

# Crossroads

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## LIVING UNDERGROUND ...BUT, IT'S NOTHING NEW!

Is this part of our future? Cappadocia

The Taisei Company of Japan has very ambitious plans for our future and the way in which we will, one day, live and work. They plan to develop an ecological utopia – underground! They call the project “Alice City”, after Alice in Wonderland and the fantastic world she discovered when she went into the White Rabbit’s burrow.



One version of the concept will look, at ground level, like a large clear dome set in parkland. But,

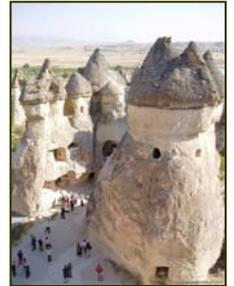
beneath the surface, underground, there will be a multi-leveled metropolis with offices, housing, a transportation system and communal and recreation areas. Further down on the lower levels will be facilities for power generation, heating and recycling waste.



Just imagine digging a great hole in the ground and dropping Tokyo into it - the buildings with all the people who live and work there, everything!

Can you imagine yourself living in such a place? No? Well, the idea may sound new, even radical, but Yukiko from S(b)1 has discovered that the basic idea is nothing new at all! In fact, it goes back thousands of years! See her article on the right for more.

Cappadocia means "the country of beautiful horses". Here in ancient times, Mount Erciyes erupted and volcanic ash and lava covered the ground.



Wind, rain and snow shaped an unusual scene: Some rocks look like corn and others look like a head wearing a hat.



During the Roman period, a lot of devout Christians lived there. From the 7th century to the 9th century, they were attacked by Arabians. These Christians had to worship underground, so they built a secret church in the volcanic ash. Now there are no monks anymore.

One of the church's caves includes a beautiful wall painting, and the whole mountain is a cultural heritage site,



protected by the Turkish government.

- From Yukiko in S(b)1

## Net News

**NET LESSONS:** Are you too busy to come to CROSSROADS?... Try our *lessons on the Internet!* It's CROSSROADS in your home or office! You get CROSSROADS' great teachers, teaching programs, even classmates, *on-line!* Call for details: **089 9217595**

### **NET SITE OF THE MONTH:**

You can find an interesting site about Cappadocia here: <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/celynog/Cappadocia/religiou.htm>

**NET NOTEBOOK:** Don't forget to take a look at the Internet activity notebook in our open-house. You'll find games, news and English learning sites.

# Some Thoughts for the Month



**Joshua Says:** This Summer we are going to open the roof-top garden to all our students – check out the photos on P3. In these busy and difficult times, I hope some of you will take this chance to enjoy a quiet moment to relax in the open, fresh air. You can have a coffee, eat lunch or just take in the atmosphere. It will be open every day except Sunday (for now). I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

**Junko Says:** The Saturday night market in Okaido is going to start on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. This year, Kuro-chan Tofu Company is going to serve Tofu Desserts from our table. Kuro-chan Tofu makes many new and imaginative styles of tofu as well as the more traditional styles. So, I hope you will all come along to try some of these delicious and healthy tofu desserts. You'll be surprised at just how good they taste!



**Michael Says:** Do you still have flying dreams? How about flying *daydreams*? I recently read about a pilot who has designed rocket-powered wings. He jumps from an airplane, opens the wings, and takes off through the air! He has flown at over 185 mph! That's almost 300 kph! He says he has to move his body only a tiny bit to steer when he's flying. Just imagine!

**Owen Says:** To **swoon**, is to be extremely excited and impressed by someone you like, love, or admire. An older meaning is to become unconscious and fall to the ground. I find this word appealing *because* it is old fashioned; it has a nostalgic quality...An early film heroine swooning as the hero duels his deadly foe; it's very hard to act like you're swooning. Don't swoon in this summer's heat!



**Greg Says:** Once again Mother Nature has shown its amazing power; this time by rattling the ground beneath China. It was especially heart wrenching to see so many children's lives taken in the rubble of the many fallen schools. And the disaster looks to have only just begun by the look of the many dams filling to near capacity. My mother always said to count your blessings and being far away from any disaster is a blessing.

**Emilie Dit:** Nombre de mots japonais sont d'origine étrangère. Pour ce qui est du vocabulaire culinaire, la France est au premier rang. Il est amusant ainsi de partir à la découverte de la langue française en se référant à la nourriture et en comparant goûts, recettes et coutumes entre nos deux pays. Manger est un art de vivre et aussi une passerelle entre les cultures, la meilleure introduction à l'autre.



