**Enjoyable Travel in Orlando**

At eight o’clock in the morning, I arrived at the Chengdu airport. I met Mr. Gale, Ji Won, Jun Pyo and Tae Woong. We were going to the Orlando because we had a competition called Meritas Olympiad Academy. Ji Won was going to compete in spelling bee. Jun Pyo was going to compete in chess. Tae Woong was going to compete in Math. I was going to compete in music. I was very happy to go to Orlando, but I was afraid because I needed to fly for more than 20 hours. I took 3 flights to get there. The first one was from Chengdu to Beijing. Next, we flew from Beijing to Houston. This flight took us 17 hours and was the longest among the three flights. At last we went to the Orlando from Houston.

At night, we arrived in Orlando after several boring and uncomfortable flights. We felt extremely tired. We went to the hotel, Marriott Courtyard. It was huge and clean. Later, It took some time before had my room key. After unpacking my clothes, and texting my parents and friends, I took a shower and went to sleep.

The next morning, I woke up at 9 o’clock and went downstairs to eat breakfast. The bacon was quite different from what I have ever eaten before, because it was very salty but tasty. My first breakfast in Orlando was fabulous!

That night, we went to a special place to have a wonderful dinner and met students from other schools. We played games and activities called ice-breakers. I met a new friend, Riko. She was Japanese and she was in the music competition as well. The last day of the Meritas Olympiad Academy competition, we went to different hotel, Rosen Center. Rosen Center was bigger than Courtyard and it was gorgeous. We put down our bags and went to the NASA space center, where we saw a big space ship. Then, we went to the enormous shopping center.

After we came back from NASA, Mrs. Gay gave us a MAO bag, a T-shirt and some snacks. We packed up and went to Burger king where we ate burgers for dinner. Everybody was really nervous because we wanted to win in this competition.

The next day, we went to the school, Windmire where the competition took place. First, we went into the gym and listened to orientation from a College Du Leman teacher. He told us where students should go. I needed to go to the Band room so that I could take my tests.

I had two kinds of music tests. One test was called the musician test and the other one was a playing test. The musician test was little bit hard because I had never taken this kind of test before. For example, I needed to sing the notes that they played. In the playing test, they gave me 15 minutes to practice my two songs. Then I would perform in front of the three judges. When I finished my tests, I waited for my results, in the gym with my friends. On the board, I saw that I was in the TOP 4. I was very happy! Most importantly, it also meant I needed to play in front of people, which made me feel more nervous and afraid again. Unfortunately, I made many mistakes when I performed. This made me sad and I was disappointed. Eventually, I placed 4th in the music competition. After all of this, I was still very happy because I made some new friends and learnt a lot.

This time, I made new friends. Also, I was very happy that I had an opportunity to perform music and was proud of myself. I will never forget NASA Space Center and the shopping mall. Those places were the most fun. Also, I was lucky that I could sleep well in the cozy hotel. I could sleep well because the hotel was comfortable and fabulous. I think my favorite food was bacon. American bacon was much better than other bacon that I had eaten before. I wish I could eat American bacon, when I go to Orlando again. Next, I want to visit this awesome place with my family.

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