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A Beautiful State

By: Neira Rodriguez

San Luis Potosi is a beautiful state that is located in the north-central part of Mexico. The state's capital city is San Luis Potosi. This state is bordered by nine states. Also, the state is divided into four areas or regions, which are: the Alta Plano area, Center area, half area and huasteca area. These regions have different kinds of weather and beautiful vegetation. San Luis, is one of a group of old silver mining cities and one of the most important colonial cities in so much of Mexico's history. San Luis is also known for its churches. In addition, San Luis produces citrus fruits, papayas, corn, cacti, coffee, beans and other things. The most important economic activities are: agriculture and stockbreeding.

In some regions of San Luis the people speak traditional dialects and dress in their traditional clothes. Also the gastronomy is quite varied, every region has its own special food. The people in my state enjoy visiting some different tourist places with exuberant vegetation like: waterfalls, lakes, rivers, with turquoise waters, caves, charming towns, archeological sites and mountains on the weekends. Finally, I can say that in my opinion, San Luis Potosi is a beautiful state in which you can take a good vacation.



Exuberant Vegetation



Beautiful Waterfalls

The Job that Helps People

By: Naoki

Do you know the job you would like to work at in the future? In my case, I have three. One of the three is a public servant. The reason why I would like to be that is to help the people who have trouble. I'd like to think about that job again and more deeply by using writing this essay.

First, as the Japanese say, "A rustic area is boring because of no playing field." To tell you the truth, my hometown is a rustic area in Japan. Compared with Nagoya, which is the fourth biggest city, has 200,000 people, my hometown has only 4700 people. However, I want to work for the city hall of my hometown as a public servant because it is famous for Hanamatsuri which is our traditional religious event there. We hold Hanamatsuri in different places every year. For this reason, Hanamatsuri was nominated as intangible cultural asset. But, unfortunately the people who hold Hanamatsuri are decreasing more and more every year because of depopulation. I want to stop the decreasing population in my hometown by using the things which I learn during my study abroad. For example, I can use communication skills when I discuss how to set our hometown up with local people in my hometown. Specifically, one of the ways to stop the decreasing is to think about special staple food. If we can make that, a lot of people will come to my hometown to eat or buy that. As a result, we can earn much money. Then we can build houses or apartments by using the money. Therefore, a lot of people start to live my hometown, and we can stop the decreasing. I need communication skills when I discuss such difficult problems as bringing people back to my hometown. It is important for me to think how to cooperate with old people who have lived in my hometown for a long time. Because the longer they stay, the more knowledge about my hometown and the sense of value they have. So after I graduate from my Japanese university, I may work for the city hall of my hometown to set my hometown up!!

A Flight Attendant

By: Ryota

A job I hope to get is to be a flight attendant. It's because when I first saw an airplane in my childhood, I was attracted to it in a matter of seconds and my dad sometimes took me to the local airport.

The number of people who have a desire to be a flight attendant like me is increasing little by little. Also, it is said to be very difficult. Just because they're merely fond of airplanes won't be enough for them to obtain their dream. Being a flight attendant requires having the ability keep smiling and give a lot of attention to passengers. Also, passengers trust the pilot and the flight attendants with their lives. In worst case, there might be a dangerous person with a knife or another weapon, so they must think what their response will be remembering the most important thing is the passengers' safety.

Even though a lot of knowledge and patience will be required to this job, I want to accumulate lots of efforts to get this job in my future.



Honesty is

The best thing in a person. Hazem

Sometimes bad. Yoshi

The rule of my life. Neira

The base of my life. Marta Luz

Something that everybody must have. Bank

Good for your relationships. Douglas

To not tell a lie. Naoki

The best and believed. Ryota

Songkran Festival

By Bank

Songkran is the Thai traditional New Year which starts on April 13 every year and lasts for 3 days. Songkran is a Thai word which means “move” or “change place” as it is the day when the sun changes its position in the zodiac. It is also known as “Water Festival” as people believe that water will wash away the bad luck.

The Songkran Festival is recognized as a valuable custom for the Thai community and religions. On this day, the family members gather together in order to express their respect for their elders by pouring water onto their parents or grandparents's hands. In the afternoon, it is the time to get some sands from the river to bring to the temples. Thai people believe that every time that we go to the temple the sands in the temple will stick on our shoes so it is a good time to return these sands to the temple.

