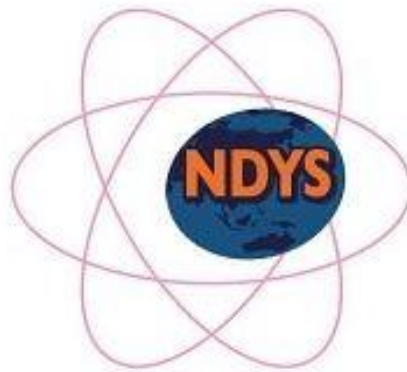


# NATURAL DISASTER YOUTH SUMMIT 2015 IN TOYOTA CITY, JAPAN



**St. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School,  
Meera Bagh**



# ABOUT SMS

**The students of SMS are trained to handle curricular and co-curricular activities simultaneously. Care is taken to instil self-discipline in their receptive minds. They are schooled to become responsible leaders with a commitment to society. Under the canopy of the school motto “Loyalty, Truth and Honour”, the students, the staff and the management of St. Mark’s endeavour not only to enable students to compete with others for a place in the professional outlets, but also imbue them with social awareness, pride in their rich cultural heritage and a sense of responsibility towards the nation.**



# SMS GLOBAL PROGRAMME

The SMS Global Program is an initiative by the school to equip the students with a global perspective. The educational experiences offered in this program in the context of real world issues will widen their horizons and enrich their lives, which will stand them in good stead. SMS believes in giving learning opportunities beyond geographical boundaries, which allow our students to network with their peers overseas and make connections with what they have learnt in the classroom with the real world. We have global collaboration with many institutions such as face to faith, AEC, GVC, iEARN, ePals. As a result we have a strong global bond.

# **DAY-1: 10 JANUARY 2015**



**Seven of us met at gate no. 5 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport to start our journey to discover the beautiful country, Japan, and participate in the national disaster youth summit 2015.**

**We boarded our flight with utmost excitement and after a journey of almost 6 hours we landed in Hong Kong. We had to stay for 4-5 hours at**



**the Hong Kong airport but with friends it seemed like 5 minutes. We spent our time at the airport clicking pictures and exploring the place. The next day we landed in the capital of the land of the rising sun, Tokyo.**

## **DAY-2: 11 JANUARY 2015**



**Tokyo is a huge, wealthy and fascinating city which offers something for everyone and we didn't miss even a single chance to discover the magnanimity of this city. We spent our time strolling the streets and exploring sites like sensoji temple, sky tree, sumida aqaurium and Tokyo tower. The**



**illuminated Tokyo tower in the evening is a sight to behold. The amazing view of the city from the special observatory of the Tokyo tower left us awestruck. We all were really happy to know the people of Tokyo. Their warm and welcoming hearts did not let us feel that we were away from home.**

# DAY-3: 12 JANUARY 2015



On 3<sup>rd</sup> day in Tokyo, we all had our breakfast and set to explore the wonders of the city. First we went to the Yasukuni shrine. We all worshipped there and moved on to our next destination.



We walked to the Imperial Garden. The wonderful weather in the garden made us stay there for a while. We clicked loads of photographs. After having lunch we



proceeded to the famous statue of Hachiko, who is remembered for his remarkable loyalty to his owner which continued for many years after his owner's death.

After clicking photographs we went to the Pokémon centre. The Pokémon Centre is a specialist store for Pokémon goods.

Then our next stop was the gaming station

"Sega", which was an 8-floor building full of games and goodies. It seemed to be a dream destination for all the gamers. We enjoyed a lot there and then went back to our

hotel.



## **DAY-4: 13 JANUARY 2015**



**This DAY was NOT an ORDINARY DAY. It was like a dream come true. We got ready in the morning and after having breakfast proceeded to the happiest story world on earth - Disney land.**

**After reaching Disney land we saw a glimpse of mount Fujiyama. The first thing we were handed**



**over was a big map of the place. Disney land was divided into eight “lands” .Fantasy land is about fairy tales; Tomorrowland was a voyage into the future whereas a visit to Toon Town was like stepping into a cartoon world. Each of these lands had its own theme.**



**The rides were enthralling and absolutely mesmerizing. We also saw a Disney parade which had all the Disney characters and was one of the grooviest things. We**



