Yokosuka Middle School 7th-grade students Alexsus Hielscher and Hitomi Okumura sit in chairs of Diet members during their visit to the Diet building Nov. 12. The class went to Tokyo to tour the Diet and learn about the government of Japan.

Photo by Dale N. Duncan Jr.

Richard E. Byrd Elementary School 1st-grade students Matthew Willis and Miya Gibbs pet roosters and chickens in the petting zoo section of the Yokohama Negeyama Zoo during the school's visit Nov. 18. Among the many animals available to touch in the petting zoo included roosters, chickens, baby chicks and guinea pigs.

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Tabitha, Mark and Raymond Otton look at Wendy Rose's Kindergarten Basket in the main lobby of The Sullivans School Nov. 13. The baskets are put together and auctioned off to the Yokosuka community as a means to raise money for the Kobo Cottage Orphanage. This is the sixth year of the basket auction, organized by Vicky Araki, one of Sullivans' speech-language pathologists. The yearly donation is generally in excess of $3,000.00.

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Konnichiwa

AG3 Laree Banister from Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Center (NOAC) Yokosuka types a welcome aboard letter for new personnel arriving to the command.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where is your home town? San Diego, Calif.

How long have you ben in Japan? Two years and six months.

What is your favorite food? Mexican and Japanese food.

What is your life goal? To become an English as a second language teacher.