Nowadays, many people know Songkran day as a “Throwing Water Day” because everybody has a chance to throw water to another person. If you don't want to get wet, you should to stay in your house because every body on the street will have at lease one bucket or water gun for throwing water. Moreover, we usually coat each others with PangHin or stone powder. This kind of powder has a very good smell, and before you use it, you should dissolve it in water.



Name the 3 best things about your country.

Respect for old people, transportation, and department stores. So Young

Mountains, good weather, and tasty food. Sang Woo

People, shopping, and oil. Ryan

Food, weather, and people. Paulin

The perfect weather, helpful people, and mansaf (a very good food). Hazem

The beautiful landscape, friendly people, and delicious food. Neira

Spicy food, beautiful temples, and the sea. Bank

The landscape, fresh fruits and vegetables, and soccer (especially Pibe Valderrama) Marta

Sushi, traditions like visiting the shrine on New Year's, and the architecture like castles and temples. Ryota

My hometown, Toei, food like okonomiyaki, and transportation. Naoki

The constitution, strange culture, and the GDP. Yoshi



What are your plans after IEI?

*Get into college, hopefully, not in Memphis. Woo Chang
Southwest college for one year and then transfer to the University of Memphis. Fiorella*

Go to graduate school. Chen-Li

Work in an airline company. Paulin

i Palestine and Immigration **By: Hazem**

Immigration is an expected response for many reasons happening in the world like poverty, wars, and economic reasons. In our recent time we have noticed a big movement from the third world countries to the developing countries.

Palestine is one of the Arabic countries, which has been suffering the most from people immigrating out of it, because of the political reasons and the problems between Palestine and Israel. For this reason, many Palestinian people have escaped to the neighboring countries like Jordan, Lebanon and Syria since 1948.

Although the fighting with Israel has been continuing for long time people don't care about that any more and they have adapted to this situation. However many people try to leave their country because there are a lot of unemployed people, destroyed industries and no free transportation in the country. . For example, we can see that more than half of Jordanians people are from Palestine and they have been there for long time especially in the capital city. Moreover, this situation is happening again with Iraqi people who are going to Jordan and other Arabic countries like Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates because of the war.

In conclusion, we have to realize this problem in the world, which is really hard, but this is the truth. Then we have to solve this problem especially in the third world countries by getting help from the developed countries to offer money and end the wars in order to find jobs, strengthen the economy and encourage people to live in their own countries. Finally, I feel sorry for what is happening especially in my country and generally in the world, but we have to solve our problems.

Special Education By: Marta

Special Education is a career that can help children that are mentally handicapped. This career in Colombia means working with different interdisciplinary careers such as psychology, occupational therapy, preschool education, and parents. I had studied this for 4 years and taught in a special education classroom for another year. When you finish your studies you can teach in an independent, private, or public school.

A special education teaches children to learn basic concepts that are very complicated for them, for example, you can teach the colors, numbers, or geometric shapes in the academic part. In the other part, the children learn to take care of themselves such as brushing their teeth, taking a shower, and washing their hands and faces. Also, we work with helping them control their emotions to change their life. All this processes will work only with the parents collaboration. My dream is to go back to Colombia and continue to work with these children because I feel happy when one of the children achieves a goal little by little.

My University Life by: Yoshi

I started playing racquetball when I entered the University of Tokyo. Most of my university life was devoted to racquetball. I have always tried to look for my weakness in games and to overcome it by practicing. After all, I won the 05' Tokyo Inter-Collegiate Tournament and got 3rd place in the 06' Japan Inter-Collegiate Tournament. I got self-confidence by winning these prizes and developed a challenging spirit to defeat difficulties.

I was president of our racquetball club when I was a sophomore. Our club lacked harmony because our club members came from a variety of universities. So I planned new events such as the First Term Party, the New Year Party, and the Ski Camp to help members communicate with each other frequently. And I invited other members to the gym when I went to practice because our club's official practice was only once a week. Finally, since we got team unity, we won the Japan Inter-Collegiate Team Tournament.

After I retired from the job, I began to think that I want to work for all collegiate racquetball players. At that time, my upper-classmate had gone to Seoul National University as an exchange student. Since he told me that they also have a racquetball club, I gathered people and went to Korea to play with them. Thanks to many people's support, we succeeded in the exchange games and international communication. Although I was not good at English, I communicated with them in English. I could spread not only our collegiate racquetball community, but also enhance my experience and interests in English.



