

### ***A Trip to Italy***

The activities in Italy we had during 1st through 7th of October 2022 were perfect in every moment. In the activities in Italy lasting one week, we collected lots of memories in a nice, humble Italian town called Giulianova; and, most importantly, we made lots of new, valuable friends. If they had told me we'd make such good friends and feel so heartbroken leaving, I wouldn't believe it; when we parted ways with our friends, I felt miserable. Now, let me talk about the commonalities and differences between Italian and Turkish culture a little, as an example, Italians were very hospitable against us, like it was in Turkey. But although there were a lot in common between the food cultures, there were also many differences, for example, in the start, it was weird to me that more dessert-type meals were consumed in breakfast. 2 days were reserved for our project-related activities. For the project, we split up into 3 groups, and our assignment was to make a robot that follows a black line. We failed the first day, but on the second, we created our robot, reached our goal, and had lots of fun in the process. Afterwards, we attended an activity where we listened to the national marches and various folk songs of different countries; and this activity, to me, was very fun and effective to come to know each others' cultures. In the remaining days, we did tours that didn't have to do with the project. First, we climbed a mountain, and witnessed the impressive views and the beauty of nature. The next day, a tour to Rome, Italy's capital, was organized. In this tour, we went to the historical buildings of Rome, and I was impressed a lot by these. To witness a history this great was an inexplainable pleasure. And I'd also like to thank the Italians for greeting us with wide open arms in this trip.

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