

## Ottawa, Canada

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Good morning, UNAN! Today is Friday, February 21st, 2020. My name is Augustin Wong, and this is my first morning speech.

I come from Ottawa, Canada. Ottawa is Canada's capital city. My hobbies are reading, traveling, food, and drawing. My favorite foods are ramen and ice cream. My favorite place to travel to is Kyoto. I want to go to all 47 of Japan's prefectures. Before I came to Tochigi, I lived in Hyogo for almost one year. I was an exchange student at Konan University in Kobe for 5 months. But my major is English Literature, which I studied at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Ottawa is a small city, but it has 1 million people, and is very diverse. I have friends from many different countries. Around 30% of people speak French.

The most important places in Ottawa are Parliament Hill and the Rideau Canal. Parliament Hill has very old buildings where all of Canada's laws and politics are discussed. In the winter, the Rideau Canal is the longest skating rink in the world. It is 202 kilometres. That is longer than from Utsunomiya to Mt. Fuji! There is also a festival called Winterlude, where people eat donuts, drink hot chocolate, and skate on the canal. When I was a child, I went with my sister every year. My highschool was beside the Rideau Canal, so we often went together as a class. In the winter, it's very cold. It is usually -40 degrees!

Even though it is very cold, please come to Ottawa!

