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Sea and space explored



KLI students and teachers at JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) in Onna village.

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On July 28, KLI organized a summer seminar. During the program, KLI students visited Kadena Roadside Station, JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), and a coral farm.

At Kadena Roadside Station, the first destination, students explored the historical and contemporary aspects of war and military base issues through exhibits and videos.

They also engaged in a quiz, designed by the students

themselves, to learn more about the recently reopened Kadena Roadside Station.

The next stop was the JAXA Okinawa Space Communication Station in Onna village, where KLI students gained insights into the significance of modern satellite communication and learnt about the functionalities of satellites.

The information was presented through exhibits demonstrating satellite movements and staff also gave explanations where students could ask questions.

The final leg of the tour took place at the coral farm (*sango batake*), in Yomitan, with Koji Kinjo as the students' guide.

Koji shared his motivation, stating, "I am involved in coral cultivation because I believe that taking action is essential after witnessing the alarming spread of coral bleaching due to global warming." Students had the unique opportunity to touch and engage with coral, gaining a tactile understanding of these precious marine organisms.

KLI student Nagina Hanashiro said exploring the history of her home town at Kadena Roadside Station was "enlightening".

"At the coral farm, I discovered the rich diversity of coral species in Okinawa and learned about the challenges they face," she added.



Koji Kinjo explains the life of coral at his coral farm.