



Clockwise from top left: A happy dignitary, Mr. Kanai, enjoys his visit and RUSH ball cap; FN Anthony and FN Martinez find relief in the fields of Kushiro (or "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."); These drummers give RUSH a reception with a flourish; A Japanese fire truck making its way through the busy, crowded streets.

schools to talk about the Coast Guard and help students practice their English.

Besides shopping and trying new foods and drinks a small group of enthusiasts met the Japanese Self-Defense Group Force (their army) and played volleyball and basketball. Despite the fact that no one expected to win the volleyball games, RUSH won the match 2-1. RUSH also won the basketball game, though not as handily as the ball players had expected, winning only 28-23.

Though the time spent was short, it was memorable for all.

