

## My Experiences of Japan

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My name is Chinedum Agbu. I am 7 years old. I come from a town called Onitsha in the Anambra state of Nigeria. It is a commercial town and has the largest market in West Africa. I came to Japan with my parents. I like Japan because it is a neat and beautiful country and the people are nice. I have many friends too. I attended Uenodai Elementary School, Makuhari-Hongo, Chiba during my stay in Japan and my teacher, Ms Umehara and Principal, Mrs. Hayashi were very kind to me. I was rather scared during my first week at school because I was the only dark (brown) skinned child in the school and everybody was looking at me. I could not communicate because I couldn't speak Japanese. My Principal got English teachers to seat with me everyday and interpret my Japanese lessons and I was very happy about that. My Principal used to take me to her office everyday after lunch for Japanese lessons and that made me very special. We played together, took pictures and played Piannica. I dressed up as Santa Clause for my school last Christmas and I made and wore 'Oni' mask to drive away bad spirits on the day of Oni. My classmates were also very nice to me. They spoke to me in Japanese and made me to learn the language fast. Some also wanted to know about my country and also practice the English Language with me. I became very popular in school and at the park near my house. I think all the students know my house. I also like watching Japanese cartoons and I love Pocket Monster. I also love 'Japanese paper folding', playing hide and seek with my friends and riding my bicycle. We visited lots of nice places and I also went picnicking with my friends. I don't like rice because we eat it everyday, but I love bread and butter with apple and ice cream. I like the Japanese because they are nice and friendly. I wish I can stay but my Papa needs to go back to Nigeria. I hope to come back in future to visit my friends and my Principal.

