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Spring is here! Students are enjoying their learning during spring semester, and KCP is carrying on its mission of full Japanese immersion for the serious student.

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Spring trip to Kamakura from Tanaka-san

We went to Kamakura in late April (4/23, 4/24) with our spring students, so I would like to share some photos.

Kamakura, a city in Kanagawa prefecture, is fairly close to Tokyo and has plenty of historical and architectural interest. It is full of Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines, and it also has a great beach.



We're at Hase-dera (Hase Temple), about to enter a cave. The rain on Saturday and the sunshine on Sunday really ramped up the trees!





Inside Benten-Kutsu (a cave that commemorates the Benzaiten goddess) in Hase-dera. It is narrow, with low ceilings, so the tall U.S. students need to crouch down.





In front of Kamakura Daibutsu (the Great Buddha statue in Kamakura).
Students said that they saw many American tourists on-site and they are happy for that.



Obama-cha ice cream--interesting flavors.



Ice cream shops in the Hase area that sell Maccha green tea ice cream call the ice cream flavor "Obamaccha," since President Obama visited Kamakura and enjoyed the ice cream. Green tea? Sweet potato? Some

careful tasting going on.



Gathering his nerve before trying the green tea and vanilla. Obamaccha ice cream . . . probably Mr. Obama did not imagine this coming.



Sunday's Enoshima island. Up the hill is the shrine; there is a long line of people waiting to pray.





Very, very crowded, with lots of tourists. It was fine weather, so no wonder.



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Learn Japanese through proverbs

花よりだんご

Romaji: Hana yori dango

Literally: Dumplings over flowers.

Meaning: The person to whom it is directed prefers practical gain to aesthetics.

Kana practice sheets at

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This precious moment

The Japanese people are picking up from the Tohoku earthquake of mid-March, and its related disasters, in northeast Japan. We are very happy to be able to report that no KCP students were even injured in any way. The KCP Tokyo staff were consistently stellar in their support of the KCP students. From accompanying students to their Tokyo homes to offering temporary lodging at the school to procuring food, the KCP staff was a beacon of calm and care.

From late March to the present, KCP has informed its students, families, and others concerned through its ongoing blog site. The news has migrated from that blog site to the new [KCP news site](#). For updates on breaking news in Japan, check the news site regularly; and for events, background, viewpoints, and fun related to KCP, check the [blog site](#).

The immediate danger diminishes with every day, and now there is just the task of rebuilding in the northeast and continuing with life, in the rest of the country. The Japanese people show remarkable resilience and energy in the aftermath of this tragedy. We salute them and wish them the very best during the recovery.

If you would like to contribute to the recovery effort, we suggest the [American Red Cross](#).

Upcoming program deadlines

Change is in the air. Breathe it in and transform your Japanese!

It's not too late! Deadline for the 2011 Fall term is **June 8**.

The Fall session runs October 6 to December 22, 2011

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