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Global Café



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May: Spectating the TOJ

Monday 22nd May was the day of the Kyoto stage of the international cycling road race, "Tour of Japan (TOJ)". Covering a total distance of 105km, the race started at Fureai no Eki in Fugenji and finished at the Keihana Memorial Park in Seika Town.

Along with many other spectators I watched the race near Fugenji Elementary School.

To be honest I had no idea that international cycling events are so popular in Japan until I heard about this race.

This was my first time seeing a race like this up close, and I am happy to say that I wasn't disappointed!

Of course it goes without saying that watching the cyclists going by at such incredible speeds



was amazing! The great number of team support vehicles that followed the competitors, as well as the big motorbikes recording live footage also created a lot of excitement among the spectators.

Although the TOJ and other cycling road races are still quite new to Japan, hopefully as the TOJ becomes more famous internationally, Kyotanabe will too as a race location.



Global Kitchen Pan Con Tomate



When I was in sixth form (high school), I had the chance to go to Murcia, Spain for a week as part of a school exchange programme. Whilst I was there the host family that I stayed with taught me the following recipe. A great way to use tomatoes, it is also both simple and tasty! I highly recommended it!

Ingredients:

★Sliced bread ★A garlic clove ★A ripe tomato (chopped finely) ★Olive oil ★Salt and pepper

1. Toast the bread
2. Rub the garlic on the bread and top with the tomato
3. Finish with a dash of olive oil and sprinkling of salt and pepper to taste

*How much garlic and tomato you use is up to you!

Quiz Answers:
 1...A World Nettle Eating Championships
 2...D Dragon Boat Festival
 3...C El Colacho
 4...B Feast of St. Anthony

This Month Events around the world

Do you know where in the world the following events (A-D) take place? (Answers are on the bottom left of the page).

1. An hour-long stinging nettle eating contest
2. A race event for boats with ornate carvings of a dragon head and tail
3. Men dressed as the devil leap over babies during this traditional holiday
4. The locals go mad for sardines during this annual feast

- A. England
 B. Portugal
 C. Spain
 D. China