<u>Summer 2013 Hitchhike Adventure to</u> <u>Nagano</u>



With another man also hitchhiking! His partner with him took the photo

I hitchhiked some 300 kilometers in 3 cars to the Shangri-La mountainous wonderland if Japan, Nagano Prefecture, the source of the longest river in Japan, Shinano. Some of the beautiful people who picked me up:

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Haruka and Minako, sisters who took me from Niigata city to Sanjo City going 40 kilometers out of their way! Minako's two little boys were in the back.

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Takahiro, Sumie and Masanori. They saw me hitchhiking at Yoneyama Service area and offered me a ride. It turned out they were going to the exact location I needed to go in Yamanachi, close to Nagano.

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Lady with her son in the back seat of the car that took me to Nagano City on my way back home. Her husband was driving and there was one more little boy sitting next to me.