

The players and families of the Kaizen volleyball club from Honolulu Hawaii had a special opportunity to meet the the students of Kyoto University of Foreign Studies. The students shared some of their culture by teaching us calligraphy and playing games.

The first thing we did was write our name on hearts and place it on our hearts.

Next they taught us how to make paper airplanes and decorate them. “I put an eye on my plane. I was trying to make a smiling face but I didn’ t finish it,” says Tatum Isa. Amanda Flores thought it was really fun because there were prizes for the winner.

We also played a tapping game with little sumo wrestlers. “I put a mad face on my sumo character so he would fight better,” says Ailee Chung. We liked the competition.

It was an engaging cultural experience. “When we arrived we were nervous but the kindness that the students radiated was as warm as the gym,” says Caitlyn Kadooka.

Thank you for sharing your culture with us.

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