

Sakura's Birthday Party 2012 in Nagoya, Japan

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The fan gathering event was held on April 1, 2012 to celebrate Sakura's birthday, which was hosted by Sakura Kanzaka⁽¹⁾. The event was held at Kanayama Washington Hotel Plaza, Nagoya, Japan. Perhaps because Sakura's birthday on weekend will not come until 2017, so many as 23 CCS fans attended the event. I, Yuki Neco, was one of those people.

How Old Should She Be?

The birthday cake we had all been waiting for was delivered around 12 o'clock. How old is Sakura this year, anyway? She made her first appearance in manga in 1996, so... she should be 10. (By what kind of calculation?!) How smart Miyuki⁽²⁾ was to set just 10 candles on the cake! With candles lit, the participants celebrated Sakura's birthday, singing the happy-birthday song. As you guess what happened next, the cake was cut into pieces when we called out "Release!"

What good was the Event

1. To share the celebration of Sakura's birthday with many CCS fans.
2. To witness Sakura's bravery on the big screen through the DVD encore screening.
3. To view various exhibited CCS merchandises.
4. To reconfirm your affection to Sakura with the CCS quiz.



With candles lit on the cake, Sakura's birthday was celebrated.

70-Inch Across Episode Screening

The CCS episode was played on the big screen (70 inches across) with an LCD projector. Played in the event was the Episode 25 "Sakura and Another Sakura," selected by the poll voted by participants.



Sakura acting lively on a big screen.

CCS Quiz Indicating Your Enthusiasm for CCS

All the participants tackled CCS quiz, by which they reconfirmed their affection to Sakura. The quiz consisted of 20 problems. I got 19 marks out of 20... only one mistake. There was only one person who won 20 marks. Such an admirable fan was Cyclist⁽³⁾. Congratulations!



Cardcaptors known by few Japanese fans.



Shitajikis, paper holders, and such.

Plenty of CCS Merchandises

The place was decorated by tons of CCS merchandises which attracted enthusiasts. Exhibited were dolls, comic books, trading cards, posters, tapestries, and such.

I exhibited merchandises of North American Cardcaptors, in order to let Japanese fans know of the dubbed version.



Bunch of dolls.

Interesting was Cyclist's collection of photos he took in Hong Kong where the movie took place. I enjoyed viewing the photos, while Cyclist was explaining his exhibition. If you have interest, please view his website⁽³⁾. He told me that they sometimes see sharks indeed in the course of the ferry bound for Hong Kong Island.

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I am deeply grateful to Sakura Kanzaka who thought up of and turly held the enjoyable event. In talking with fans of various ages, I confirmed delightfully some people were still beginning to like Cardcaptor Sakura.



Hey, the Book of Clow is here!

⁽¹⁾ The webmaster of *Sakura-chan no Omocha-Bako* (in Japanese). <http://cardcaptor.sakuramagic.com/>

⁽²⁾ The webmistress of *Teketete no Ura no Ura* (in Japanese). <http://teke-uraura.cool.ne.jp/> She planned the event together with Sakura Kanzaka.

⁽³⁾ The webmaster of *GT Sakura* (in Japanese). <http://www.5a.biglobe.ne.jp/~cyclist2/>