

Onsite Cultural Exchange

Tokyo Metropolitan Honjo High School Cultural exchange with American friends

1. Date and venue

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023,
9:20 am – 12:30 pm

Venue: Tokyo Metropolitan Honjo
High School

2. Participants

10 students and 2 Assistant
Language Teachers

3. Counterpart

29 students and teachers,
Hillbrook Middle School,
California, United States



Observing Dance Club activities



Learning to play the *koto* at the
Japanese *Koto* music club



Commemorative photo in
schoolyard with Sky Tree in the back

4. Schedule

1. Welcome
2. Self-introductions
3. Presentation by Hillbrook Middle School
4. School tour in groups
5. Performance by the *Koto* music club,
followed by *Koto* playing experience
6. Traditional Japanese games
7. Closing ceremony
8. Commemorative photo

5. Additional information

- ◆ The Honjo High School students eagerly prepared for this event.
- ◆ The Honjo students gave explanations about their classes and school activities during the tour and visited club activities with the American students.
- ◆ When the American students visited the Dance Club, the members promptly gave a dance performance.
- ◆ After their performance, the *Koto* (Japanese harp) club members gave the American students an explanation in English on how to play *Koto*.
- ◆ The students enjoyed playing traditional Japanese games such as *Kendama* (cup and ball), *origami*, and *Otedama* (bean-bag ball juggling).