



## My First Time to Fly By: Arthur

How was your first flying alone? Did something interesting happen? One day, my father told me I should go to Hong-Kong to meet my uncle. I was excited because Hong-Kong is famous for its delicious food! However, I was a little scared because I had to go there alone. It is my first time to fly alone and I couldn't believe I did it! When I arrived at the airport, I saw lots of foreigners pass by me and I felt I was already in another country! On the plane, I read the magazine which I brought and listened to music. Everything was fine until I arrived at Hong-Kong airport. I was detained by a safety guard who told me that they found some liquid in my carry-on bag by an X-ray machine. Unfortunately, that was a gift box for my aunt. It had two bottles of perfume inside. I couldn't do anything but let the guard take those away. Since this experience, I will never forget to check my bag before I go abroad.

Plan to sustain the states of health. [hold on , keep up] By: Jae Won

When I took off from Korea, I had lots of aims during my one-year stay, exactly saying 10 months. Studying English, my Major and learning about the western culture and so on. Among the things, now I want to check out the condition on my body. Now I think there are many problems with my body due to living alone without my family. Basically, one should take care of body by yourself. Maybe I'm not sure now I am. To avoid lack of Vitamins, I bought some Centrum vitamins. However, it frequently slipped my mind. I heard the truth over eating medicines, how following the rules well on time is the most important thing. A few weeks ago, while I was waking up with a yawn, my lips were torn in a split second. What a terrible pain. I might attribute that for insufficient factors in my body as well as not good circumstances. I am going to eat something periodically and more carefully for me from now on. Aside from this kind of problem of not eating well, what I prefer is a making good shape of the body!! Maybe about 20 years olds have a lot of interest in that. Frankly speaking, I've gone through failure in Korea. I put off this plan in right around the time till nowadays I have been regretting these patterns of behavior. However, I really want to change my mind and I will make it after this month. As planned, I was about to be satisfied by my habits around these days. Today, I will redo my schedule for that. I guess so I will succeed my goal in nearly half a year.

## Technology vs. Familiar Interaction

By: Dania

During the last century people could enjoy many inventions that helped to make their lives easier. Computers allow people to have more access to whatever information they need, to shop using the internet, to meet people around the world, and to communicate with friends or relatives. Medical science also made big progress. However this kind of technology also has negative effects on relationships in the family. Nowadays children and parents spend less time together because in their free time the children are in their bedrooms using the internet or playing video games. This situation causes distancing in the family unit. The parents often don't know the problems that their children have because of the lack of communication between them. Now it is common that parents and children use text messages more that verbal communication, which from my point of view is absurd. We can't deny or refuse the use of technology because we know the importance that it has, but we should not be addicted to it. We should limit its use.



i **The Moment When I Saw Heaven**

**By: Taka**

Have you ever had the moment when you saw heaven? Of course, I don't mean it is the real heaven. It is the time when you realized that you are going to die, especially by horror. I've had the moment only one time in my life. It was not by illness, accident, disaster or something. I saw heaven when I was at one of the famous theme parks in Japan. That was when I rode a roller coaster that is famous for its height, speed and span. The top of the point is 100 meters from the ground, the top speed at its maximum is about 100 mph, and the span is about 1.5 miles. The most exciting time is when you drop from the top to the ground at an angle of 90 degrees. I had never felt fear from a roller coaster until I rode the one in the theme park, so I wasn't nervous at all. However, the thing that happened was the moment when I was about to drop from the top. I saw the ground from a height of 100 meters. Then I soon sped up to 100 miles per hour toward the ground. At this time, I hardly could breathe and my body was totally stiffened by terror. Even when the roller coaster finished, I was still shivering, and my face and lips were pale. This is the story about the moment I ever felt fear the most. By the way, I rode the Steel Dragon 4 times after that. Thank you.

**My first time in the US and Canada**

**By: Maria**

When I was fifteen years old my uncle gave me a wonderful present a ticket to the US because it was my fifteen birthday. It is a rite of passage in most of the Latin-American countries. It was a fifteen day trip. First, we flew to New York and we spent four days there. We went to the Empire State Building, to the Statue of Liberty, Central Park and some museums. Then we went to Boston and we spent the Fourth of July there. The fireworks were amazing, they were the best fireworks that I had ever seen. The next destination was Montreal that was an amazing city too. There we went to wonderful botanical gardens and to the Olympic Stadium with has the tallest inclined tower . Our next destination was Toronto and there we went to the CNN tower. We had dinner in the 360° restaurant and we took some pictures in the glass floor. At the beginning it was a little scary but then it was amazing. Our last destination was Niagara Falls. For me this was one of the best places to go, it was just amazing. We took a ship that went very close to the end of the falls and we went through the tunnels to see the waterfalls close up. It was a wonderful experience; definitely I will do it again.



