

Tom O'Donnell recently traveled to Japan. Webmaster and local celebrity Mark Koellmann interviews him on his experiences.

*How did you get to, and around Japan?*

We had a connecting flight through LA and then onto Tokyo. We stayed in Osaka, Japan. In terms of transportation in the country: buses. The public transportation in Osaka was abundant so we took buses wherever we went.

*What are some things unique to Japan?*

Japan is the cleanest place ever. People would carry their trash to dispose of later; there are no garbage cans anywhere either. There are vending machines everywhere, but no one walks and eats. It is very rude to do so. Also, Fanta.

*What was the most interesting thing for you?*

We visited Nara City. There are tons of domesticated deer just walking around everywhere. No one hurts them and they don't hurt anyone. It was very cool to see. The deer were trained to bow respectfully in exchange for food too.

*What was the most important thing to you?*

I visited the tsunami damaged areas. Even a few years later there is still lots of damage. It really affected me seeing all the damage and the pain it caused. It has rebuilt a lot but is far from being where it used to be.

*If you were on a farm, and the pigs and cows started a civil war, how would you resolve the conflict?*

Well it's obvious that pork > beef. I would appoint two pig overlords, named Snowball and Napoleon. They would slowly strip away the rights of everyone. Eventually they will all be communist and living in peace.

*How does American culture affect Japanese fashion?*

Americans get tattoos of random Japanese words and in Japan, having random English words on t-shirts is the equivalent. I am actually wearing one of those shirts today! (see picture)



Tom O'Donnell and a Japanese "American" shirt