**relished our day in Disney land.**

**Around 7 o 'clock, we left Disneyland and went to the electronic paradise - Akihabara.**

**Akihabara is**

**Tokyo's electric town. This area is also known as the "Gamer's Mecca" After shopping we went back to our hotel.**



## **DAY-5: 14 JANUARY 2015**



**It was the day when we experienced the rush hours of Tokyo. We left our hotel, Yanagibashi, at 8 in the morning, with all our bag and baggage. We boarded the Tokyo Metro, to reach the Tokyo station, and board the Shinkansen- the Bullet Train. It was truly a sight to behold. A journey which would have taken 6 hours**



**otherwise, took just 1 and a half hours in the Bullet Train. We reached Nagoya and got a little confused as to where we were headed. We**

**finally reached our hotel, Hotel Route Inn, Jinnaka. We relaxed for a while and then completed our preparations for the summit.**

# **DAY-6: 15 JANUARY 2015**



**This was the first day of the Natural Disaster Youth Summit 2015 in Toyota City. We were picked up at about 12 PM from the Toyota City bus station by the organizers of the event, with Mr Masao Obata personally present to escort us to our destination, Shonen Shizen no Ie, which was where we would stay and major amount of the activities would be held.**

**When we arrived at our destination, we were led to the traditional rice cake (mochi) making ceremony, where each and every one of us got to try their hand at making mochi, after which we ate the rice cake accompanied with a traditional Japanese style bean sauce. Then we proceeded to the conference hall, where we were briefed about the programme for the coming few days. After that, we introduced ourselves, our country, our school, and the safety map which we had prepared, following which we were divided into several groups and made another safety map, this time with our friends from all over the globe.**



# **DAY-7: 16 JANUARY 2015**



**We all woke up at around 6 AM, got dressed and then, with all our global friends, left for Fujioka Minami High School, where a cultural exchange was held with Japanese high school students. We were warmly welcomed by the students, and were then taken on a tour around the school. We were amazed by what all we saw. Then we proceeded**



**to the classrooms, where we engaged in fun filled activities with our Japanese friends, which was a lot of**

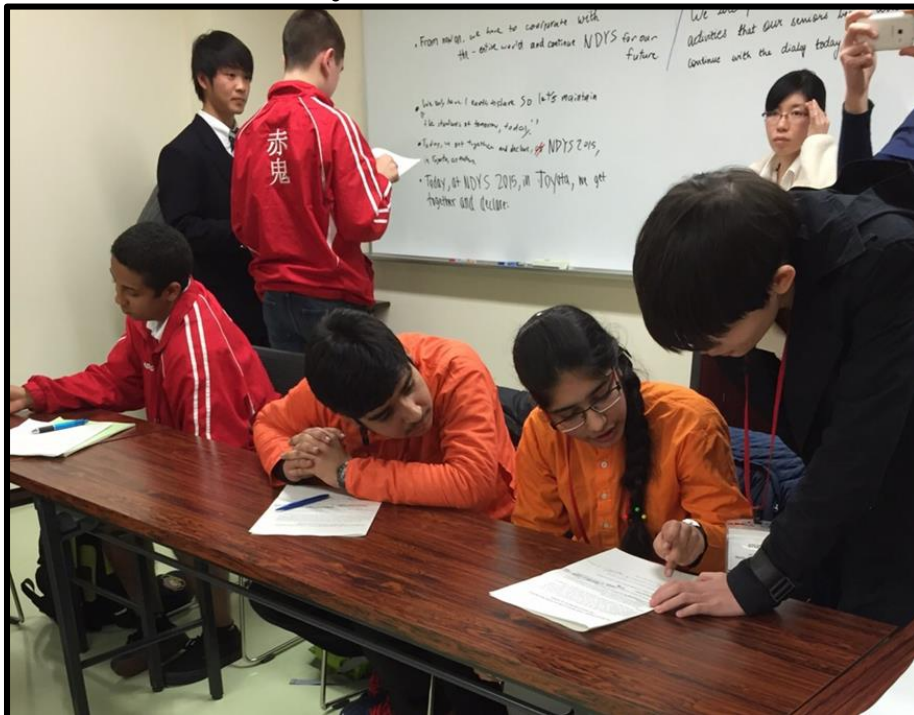
**enjoyment and frolic for everyone involved. After having our meals, we left for the Toyota City Conference Hall, where the opening ceremony of NDYS 2015 was to be held. All the countries and delegations were formally introduced.**

**After the ceremony, we left the Conference Hall to participate in the traditional Japanese Green Tea ceremony. We were very excited as we had been eagerly waiting for this ceremony. Succeeding this ceremony, we attended a musical orchestra- a masterpiece of perfect musical brilliance, which captivated each and every one of us. It was indeed a fitting end to what had been an exciting yet learning day.**



