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St. Thomas University is in close proximity to the ancient capitals of Kyoto and Nara, the international city of Kobe and the industrial center of Osaka. Students at our school can easily experience the delights of these famous cities on one-day trips from our campus. On Thursday, November 27th, the university organized a visit to Kyoto for the purpose of giving our international students and Japanese students the opportunity to get to know each other better while exploring some famous sites together.

A total of 78 students, along with some faculty and staff members, packed into two buses and headed off for a day of fun and learning. The first stop was Byodoin Temple, a renowned World Heritage Site. The fall foliage was splendid! Next, the group visited the Yatsushashi Confectionary Factory, famous for their traditional Japanese sweets, where the students had the chance to make—and of course, eat—the Kyoto delicacies. All of the participants enjoyed this opportunity to learn more about Japanese culture and to make new friends.



The red maple leaves at Byodoin Temple



On the temple grounds



Hoodo reflected on the pond



Byodoin Temple



Byodoin Temple



Making sweets at Yatsuhashi



Enjoying lunch together near Kyoto Station



Making sweets at Yatsuhashi



Suzhou kagi Gakuin students with their Japanese friends