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Hi, everyone, nice to meet you. Welcome on my blog ! I’m Elsa and I’m 15 (at the very moment I’m writing this) and I was born on the 11th March 2001. I am in Seconde (the first year of highschool in France). I am from West of France and I lived there since my birth.

Firstly, I love discovering new things and traveling ! Since I was 10, I am really interesting into Asian countries. My dream is to go there once in my life. That is one of the reasons why I created this blog.

Three years ago I discovered the « exchange students ». These young people that travel the world to learn a new language, meet new friends from all over the planet. So I searched more information about this topic and found out the Rotary. That’s how I started thinking about going abroad for a year…

After having discussed with my family about it, I convinced them to let me call someone from the Rotary and ask for more details about the RYE. And I’m glad that I was early because all of this was pretty difficult to understand.

Even though we were early, we had to wait from december 2015 to july 2016 to have a real response.

We exchanged some e-mail and they told us to wait. What we did. After I came back from my holidays in Guernsey we received an email. A week later, I met a rotary counselor.

I was really happy because all of this adventure seemed unreal for someone like me. They asked me to choose three different countries where I would have liked to go for a year.

Here were my choices (If I had to choose three countries again, now, I don’t think I’d choose the same ones)

-South Korea

-Canada

-Japan

I already knew that Canada was a really popular country for exchange students in France so I knew that I wouldn’t go there. (Same for USA or NZ, Australia)

Now I am waiting for the rotary to tell me if I can take part of the RYE 2017-2018 and I can’t wait !

Next Monday I’m gonna have my first Rotary meeting and I will meet the new Inbounds and the old Outbounds. I think it will be pretty interesting ! I’ll also have to be a host family and I pretty love that concept.