## The Good Cook

By: Yunji

I have a friend who used to study in IEI classes with me. Her name is Sara and she is from Thailand. We started IEI the same day and became friends. I did a lot of things with her like go bowling, drink alcohol, visit another city, eat dinner with her family and so on. After class I used to go her house and eat something. She is so nice that everyday she prepared my lunch and snack. Last summer after class, I visited Sara's house as usual. I wanted to cook for Sara, so to cook. She was a little bit nervous, because she already knew how I am not good at cooking. I boiled water and put Korean noodles, powdered soup and green onions in it, but I thought that was too simple and I wanted to make something special. So I put in some peppers, soybean sauce, fish-cake, onion, kimchi, tuna, eggs, sausage, bean sprouts, boiled fish paste, and Korea hot pepper sauce. She liked my food and that was not bad I thought. She ate a lot more than me. After that, I went back to my house and I threw up everything at night. I didn't know what was the problem, and I was worried about Sara, so I called her. As expected, her condition was not good and she told me that her stomach really hurt. While she was telling me about her condition, I suddenly remembered the sausages which I put in the noodles. They were beef sausages and Sara never ate beef. I couldn't tell her about that sausages and I feel really sorry about that until today. If she knew about it, she would kill me. Anyway, she is not studying here anymore since last October and I will keep this secret. She is the best friend I have ever met in America. I will keep in contact with her after I go back to Korea.

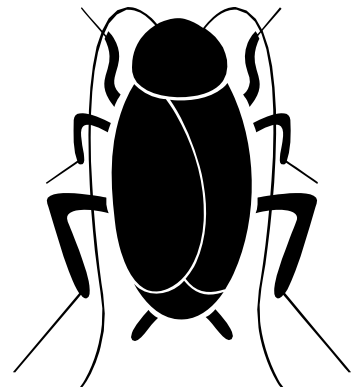
## The Second Episode of Traveling to China

By: Jia

This story is continued from the story of two weeks ago. After traveling to Xian, we went to Shanghai, which is a very beautiful and famous city. We did not make a reservation for our lodging in advance so we had to visit a few hostels with lack of any definite plan. When we went to the most popular hostel among travelers of Shanghai, actually I forgot the name of the hostel, a staff of the front desk said something to us in Chinese. He must have thought we were Chinese. So I asked him politely to speak in English. He no sooner started to speak in English than I finished asking him. I felt he spoke too quickly. Not only I, but also my friend, could not understand as you expected. There were a few people next to us so I was so embarrassed. Finally, he told us it again very slowly then we were able to put the luggage in our room. After finishing the IEI course, I want to visit there again and talk with him in English.

### The fighting with..... By: Naoya

**Have you ever fought with the black monster? Once upon a time, I saw him in my room. When I was surfing the Internet, I heard the sound. First I thought just something was moving, so I didn't care about it very much. But the sound continued. So I went to where the scary sound was coming from. There was a bag covered with a towel, and then I put it away. There was a cockroach!!! It was as big as an eraser. It is not that big. Actually it was so strong though. I live in the dorm, so nobody would help me. Then I made up my mind to fight with him! It took me a long time. I made a sword from news paper. I hit him!! I thought that he died, everything was fine, and finished. But He DID NOT!! He was looking at me, and tried to escape. But my power was almost over, but I tried to attack him again! I was so serious to finish his life in Memphis. So I showed my guts. Finally I did it! I had never spent such a long time to kill them. So I was tired, but I WON!! After that, he went to heaven through the toilet pipe smoothly. I will never forget this memorable Memphis experience.**



## Margarita Island

By: Amir

In this time I will tell you about another tourist place located in Venezuela. The name of this place is Margarita Island which is also called The Pearl of the Caribbean. Margarita Island is the largest island of the Nueva Esparta state in Venezuela which is situated in the Caribbean Sea. You can go to this Island by ferry and Airplane. The Island has numerous beaches and you can find a beach with or without waves, large or small, crowded or not, deep or not, cold or warm, windy or not, just select what you want such as Beach El Agua, Beach El Yaque, Beach Parguito, Beach Caribe, Punta de Arena and Beach Puerto Cruz which is the most famous for tourists. These entire beaches are famous because you can practice some sports, you can relax and the scenery is so wonderful. For example Beach El Yaque is famous because it is an excellent location for windsurfing. If you do not want to go to the beaches Margarita also has great places to visit such as Castle of La Asuncion, Church Del Valle, Castle of Juan Griego, Castle of Pampatar and other places. Also Margarita is a duty – free port and you can buy things without tax. People in Venezuela go to Margarita at vacation time because it is a wonderful place for travel and shopping. I went to Margarita and I had a good experience. On beach El Agua I took an ultra light airplane and flew around the beach. That was a wonderful experience I was afraid, but it was good. Also, In Beach El Agua I went to a big party which was wonderful party we danced on the sand, drank, and ate a lot. The beach was so clear and warm. When I was dancing I fell down on the beach and I drank seawater and it was so bad. In addition, I went to all the historic places and learned about the history of this city. Finally, I spent all my money and my father's money because I went to the mall and it has all things without taxes. My father almost killed me hahaha, but he did not. Margarita is a good place to visit.







