

## Last days from trip to Japan

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This will be the last English report for a while . . . . Last report of trip to Japan 2010! Hope you enjoyed the report . . . . If you have any questions with the photos and Japanese report in the future, don't hesitate to contact me via email and let me know, so I can always explain :) On Sunday 4th July, we went to catch up with my friend from Junior high, Chisato. She and her second daughter Mayu joined us for lunch. Her first daughter Mae is at the boarding school which is about 3 hr drive away from Tokyo. That's the school where Chisato and I met, and now the next generation is at the school!! No wonder I feel old . . . . Chisato works for ADRA, which organisation exists in Australia, too. When the drink is sold out of this vending machine, the percentage of each drink go towards the work ADRA is doing. If you would like to find out more, here is the link of ADRA Australia . . . . It's always good to catch up with her. She is always flat out, but makes time for us, so we can at least have lunch together. Thank you for making time to see us again, Chee-chan :) After having lunch with them, we went to the free classic concert for kids at the Tokyo to Jidokan, which was reported on 7th July. It was a walking distance (one train station far) from where we had lunch. We caught up with Sachi and Soma again there, and sat together in the hall. Because it was soon after the Shimajiro concert, kids were quite excited to be in the concert hall. But as soon as concert started, Fidel kept wanting to walk around (couldn't sit still!), so I took Fidel out of the hall and just walked around in the foyer. According to Sachi, Soma and Zac weren't too far off either, so we ended up leaving the concert as soon as the first half finished. I am glad we didn't pay for it!! The next day on Monday Mayumi offered to look after the boys while I get my hair cut, so we went to her home town, Fuchu. She was going to take them out to the park near by, but Fidel fell asleep on the way, and Zac rather stayed near me, so they ended up staying inside of the salon. After the hair cut, we went to have nice yakiniku lunch near by. I paid about \$15 for this plus yakiniku!! Yummy and very good deal!! Sorry about out of focus! Mayumi can fit into the high chair! No wonder she doesn't mind sitting between the boys when she is here!! We really enjoyed this trip to Japan. I took advantage of their age, and took them everywhere I could think of, as most of the places, the kids were free. Next time we are back in Japan, Zac will be at school age, so I will have to pay for his public transport as well as all the attractions!! But now that we've taken them to lots of places, I can pick and choose which ones are worth going again :) I didn't manage to put a report in, but we went to the near by park as well - this would have been early in our stay, when we didn't have anything planned. Zac liked this rocket - which I brought back home, so he can keep playing! Fidel always likes playing with sand - anywhere he went! It was good to see that both of them enjoyed singing and dancing in front of Japanese kids programs. They picked up heaps of Japanese during our stay there, hopefully, I can keep talking to them in Japanese and they will keep that skill. We are even planning on hooking up Japanese TV programs here for them :) And of course, they both absolutely LOVED the train and bus rides everyday. They will be missing that experience for a while!!