S.K.H. Yan Laap Memorial Primary School Comp 5 Class: 5A

Name: Thomas (21)

Dear Rachel,

How are you? During the Christmas holiday, I went to Japan with my parents and tell you what, it was the best trip I have ever had.

On our first day, (nothing happened on the aeroplane or the airport, it was just filled with snow so... Let's not talk about that...) we got to our hotel, where we were instantly greeted by the hotel staff (they took off our coats and hats) and since it was already night, (yes, we WALKED all the way to the hotel) they asked us to kneel down (a Japanese tradition which replaces sitting) in front of the table, where they served us some udon noodles with fish balls. It tasted delicious, to say the least. After that, we just, went to bed.

Now you may wonder, how is this the best trip I have ever had? Well, you haven't gone to the fun part yet! The next day, Mum told me to follow, and said there was a surprise waiting for me. We got into a Hello Kitty shaped car. Dad was there too. I fell asleep (it was nine in the morning) during the trip. When I woke up, I heard a familiar theme song. At the time that I was fully awake, I recognised it, it was my favourite cartoon character ---- Hello Kitty!!!!! We were at THE ONE AND ONLY HELLO KITTY LAND! I was so excited that I didn't even notice my parents were so far behind me and I just went in, nobody stopped me. After a few seconds, Mum and Dad joined me too. (I guess we had a free pass?) Anyway, it was 'Hashtag' fabulous. 'We knew that you got sick on your birthday, and he was right. We took a ton of photos, went inside an exact replica of Hello Kitty's house where we met her entire family! We even got to watch a real life Hello Kitty show and met the person who created Hello Kitty! And... Oh yeah I forgot to mention that there was a massive Hello Kitty statue on display as well! And not to worry, I got gifts for both of us. Did you know how crowded it was? (See picture below) I guess Hello Kitty was that famous after all!

We also went to Ueno Zoo. The first thing I saw was ...panda! (as you know my favourite animal) Aw... Just see how cute they are (see picture below, Sqeee!!) And surprisingly, they looked excited! I ran to see what was going on... guess what I saw? A panda was giving birth!!! (See picture below)!!!!

Just when we were seeing the other animals, (this is the best part) suddenly, a ginormous Hello Kitty balloon flew over us! The same one I mentioned in Hello Kitty Land! Guess it wasn't a statue after all. There were police choppers chasing it, some police on the helicopter poked their head out, pulled out their rifles and pistols trying to shoot it down but missing every shot and there were reporters chasing them, it was hilarious.

And that's going to wrap up this e-mail. What did you do on your holiday? Please write back soon.

Love, Wendy

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Name: Kelsey (9)

Class: 5A

Dear Rachel,

How are you? During the Christmas holiday, I travelled to Japan with my family. It was fantastic. I did lots of things there. Let me tell you what I did.

On the first day in Japan, I felt very hungry because we arrived late. Dad brought us to a famous noodle stall. We ate udon noodles and sushi. They were delicious. When we were eating, my dad splashed all the sauce on his face. He looked like a clown. I laughed a lot. We felt full and glad.

On the second day, we went to Hello Kitty land because I liked Hello Kitty very much. I took photos with Hello Kitty! I watched a show about Hello Kitty and Melody having a picnic. It was great. I also visited Hello Kitty's House. There were lots of ribbons. It was amazing. Before we left, I bought souvenirs. Of course I bought one for you. It was a cute Hello Kitty doll. I'm sure you'll like it.

On the third day, we went to Ueno Zoo because Mum liked animals a lot. We saw pandas. They were adorable. We fed goats too. The goats were very hungry. They ate a lot of fresh grass. We felt excited because it was our first time to feed goats.

On the last day, we went to the Railway Museum because Dad like trains a lot. We watched the exhibitions there. They were interesting. We also played train simulation. It is a computer based simulation of rail transport operations. It was fun! We ate Shinkansen box lunch. The box of it is a Shinkansen. It was yummy. We felt cheerful.

Although the trip is short, it was wonderful. I had a lot of fun in Japan. I hope we can go to Japan together in the future. How about your trip in Singapore?

Write back soon!

Love, Wendy Name: Winggie Lam (15)

Class: 5A

Dear Rachel,

How are you? During the Christmas holidays, I went to Japan with my Mum and Dad. We went to a Japan restaurant for lunch. We ordered some udon noodles, taboyaki, sushi etc. It was more delicious and fresher that the food in Hong Kong!

My parents know I like Hello Kitty, so they brought me to Hello Kitty Land! Many facilities there are pink! First we went to Hello Kitty's house, it looks like a castle! When we went into Hello Kitty's bedroom, we saw a woman in the Hello Kitty's costume! Dad helped me to take the photos with 'Hello Kitty'! I will send you some photos later. Next, we went to Kitty Tea Cup Ride. We sat in a big Hello Kitty's cup and the cup turned round and round, it became faster and faster, and it could move too! It was so exciting! We played some other things too. At last we went to Dream Photo Garden, we took a lot of photos, the decorations were beautiful! I hope you can go to Hello Kitty Land with me. It was fun.

The next day, we went to Tokyo Ueno Zoo by taxi. We bought some tickets and went inside. First, we went to see pandas. They were so cute! Next we went to see some turtles and frogs. I have never seen those frogs. They were not the same as the frogs in Hong Kong. Then, we saw some tigers. The baby tigers were very cute, but the grown-up tiger looked very scary. Last, I went to see the elephants. They were so big! And we ate lunch in Ueno Zoo, the pancake we ordered was in the shape of panda! It was cute!

On the last day, I went to Legoland. All the facilities were decorated by Lego. They were so beautiful. There was a tall tower made of some big Lego! I couldn't believe it as it was so amazing. I know you like Lego, so I bought some minifigures as souvenirs for you and myself too. I hope you will like it. How about your Christmas holiday? What did you do?

Write back soon.

Love, Wendy