

# NewsLetter

## 2024 May

Introduction of regular students' activities



### Alpaca project at the University

In November, students attended our annual presentation event called "Alpaca Project" at Telus Centre, University of Alberta. Each student worked hard to accomplish their tasks.



### Attendants' comments

It took me a while to find my own way to share the story. I eventually decided to speak while an illustration of the farm scrolled behind me. This meant I had to time my words to line up with different parts of the picture. It was a good way to help me think about pacing and flow.

-Jennifer

Studied and understood the meaning of the Alpaca story. To remember the lines of the story, I assumed that it is "my story" and then applied my travel experience to present it. I also practice presenting in front of my family. I was nervous and forgot a few lines, but the presentation went well. I was able to present what I prepared for. Next time, I wanted to maintain eye contact to have an engaging presentation.

-Erika

### Christmas Party at Yokozuna Restaurant 忘年会

This is another fun event for all students! People enjoyed great food, sake, and talk in Yokozuna South. Students were invited to the teacher's house after dinner and drank more.



### Culture study is ongoing.

History of Tokyo for beginners,  
and Japanese National sport "sumo" for intermediates.



私たちは四週間相撲について習いました。相撲の歴史や文化を勉強しました。勉強すれば勉強するほど、面白くなりました。最後のクラスで、Marianne さんにちゃんこ鍋を作ってもらいました。とても美味しかったです!

We spent four weeks learning about sumo wrestling. We received a masterclass from Marianne-sensei, who taught us about the wrestlers, tournaments, and strategies. Of course, we also watched many sumo matches.

Besides the sport itself, we also learned about the history and culture. In our final class, Marianne-sensei cooked some chankonabe, the food that sumo wrestlers eat daily, for us. It was very tasty =).



Japan trip is active. 5 students are departing to Japan on May 14th.

