

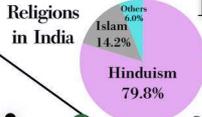
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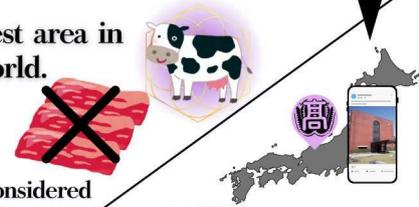
~Even if the countries, languages, or religions are different~

India

where Nurture International School is located, has the largest area in South Asia and is the most populous country in the world.



Hinduism is the main religion in India. It emerged around 4,000 years ago and has over 1.1 billion followers worldwide, with approximately 1 billion estimated to be in India alone. Many Hindus are vegetarians, particularly avoiding beef. This is because cows are considered sacred in Hinduism, and it is forbidden not only to eat beef but also to harm cows. Hinduism does not have a specific founder or single scripture and is characterized by its devotion to many deities. Additionally, Hinduism includes the concept of samsara (reincarnation), which holds that the soul is reborn into a new life after death.



Nigeria

where Transatlantic International School is located, is in West Africa and is the most populous country in Africa.

There are two religions in Nigeria.

at the north is **Islam**.

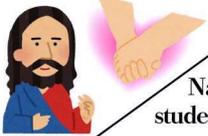
at the south is **Christianity**.

This is influenced by colonial rule.

In the north, Islam, and in the south, Christianity, were clearly divided in terms of values due to British rule. Even after independence, religious conflicts arising from differences in values continue to this day. The form of Christianity practiced in the south is one of the world's major religions.

Christianity, which is practiced in the southern region, is one of the major religions in the world. Its founder is Jesus. Christianity teaches about love and forgiveness.

It also teaches about peace. It began about 2,000 years ago.



In Indonesia, everyone belongs to a religion, with **Islam** being the predominant faith.

Islam was founded in the 7th century on the Arabian Peninsula.

Its founder was Muhammad, who was born in Mecca and began

receiving revelations from God at around the age of 40. These revelations were

later compiled into the Quran, which became the holy book of Islam. Islamic practices

include prohibitions on pork and praying five times daily. Despite these strict rules, freedom

of religion and thought is legally guaranteed, like Japan. Indonesian youth enjoy music genres like

rock, pop, and R&B, and Japanese anime culture is highly popular, with series such as One Piece and

Naruto being favorites. Anime songs are widely listened to, and during international exchanges, Indonesian

students showed great excitement when anime songs were played.

where SMA Islam Terpadu School is located, is an island country

that straddles the equator and has over 17,000 islands.

Japan

Japan, where Takaoka Ryukoku High School is located, is an island nation in East Asia that recently saw the birth of its first female prime minister in history.

Seventy percent of people in Japan identify as non-religious.

Our Takaoka Ryukoku High School

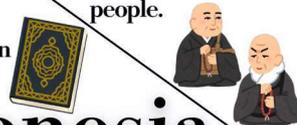
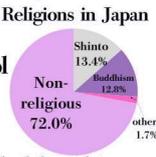
is a school affiliated with **Jodo Shinshu Honganji** sect.

Jodo shinshu is a religion founded by Shinran. He was a disciple of Honen. Anyone can go to the Pure Land by chanting "Namu Amida Butsu". It was born approximately 800 years ago. Unlike other Buddhist teaching that require self-powered practices, the teaching of

Jodo Shinshu guarantee salvation and rebirth in the Pure Land though faith alone. It is the largest Buddhist sect

in Japan in terms of followers and is characterized by its

accessibility to ordinary people.



Break the walls

On November 7th, Takaoka Ryukoku High School held an international exchange event by connecting the school auditorium with high school students overseas online. Participants included students from Takaoka Ryukoku High School as well as from India, Indonesia, and Nigeria. During the exchange, there were quizzes and speeches about music, filling the venue with smiles. Some students gave presentations about Godzilla, adding excitement to the event. Additionally, the internationally active DJ couple Tatezuka was invited, and through band performances, Yosakoi dances, and a range of songs from trending social media hits to national songs, our hearts were connected through music.

We are different from students from overseas. They are not from our country, speak different languages, and practice different religions. They also have different ways of thinking and values from us. When you hear the word "different," you might associate it with conflict. In fact, differences in language, religion, and values cause conflicts all over the world. For example, fights and wars. From small things to big things. But we have been able to connect with these "different" people. That's through music. We believe that music has great power. Music can break down barriers in people's hearts, make people smile, and connect people of different backgrounds. That is the power of music!

Through this international exchange, we realized that the world needs music. If you pray, I will play...

You and I are different.

But I want to connect with you.

Hey! What kind of music do you like...?



Mr. Tatezuka
lives up the
exchange!



Next summer!
Takaoka Ryukoku High School will be inviting high school students from overseas to hold a Manga Summit! It's sure to be even more exciting than this year! Please come to our school!

From Gaolong



Time	Program Line	Presenter(s)
15:18 ~	performance	Mr.Tatezuka
15:20	Opening Remarks	
	Self-introductions	
15:20 ~ 15:40	Quiz	Students from Japan, Nigeria, India, and Indonesia
15:40 ~ 15:45	Godzilla performance	
15:45 ~ 16:00	Speech "What does music mean to me?"	
	10 minutes break	
16:10 ~ 16:20	DJ Live with Yosakoi Dance Team Music Band Club	Mr.Tatezuka Yosakoi Dance members Music Band Club members
	Closing Remarks	