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My First American Event For Halloween

Last Saturday, I joined in a Halloween Festival and Haunted Trail in this university. This experience became one of the most impressive memory for me at Rose-Hulman. Not only I just enjoyed them, but also I learned some of American cultures which is new for me.

At nine pm, I left my room, then my Chinese friends and I got together at the sand court. I had a quick look around the court, and I found many fake spiders and bones on the ground. I felt they were very fresh for me because Halloween events is not familiar in Japan. Japanese shopping malls and candy companies advertise items which are used Halloween design in Autumn, so I have known what is Halloween. However, seeing and being exposed to genuine Halloween events made me excited. After a while, one of my American friends came us, and she explained something Halloween. For example, she said that an annual event called "Pumpkin Drop" is famous and popular in Indianapolis. I searched about the event on Google after coming back to my room, and I could not help laughing when I found the video. I could not imagine what kind of person came up with it. He must be a genius because his idea made everyone smile.

After watching a dance by a dance club, my friend and I headed to Haunted Trail. Chinese friends went back to their rooms because they did not like scary event. We sometimes heard female screams from a direction toward Haunted Trail. In front of the entrance, many students had waited their turn. So, we also waited talking of one thing and another. She has been interested in Japanese culture, and she taught me an interesting difference between American election campaign and Ja-

panese one. The campaign term is five hundreds days in the U.S., but Japanese one is only forty-seven days. I heard it for the first time, and I wondered how American politicians earn money during campaign term. I asked it to her, then she said “They do not need to be bothered by such small worry because they have enormous property already.” I felt that “how large country the U.S. is. The election scale is also lager than ours.”.

In Haunted Trail, I was surprised at that student actors were really good at performances. I thought they could work at Disneyland as crews. They played their horrible roles as if they were hollywood actors. I could not help screaming when a man came closer us with a running chain saw. I understood why many female students so cried. I could not achieve a goal point if my friend was not with me. I had a fun and released my stress by screaming. Unfortunately, I dropped my hair pin during Haunted Trail. That was my favorite one, and I bought it at a small shop in Japan. Probably I would not be able to get same one, so it was a shame for me.

Halloween would be the first American traditional event for me. I must not miss this precious opportunity to interact many people and learn about the U.S. To realize difference and new finding about other cultures makes me take pleasure.