Japanese Automotive Students Get Hands-On Training at Cerritos College

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NORWALK, Calif. – May 19, 2014 – More than 200 students from the Nissan Automotive Technical College traveled from Japan to the United States to gain hands-on training at the Cerritos College Automotive program on May 12 and 13.

Nissan Automotive Technical College in Japan trains future Nissan technicians using Nissan’s advanced technology and facilities, and has five campuses in Japan. The tour was arranged through a partnership program between the college and Nissan Motor Company, sponsored by Nissan Corporation in Japan.

Students visited three Automotive Mechanical Repair and Automotive Collision Repair classes and a hands-on body painting demonstration. Students also had the opportunity to visit an Infiniti dealership.

“It was a great cultural exchange for our students,” said Nissan Automotive Technical College officials. “It was nice to see an Infiniti dealership which we don’t have in Japan.”

“We started this partnership about 12 years ago,” said Ron Toyota of Meitetsu Travel, who coordinated the visit. “We would like to bring students from Japan again next year.”

“We were able to expose the students to automotive technical and historical subjects that they have probably never experienced,” said Cerritos College Automotive Mechanical Repair Assistant Professor Leonard Glick. “The participants left with great information while gaining a better understanding of our automotive culture. This was a great experience for all of us.”

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