

"Kotaros personality is cheerful, polite and humorous. He greets everyone with a smile."

## Lär känna Kotaro

Kotaro är född 2007 och kommer från Japan. Han kommer i augusti 2025 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a basket, bowling, fotboll, fotografering och matlagning. Hans favoritämnen i skolan är engelska och idrott.

Dear my host family,

My name is Kotaro. I am really looking forward to staying with my host family in Sweden. I did a lot of research on the internet and in books and found a lot of beautiful scenery and delicious looking food. With each passing day I feel more and more motivated to go. In particular, in Sweden I would like to try sports in nature, such as skiing. I have parents and one older sister. My father is a very funny person and is always telling jokes to my family. In addition, he works for a construction company and is a powerful man who works for his family from early in the morning until late at night every day. My mother is very anxious and is often worried about us. Whenever I'm in trouble, she is the first to consult with me and always thinks of various things for me. She also works at a call center and supports our family. My older sister loves to joke around the most and I have never seen her be serious. But she is working very hard, going to university and also working a part-time job. My family are all very kind and supportive of me on a daily basis. I consider myself to be an honest, cheerful, and motivated person, and I try to see things through to the end when I decide to do something. I live in a town with a population of 64,000. My town has a relatively large amount of nature, and the sea in particular is very beautiful. Thanks to that, many tourists visit the town. Recently, many foreigners have started coming here. Besides the climate is warm all year round, with temperatures never dropping below 10 degrees even during the coldest months. I've only seen snow once before, when I traveled, so I'm really looking forward to seeing snow and experiencing coldness that I've never experienced before. On my days off, I go for walks to the beach, which is just a minute away from my house. The white sand beach, clear water and blue sky are very beautiful. It is also famous for sea turtles coming to lay eggs. I also spend my time watching my favorite movies and anime. The high school I go to has a lot of students, but everyone is kind and I'm having a lot of fun. After school, I play sports and go to karaoke with my friends. Do you know what karaoke is? Karaoke is a form of entertainment where people sing along to songs. Doing this helps me relieve stress and makes me feel very happy. The reason I decided to study abroad is because I had previously gone on two short-term study abroad programs, during which I had enjoyed and learned from learning about other people's cultures and telling them about my own country. I also thought that by studying abroad for a longer period of time, I would be able to gain more experience and broaden my knowledge by deepening my relationships with local people and getting to know other countries and people on a deeper level, and by letting others know about my country. What I can do for you is to help you as a member of the family, and of course, If there's anything you'd like me to do, please let me know. I will do everything that I can for you. I believe that we can learn a lot from each other by spending time together. I love taking photos and experiencing nature, so I would love to do those things with you when you accept me as part of your family.

I can't wait to go to Sweden.

I'm grateful for this wonderful encounter.

Sincerely your, Kotaro



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