

## 【Podcast # 11】 外国人に話しかけるパーフェクトな場所 ネイティブ同士の会話のセリフ

**Arthur:** So one of the things I wanted to talk to you about today is um I wanted to hear about your experience in in Tokyo. Like especially because, um, especially I want to know the places that you really liked to go to really liked to hang out in Tokyo.

Because a lot of people you know they want to talk to foreigners but they just don't know where foreigners like to hang out and they want to have - find opportunities to talk to people. So I want to hear from you, not necessarily the place that you think is a good place for them to go, but I want to know what were your favorite places to go in Tokyo?

**Andy:** So as you know like one of my favorite places ago was the Nakano Broadway.

**Arthur:** Oh, really?

**Andy:** Last time we met up. Well that area I think is really cool because it has everything. It has restaurants, shops, and it kind of feels like a neighborhood you know it's not as big or crowded or touristy like places like Shibuya. **That was one of my favorite places to hang out.**

**Arthur:** Ok, so did you so so do you remember what we did there when I showed you? Where did we go?

**Andy:** We went to this like um it was not like yakitori. Kushi, Kushi-yaki? And then I think we also went to like a, was it like **an Okinawan style restaurant?**

**Arthur:** Yeah yeah, that Okinawan restaurant! The alligator!

**Andy:** That place was really good.

**Arthur:** Yeah whenever whenever my um I'm whenever have I non-japanese friends come to Tokyo I almost always take them to that Okinawan place.

**Andy:** Yeah that's a good place.

**Arthur:** You know, I heard recently they, um, I went there recently with a friend and they didn't just have alligator. What else what else do they have?

They, they've like upped the ante a little bit. They may have some really kind of scary things there now. Yeah yeah I don't actually I don't remember but.

**Andy:** I think I'd like to try it whatever it is.

**Arthur:** Oh they had ostrich

**Andy:** Oh okay nice yeah

**Arthur:** Yeah yeah okay so so that was pretty cool. But so what are some other places that you liked in Tokyo besides Nakano?

**Andy:** Um it's been a while. Let's see. I did actually like I kind of liked Akihabara. That was a cool place um just because I'm kind of a geek. I'm not really into anime but I kind of like electronics and computers.

What I liked about Akihabara is the they have like these **scrap computer stores where there's like all these different parts** that you can buy to build computers and radios and stuff. But it's like looking at that.

Oh yes another place I really liked was, uh, I mean it's more of a touristy place but I like Asakusa. Or in general I kind of like the shitamachi areas like where it's like old um basically like old Tokyo, like classic Tokyo.

**Arthur:** So in in Asakusa did you like find, was there a specific place you liked that was not the Kaminarimon like temple gates or?

**Andy:** Yeah. I actually liked a lot of the bars there. So, like, **I used to go to this bar once in a while I think it's called Cafe flamingo.** You heard about it?

It's really cool you should go um if you ever are out there, because it's like this really old like **1950s or 1940s** looking bar and like the bartender wearing like white tuxedos.

And they have like this room off to the side with all these vintage records like jazz jazz jazz kind of music and they played those records and it's like really quiet and dark and it like kind of feels like you're in like **1940s or 1950s** or something, you know.

**Arthur:** Yeah, no that sounds really cool. So, pink, pink flamingo?

**Andy:** I think no cafe cafe flamingo?

**Arthur:** Oh, Cafe Flamingo ah okay.

**Andy:** **50s 60s Japan**, you know?

**Arthur:** Dude super cool! Yeah dude I gotta go check that place out.

**Andy:** Yeah. it's kind of expensive but it's um the ,experience of drinking there it's just like really quiet and you're like there's just a bunch of - maybe a couple old people.

I'm like the only foreigner and the only young person, young person there.

**Arthur:** Yeah, no that's really cool it's really cool. Yeah. What were, what were some places that you liked to walk around and just hang out maybe outside?

**Andy:** Yeah so I liked... Um okay this is has to be in Tokyo though, right?

**Arthur:** Yeah or close to Tokyo

**Andy:** Okay um that's a tough one. Oh I did like to walk in - so I lived in Gotanda, **by the Meguro River**. So I used to like to walk along the Meguro River, like towards Nakameguro, like through Meguro, Nakameguro.

Especially during like the cherry blossom season. It was really cool, because like that whole area is lined with cherry blossom trees. That and some of the other parks like Ueno.

**Arthur:** You know, I I heard something interesting about Meguro. Do you know where Meguro got its name?

**Andy:** It's like okay so it's like there's a Meguro and there's a Meshiro, or Mejiro, right? I heard it was like the eyes of some temple, like a statue in a temple?

**Arthur:** Yeah right right so those are like this statues of a God so like the one with the black eyes is the god Meguro that is there to like protect Meguro. And Mejiro is the one with the white eyes to protect Mejiro.

**Andy:** Okay cool yeah.

**Arthur:** Yeah. I didn't know about that until really recently.

**Andy:** Oh cool yeah I I don't know where I read that. I heard it from someone maybe when I was there. I thought I was interesting.

**Arthur:** Yes so so we kind of talked about places that you want to go that you like to go. What are some places that you didn't like so much in Tokyo?

**Andy:** Um I think the only place **I really didn't like in Tokyo was Roppongi**. You know it's like um I'm not really into like the like going out and partying and bar hopping type of atmosphere.

Sometimes I would go there with my wife and her friends because they would like to go salsa dancing at clubs, which is kind of cool. But um **I would usually try to avoid that particular part of Tokyo.**

**Arthur:** Yeah. No, I get that I get that.