

## Frog's Meat in Thailand! (Written by Pornphan WAJJWALKU (Pin))

Scene: In Thailand, 2 high school students talk: Kana's from Japan, Sam's from Australia.

M: So, how long have you been here?

W: It's been six months already, I guess.

M: Wow, amazing! Tomorrow's my first day of school here. Any advice?

W: Well, in the morning, all students will stand in line and **show respect** for the nation while singing the **national anthem** at 8 o'clock. Such **practice** is very typical here.

M: Oh, I see. So THAT'S basically why I have to be at school from 7:45 even though my classes start at 8.30... I have no idea about Thailand's national anthem, **though**...

W: No worries. You'll learn it faster than you realize. Another thing is that after the national anthem, there'll be a short **Buddhist worship ceremony**. Just stand still and be quiet. The first day can be a bit tough, you know. But everyone at school is nice! They'll be more than happy to help you.

M: Great! I hope they won't **stare at** me, though. I went with my new friend, Pat, to the local market today, and everybody there was staring at me!!

W: Well, there aren't many foreigners, so you DO stand out, for sure. So, what'd you think about the market? Did you buy anything?

M: Well, **besides** people staring at me, it was quite nice! Everything was so cheap. I didn't buy anything, but Pat bought some frog meat!!! I was so shocked! Never in my life have I seen frog meat. Actually, now I'm wondering where she put it....

W: Um... did you taste the red curry we just had for dinner...?

M: Yes, it was extremely spicy, but I liked it very much!... Wait... don't tell me... the frog meat was in it?!?!?

W: Uhm, yes! I should have told you that it was frog's meat! Sorry!

M: OH MY GOD! Don't be sorry. It was actually SUPER GOOD!!! I liked it!! Gonna be a frog meat fan from now on!!

\*\*\* It's a Good Expression \*\*\*

(今回の重要表現)

show respect

敬意を払う

national anthem

国歌

practice

習慣

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※このような **though** を文尾に添える表現を、ぜひ会話でも使えるようにしましょう。

Buddhist worship ceremony

仏教の礼拝 (らいはい)

stare at

じろじろ見る、凝視する

besides

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