# **DAY-8: 17 JANUARY 2015**

Today was the culmination day of the Summit. After our routine breakfast and greetings, we left for the Noh Theatre in Toyota City, which was the venue for today's activities. We were divided into two groups, of which one had to prepare a declaration regarding disaster management (in our native language), whereas the other had to design a poster on the slogan of NDYS 2015, which was- "Disaster Prevention is borderless; the standards of tomorrow, today". This too had to be done in our

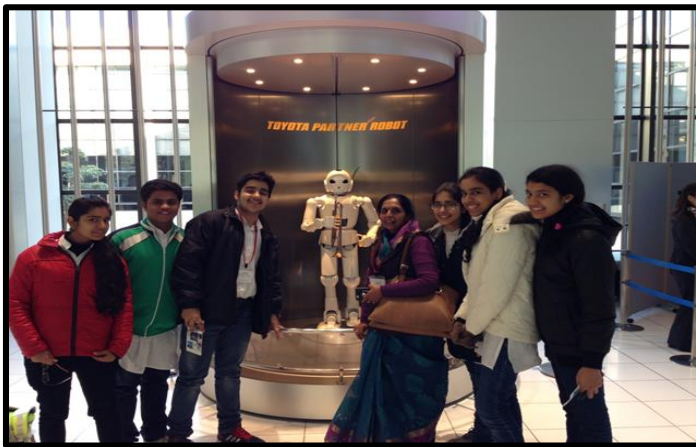


respective native languages. After the drafting of the declaration, we were supposed to give a presentation of our

school, with everything about our institution, highlighting all the disaster management procedures that we follow.

**Following this, one member from each delegation read aloud the declaration drafted earlier.**

**Then the closing ceremony of the Natural Disaster Youth Summit 2015 was held, with Toshihiko Ota, the Mayor of Toyota City, giving a special thanks to all those who participated in the summit. After this, we all posed for**



**pictures with Mr Ota and the NDYS 2015 banner. We also went to the Toyota Kaikan car showroom. Upon returning to Shonen Shizen no Ie, we were ecstatic to find out that**

**there would be a farewell party for us that evening, where we would have a chance to share gifts, thoughts, and most importantly, memories with all our international friends. It was hugely appreciated. Following this, all countries presented their own cultural pieces, be it dances, art forms and the likes. We all ate, drank, danced, clicked pictures and enjoyed to the core that night. This was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the whole trip.**



## **DAY-9: 18 JANUARY 2015**



**This was the day when we had to say goodbye to all our friends, as we would be leaving for our respective destinations. An emotional day indeed, it began on an exciting note, as we headed to The Toyota Ecoful town, where we learned all about the eco-friendly technologies being put to use in Toyota City. We also caught a glimpse of the Toyota Stadium on the way.**



**Following this, we went to the Disaster Reduction learning centre, where we engaged in activities like an earthquake simulator, a tornado simulator etc. to get a first-hand experience of what a natural disaster feels like, and what should be our first steps.**

**The day culminated in every one of us saying goodbye to our new friends, and goodbye to Toyota city, as we left for Nagoya, to enjoy the last 2 days of our trip stress free, knowing that everything had turned out to be excellent.**



# **DAY-10: 19 JANUARY 2015**



**19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 was our final day in Japan. It was the last day wherein we could explore Nagoya City. In the previous eight days we had visited numerous places and clicked hundreds of pictures at every possible place, but the most memorable experience of all was the visit to the Toyota Stadium. Now was the time when we decided to go**



**shopping.**

**Our group was really excited about the idea, and had already decided upon the things we wanted to buy. We agreed to go to the Apita shopping centre. We walked through the beautiful roads till we reached our destination. ‘No road is long with a good company.’ In no time we were inside the mall. Shopping, that too along with your friends, is pure bliss.**

## **DAY-11: 20 JANUARY 2015**



**It was the day of our departure. None of us wished to leave the land of rising sun.**

**The night before, we had packed our bags. We woke up**



**early in the morning, got ready and dragged our luggage across the hotel's reception to find taxis, which dropped us to the bus stop. We boarded a bus for**

**the Chubu airport.**

**In an hour we were in front of the airport, we checked in and received our boarding pass.**

**At ten in the morning, we flew. When the plane had reached an appropriate height, from our windows, we could see the island nation, where each of us spent ten most memorable days of our lives. It was a trip that we would never forget.**

