As the temple's name says, (much hapiness) Kitain temple gave me much happiness. Many hands on experiences were so nice. Smell of the incense, the view of Japanese garden from the tatami mat room, the sound of the "nightingale bridge"...... Above all, seeing the 540 stone statues, called "Rakan", representing the disciples of Buddha, was memorable moment for me. Because none of them are said to be alike, I



remembered the faces of people close to me, such as myparents, relatives and friends.....While walking around the small — labyrinth like space,I felt as if —I had traveled to the olden days.



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