

Stroll through Historic Sites around Komaba Report

Held on June 12, 2010 (Saturday)

The stroll through Historic Sites around Komaba led by the pleasant talk of Mr. Gamo, a teacher at Kokusai High School, was held for the third time this year, and has become a regular part of the spring event schedule of the Culture Committee.

This year 33 people participated. We gathered at Komaba-todaimae station, and strolled around the area surrounding Komaba High School for about two hours listening to Mr. Gamo explain in an easy-to-understand manner about the historical background and course of history at each notable site.

Course: Main gate of the Faculty of Arts, Tokyo University ~ Inside the Faculty of Arts ~ Komaba Elementary School ~ Kennel rice field in Komabano Park ~ Japanese building and Western building of Marquis Maeda's former house ~ Japan Folk Crafts Museum (former house of Soetsu Yanagi)



In pleasant weather before the rain season, strong sunshine made us feel as though it was a hot, early summer. However we had a refreshing stroll with fine breeze coming through green trees in the university campus and Komaba Park.

At the Japanese building of Marquis Maeda's former house, we had a short break in a Japanese room facing a beautiful Japanese garden.

One person commented that "If I hadn't walked around here today, I wouldn't have known that such a healing spot exists so close near to the Kokusai

High School." Many participants were surprised at the notable spots which suddenly appeared in a quiet urban residential area as though they had remained unchanged from the early Showa-era.

Listening to Mr. Gamo's enjoyable explanation of details at key points, we felt a little bit like we were connoisseurs of Komaba. Some people personally asked Mr. Gamo questions to satisfy their interests during the look around the inside of the buildings.

At the Japan Folk Crafts Museum we visited last, we could see around 270 great treasures of Korean ceramics in a display celebrating the 50th anniversary of the death of Soetsu Yanagi. We had a substantial stroll even it was short time.



All members of the Culture Committee, were very grateful to Mr. Gamo for his kind lecture in spite of a busy schedule.

Thank you very much.