



## Hello! Bonjour! Intro to Canadian Life EX version

Hello everyone! It's your Coordinator of International relations (CIR) Mary again. In the *Kyotanabe City newspaper- Hotto Kyotanabe 2018 October issue*, I introduced about public transportation in Canada. In this web column, I will introduce about 99 b-line, the famous bus route in Vancouver. This bus runs from Commercial Broadway Station directly to University of British Columbia. When I was an university student, I took this bus everyday and spent about 2 hours everyday for four years commuting to and from school. This bus is certainly something memorable in my university life.

### The Congestion

The congestion of 99 b-line is famous that there has been saying it is one of the busiest route in North America. Annually there are about 10.6 million riders a year and about 55,000 riders per day. That's about 80% of the Kyotanabe citizen riding this bus every day. That is scary.

Recently, Vancouverites are very conscious about environment and more people choose public transportation going to work or school. Some students choose to take bus to save from the expensive parking fee in the university. The number of riders is always increasing.



### Length of the Bus

The 99 b-line is also well-known for its length. Compared to regular buses it is about two times longer and has three doors. Because it is often so crowded, people can enter the bus from the back doors. That's why people naturally form three lines when waiting for the bus. The size of bus stop is bigger too and I think it's one of the interesting scenes in Vancouver.

