

Japanese Students Exchange on 13 October 2012

309 Japanese students from Osaka Furitsu Asahi H.S. Japan(大阪府立旭高等学校)thoroughly enjoyed the last day of their graduation trip in Hong Kong when they participated in the “Brothers& Sisters” exchange programme hosted by the Hotel, Service and Tourism Studies (HoSTS) Discipline of IVE, on 13 Oct 2012.

It was a sunny morning when the Japanese students arrived at IVE(Haking Wong) and were given the warmest welcome by 65 IVE students from the Higher Diploma programme in Travel and Tourism. After a brief introduction and warm up session, IVE students took the Japanese students out as hosts and tour guides to visit three famous tourist spots in Hong Kong– Mongkok, Central and Causeway Bay.

The Japanese students were divided into smaller groups and each group had its own dedicated IVE leader and tour assistant. The students were given a chance to chit chat, share their experiences and sample some of the local delicacies for lunch, before gathering back as a whole group at the Avenue of Stars in Tsimshatsui.

In addition to cultural exchange and making new friends, it was an invaluable opportunity for IVE students to practice their tour planning and guiding skills; and to really turn their book knowledge into practice. Below are some feedback from students:

“It was so interesting to plan our route and lead a group of Japanese students to see places in Hong Kong. It was challenging but fun!”

“It was simply great! By introducing Hong Kong to our Japanese guests, we learned to be good hosts and had a better understanding of Japanese culture. Really cool!”

