International Student Seminar in Asakusa

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PARTICIPATED BY: 7 international students, 5 Japanese students

CONTENT: Walking around Kappa Bashi Dougu-Gai shopping street & Asakusa, hands-on experience; making food samples

To get international students to learn about Japanese nature, culture and history, at the same time, to mingle with each other and with TMU students, we organized this Asakusa tour.

At first, we had some free time at Kappa-Bashi. The Dougu-Gai is lined with shops specialized in food samples and various professional cooking tools. It is one of the most popular sightseeing spots for foreign tourists. The international students freely enjoyed window-shopping with TMU Japanese students, and some of them bought Japanese style coasters and others.

After that, we got together and visited a food sample shop, which allows visitors to make food samples. We tried making a lettuce and a Tempra! Our international students was very surprised to see dripping liquid plastic material turn into a Tempura in a moment in the hot water, and it looked so real!   Thanks to Japanese students' interpretation in English, the international students got the hang of it right away, and then made professional-like food samples.

After making food samples, we walked 15 minutes from the shop to the Asakusa district and went up to the Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center's observatory terrace.   From the terrace we viewed Skytree, Kirin Beer building, Sumida River and many other landmarks.   After taking the pictures of all of us with a backdrop of those skyscrapers, we were on the way to Kaminari-Mon.

According to the itinerary, we were supposed to take a stroll along Sumida River, but we gave it up for the worsening weather, we broke up at Kaminari-Mon and allowed participants free time to enjoy on their own in the Nakamise street. International students and Japanese students got friendlier to each other as picking up a fortune slip, trying out Nakmise food and doing many other things.