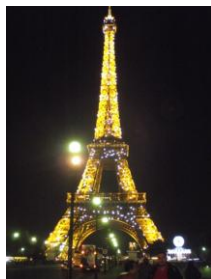


## Report from Fukui Friendship Ambassador! 2013, May



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Time has flown since I came back from Fukui. The first few weeks were still a holiday, and I enjoyed time with my family, going around Paris, and meeting my old friends. When I returned to my home school, ITECH in Lyon, it was a little strange. I was used to the Fukui's life. Moreover, most of my friends had already graduated.

The schedule for this last year was quite full.

We had a lot of group projects (management, research...), conferences, and few courses. Between courses we also had to do some interviews in order to find an internship.

In the middle of October, a Japanese student from Fukui University came to Lyon with her professor to interview an association called Le Paris Solidaire de Lyon. I had an opportunity to meet them and help them as a translator for the interview. It was instructive for me since, although I live in Lyon, I didn't know about this association. This was also an occasion for me to practice my English a little.

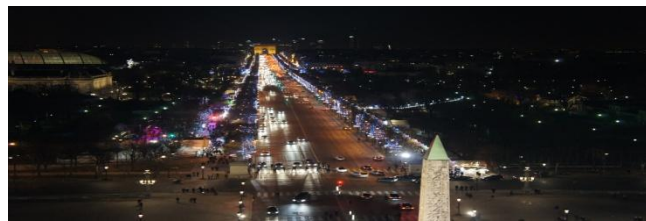
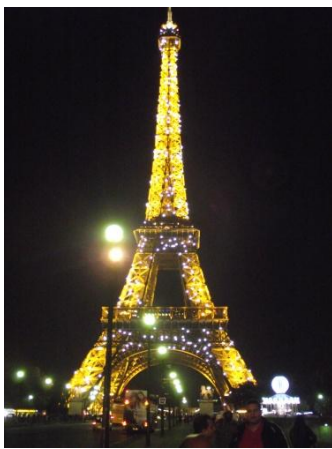
In the same month, I saw an old friend of mine. We met in junior high school and hadn't seen each other for ten years. She was planning to go to Japan for her second semester so she asked me some advice for how to plan for it. In fact, her home university had a partnership with the University of Fukuoka. I tried to help her by answering all of her questions, and told her about my life in Fukui and the things I liked there. She's still in Japan right now. I hope that she will have the opportunity to visit Fukui during her stay.

I also met another friend I hadn't seen for three years. He and his girlfriend plan to go to Japan after his graduation. Once again, I shared my experiences with him and tried to answer all of his questions. He still doesn't know which city he wants to go to, but he seemed to be interested in small cities like Fukui.



Picture 1: Institute of Textile and Chemical (ITECH)

At the end of February, I moved to Paris for an internship at a paint company. As I work every day, I try to go out as often as I can during the weekend. Paris is a big city, so there is always something to do and see. There is the Eiffel Tower, the most popular monument in Paris; Notre Dame; Montmartre (Sacré Coeur); the Invalids...different monuments which represent a different period and part of France's history. There is also Les Champs Elysées, and a lot of museums. The most famous museum is Le Louvre. One very nice thing in Paris is that the entry of all museums is free every first Sunday of the month, so everyone can enjoy it.



Picture 2 : Eiffel Tower, Le Louvre, Sacré Cœur, Champs Elysées

Not so far from Paris is the Castle of Versailles. This palace was a royal residence from 1682 until 1789. It has around 93 hectares of French gardens.

Paris also offers many possibilities to relax and to have fun: theaters, cinemas, Disneyland and others attraction parks, clubs and bars, sporting rooms and, most important, stores for ardent shoppers!! There are also events such as concerts, exhibitions, trade fairs...



Picture 3: Palace of Versailles and its garden

One Sunday, there was a big barbecue in Hotel de Ville organized to promote butchers' work. The barbecue was free, and anyone could take part. Of course, the place was full of people, and I had to wait for one hour to get my dish, but it was worth it!



For those who like trying different foods, there are a lot of restaurants in Paris to satisfy your desires. You can find restaurants which offer a variety of dishes, coming from all regions of France and other countries (Asian, Indian, Middle Eastern, African...).

Picture 4: Free Barbecue in Hotel de Ville

Recently I discovered a few places which remind me of Japan: a garden and a "kawaii crepe" shop. Apparently there are a lot of places just like in Japan, so let's check them out next!



Picture 5: Princess Crepe and Albert Kahn garden

