

Onsite Cultural Exchange

1. Date and venue

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Venue: Aoyama High School

2. Participants

13 students and three teachers

3. Counterpart

15 students and two teachers from Binghamton University, New York, United States of America

4. Schedule

1. Greetings

2. Presentation by the American students

- American culture and high school and university life

3. Discussion in small groups of 5-6 people

- School life and youth culture in Japan and the U.S.

4. Tour of the school with discussion group

- The Aoyama High students acted as guides

5. Commemorative photo

Tokyo Metropolitan Aoyama High School Cultural exchange with American friends



Presentation by the American students



Learning *Kendo*



Group discussions

5. Additional information

- ◆ The slides on American culture and student life were made easier for the Tokyo students to understand ahead of the presentation.
- ◆ The Tokyo students were nervous at first to speak in English, but when asked about Japanese youth culture during the group discussion, they answered positively and enjoyed the exchange.
- ◆ The Tokyo students guided small groups on a tour of the school in English. At the *Kendo* hall, the American students enjoyed striking with the bamboo swords.
- ◆ At the end of the school tour, the students were relaxed and enjoyed conversations. They seemed sad to say goodbye.