between me and her. Anyway I love English.



Canada is the country I want to go most. I have met two Canadians in my life. One is an English teacher at the English Conversation School I've been going to for seven years. The other is Dara, an exchange student. She came to our school last year. Unfortunately, she has gone back to Canada now. All of my classmates miss her a lot. She was positive, up for everything and tried to learn many things. She often told us about her country. We heard that there are a lot of delicious food in Canada. Besides everyone in Canada enjoys living in their own country and are very happy people. So they are very friendly, if someone has any trouble, they are willing to help him or her.

According to the leaflet, we can have a lot of opportunities to try many things, such as canoeing or riding a horse and so on. Prince Edward Island is famous for "Ann of Green Gables". I was moved by the beautiful views when I watched the movie. Ann said that PEI was the most beautiful place in the world. I watched the site of the Island on the Internet and I'm convinced of her words. So this time I want to see the views with my own eyes!

If I go to Canada I'm sure I can be positive about everything like Dara, the Canadian girl. I have a confidence about being positive. I'm a member of a student council. We need to think and act for ourselves. I also have a challenging spirit and a passion for improving my English. Last year I joined an English Speech Contest organized by Kumamoto English Education Society and won third prize. I passed the pre-level 2nd English Language Proficiency test when I was a third year student of junior high school. Now I'm challenging the 2nd grade.

I'm sure I can be a good-will ambassador. I belong to Taiko – a Japanese Traditional Drum Club at my high school. Our club has many chances to perform outside. So if I get the chance to join the programs, I want to show our activities to a host family. I want to convey our culture as Japanese which helps to enhance the friendship between Japan and Canada.

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