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It’s our last month in Japan. During the May Day holidays, Daddy went back to Tallahassee for a week, and Mama took us to Tokyo to spend time in Harajuku. The Shinkansen was very crowded, but we found a nice place to sit on the floor behind the last seats of the carriage.

Mama took us to Ueno Zoo. Daddy used to take us there all the time last summer. There are nice monkeys and elephants, but Wally and I mostly like the rides at the end.
Outside of Ueno park, there was a street performer with funny clothes and hair, and a very loud voice. She balanced things on poles and umbrellas that she placed on her forehead and everyone clapped. There were lots of carp flags for Kodomo-no-hi.

Near Obachan’s house in Harajuku, there is the NHK studio. We watched a show, and played with the special effect cameras.
Of course, we also ate kaiten-sushi.

After Daddy came back, we celebrated with a Japanese steak dinner sent to us by Ken Michida.
Back in Kyoto, we had a farewell dinner with the Suzuki’s and Michida-san at a nice Japanese restaurant near Kitayama.

The Kamo river now is completely green, and summer is about to begin. We will really miss life in Kyoto.

Bye bye.