# Memories

# IMPRINTS

- **FROM THE STUDENTS:**

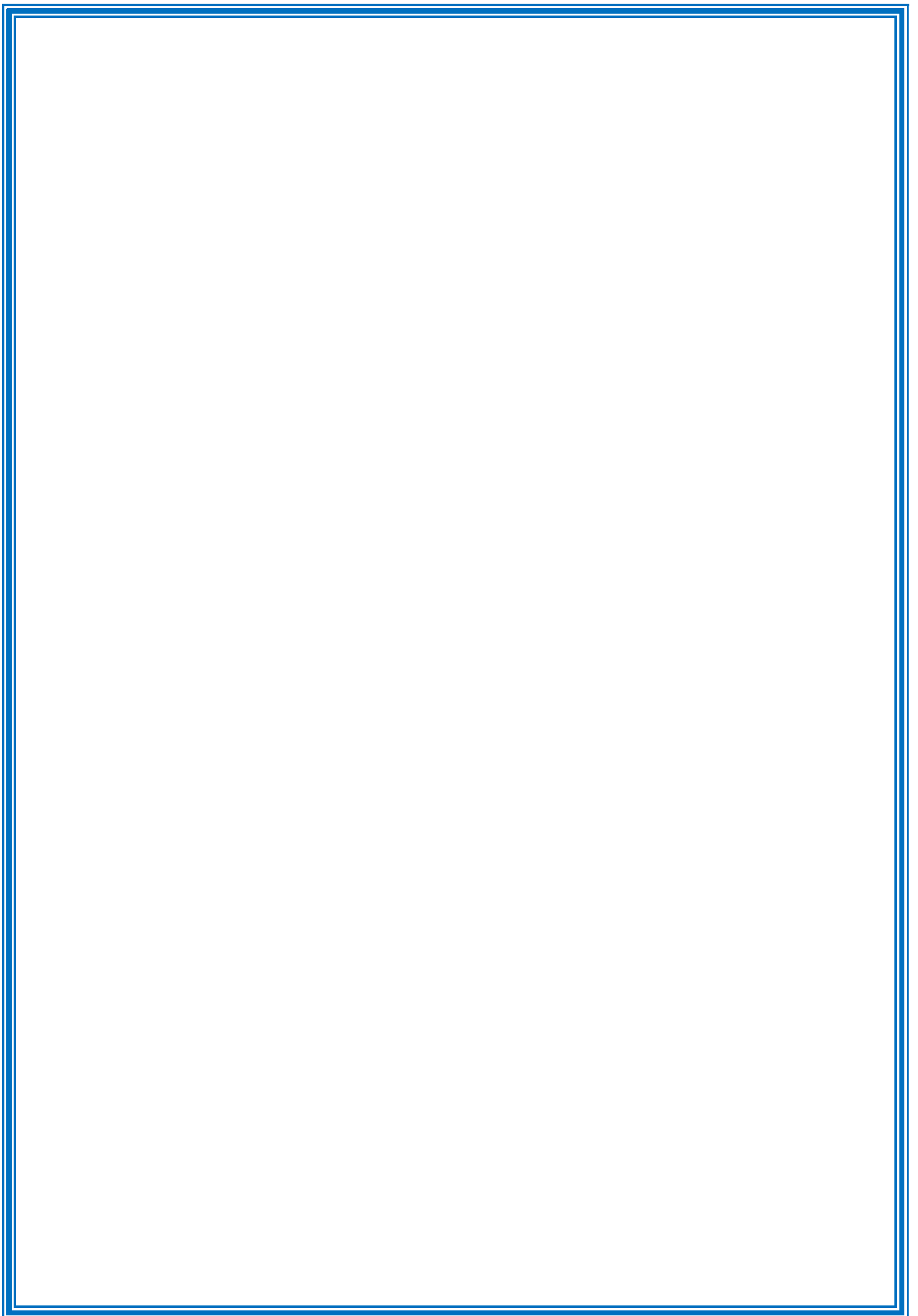
**DEV SONI:** Our school has given me many opportunities to explore the world. But this trip was the best among all of the others. This trip not only helped us to explore Japan more but helped us to know ourselves in a better way.

**LAKSHAY ARORA:** This trip was one of the most memorable experiences of my school life. This gave me an opportunity to learn so much, enjoying all the way.

- **FROM THE PARENTS:**

We are thankful to the school who gave our daughter an opportunity to explore the world. It was indeed a learning experience. It not only helped Aayushi to learn more about disaster management but also taught her to manage things independently.

**-PURNIMA ARORA, AAYUSHI'S MOTHER**





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