



When it comes to Japan, **cherry blossom** first comes into my mind. Every spring when cherry trees are in blossom, Japanese people gather together to have fun under trees. This is Saikai Bridge Park in Saikai city. I went there early in the morning, so there were only few people. When the soft wind blew, lots of cherry blossom fell from the trees, flied as well as revolved like ballerinas in the air. It was quite relaxing and romantic, no wonder some residents there told me they go to the park everyday.

**Hot spring** is part of Japanese people's lives. No matter you are in big city like Fukoka, or small town like Oguni, you can enjoy splendid public hot spring. I was embarrassed to go to a hot spring with a lot of people at first, but my host family encouraged me to try, and I loved it! Going to a hot spring is not only for relaxing, but also a good time to share their lives.



**Kumamoto Castle**, which is famous for its stableness of all times, is one of the top 3 castles in Japan. The docent said that its walls were so strong that samuris from other castles could never attack it successfully. Through this castle, I can clearly see how Chinese culture influenced ancient Japanese.

