

JAPAN



Journey **AROUND THE WORLD**



World's Tallest Communications Tower - Japan



Japan

Instructions:

You are playing the role of a Japanese person welcoming travelers to Japan.

Tell the story below (try not to read from the paper but its ok if you have to). Make sure the campers understand what you are telling them about hemophilia in Japan. Use the enclosed pictures to decorate your area. You may use costumes, props, or other decorations but please do not use an accent or ethnic stereotype in your portrayal. Do the activity with the campers at the end of your story and Good Luck!

Make sure to stamp the camper's passports when they arrive.

Kon-nichiwa!

Imagine rocketing along in a train at almost 190 miles an hour. That's the speed passengers experience in Japan's Bullet train. Engineers are already working on the next model, which will go 360 miles an hour.

From trains to computer games to dancing robots, Japan is famous for high tech and its ultra-modern cities, such as Tokyo. One of the capital's landmarks is the Tokyo Tower. Reaching up nearly 1100 feet, the tower is the tallest communications structure of its kind in the world.

Tokyo also has many other attractions ranging from a space-age Disneyland to a Bonsai Park. The park has a large collection of traditional bonsai trees that can fit on a small table, but are perfect living miniatures of normal trees many times larger.

In fact, Japan is very proud of its traditional arts and culture as well as the country's modern achievements in technology and other areas, including health. The average Japanese person lives longer than most other nationalities.

But despite modern hospitals and well-trained doctors, hemophilia treatment in Japan is still catching up to some other developed countries. For example, much less factor is used in Japan than the United States. In a population of 127 million, approximately 5,000 patients have been diagnosed with hemophilia. There should be about 8,500.

Yoshio, a teenage boy is ashamed to let others know he has hemophilia and is reluctant to talk about it. He makes up excuses to avoid playing soccer with his friends and tells them he'd rather spend his time playing on the computer or reading manga comic books.

Yoshio is also interested in his country's culture and has taught himself the traditional art of origami, or Japanese paper folding. He can make beautiful birds, animals and other objects out of coloured paper. His favourite origami creatures are paper swans, which he floats on a pond in the garden. Let's make some together.

(Origami swans are simple to make. Just follow the diagrams below.

Youtube also has a short video with instructions:

<http://www.videojug.com/film/how-to-make-an-origami-swan>)

Sayonara.

Materials Included:

Pictures

Origami paper

Folding directions

Passport stamp and ink pad

