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SGH Program, Kobe-Sendai Interaction Program- Awajishima & Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park field trip

Purpose: In order to understand deeply about the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, students will visit Nojima Fault which is the Hanshin-Awaji Great Earthquake ruins.

Students comments:

4th grade, K

It was my first time to visit Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park. I saw pictures how the earthquake impacted our everyday life. I could see that the geological fault in the field's surface, and the roads were cracked. It was unbelievable. I recognized how threatening an earthquake is after the earthquake experience. I also saw a movie interviewing the victims of the earthquake. I was able to learn how they felt and how an earthquake will change our lives. We should continue to talk about this experience to the next generations.

5th grade, S

The Nojima Fault which we visited is one of the remains of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. I saw many thousand paper cranes sent from the Elementary and Junior High Schools which visited this place before. I even found one sent from Sendai. I was able to feel the relationship between the disaster affected areas.

5th grade, Y

Although I live in Kobe, this was my first time to visit Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park. I was able to learn what exactly happened to the place where I live. I was also happy to work with this team.

4th grade, S

I was able to experience how it would be during the earthquake by seeing the pictures of the earthquake. I had a chance to do the earthquake simulation. This made me understand how frightening an earthquake is. I would like to keep on delivering the message to others about how an earthquake will effect us and that we should prepare for the disaster.

5th grade, Y

When you step into the Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park, you will first see a big truck tumbled. This was a big impact to me. I felt that no words are needed to understand how horrible this earthquake was when I saw this. Nojima Fault remains here as same when the earthquake happened. There are also houses which remained. I couldn't find any damage from the outside of it, but inside was too terrible for others to live. There was also a home which did not receive any damage when the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake happened, but I learned that the owner of this home was very rich, so this was a special case. I realized that every matter has its own meaning and I am willing to research each backgrounds as to why it became as so. I want to share what I saw with my friends whom could not participate in this trip.

5th grade, T

This was my first time to visit Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park. The purpose of the visit was to experience the Earthquake Simulation and to view the Nojima Fault. I was amazed to see the actual Nojima Fault and viewing the pictures of the earthquake. To be honest, it was very frightening to see all of these.

4th grade, T

Although 21 years passed, it is amazing that people in Awaji kept all the ruins the as same as the day of the earthquake. I learned that this Memorial Park is delivering a message to look back at the past and learn for the future.

4th grade, O

When I saw Nojima Fault, I felt the fear of how powerful the natural disasters are and how earthquake can effect to our lives. I am willing to find a way to forecast the earthquake and reduce the disaster.



We got on the boat to visit Awajishima from Akashi.



We took bus to visit the memorial park.



At Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park, we used QR codes to learn.



Students saw the Nojima Fault for the first time.



The Memorial House, earthquake can damage your home like this.



A group snapshot