

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 11. The Two Olympic Torches

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The 19th April 2021 marked the date that the Olympic torch came to Yusuhara. The torch completed its short journey through the town by highlighting the best Yusuhara has to offer before stopping outside the castle and next to the samurai statues. Carried by a former student of Yusuhara Gakuen, followed closely by a selection of current students, the torch was welcomed by numerous locals, students and national TV alike.



Yusuhara Olympic Torch Relay carried by a former student

This is the second opportunity I have had to witness the Olympic Torch Relay as I was present for the London 2012 relay as it passed through my hometown. I was only a few years older than the torch bearer for Yusuhara. I never thought I would get to see two relays within a single decade. Now let's have a look at two photos!



My hometown: Southend-on-Sea Olympic Torch Relay, 2012

Despite the difference in size and scale both events were just as magical as each other. Beaches and seas the backdrop of my hometown and the glorious mountains here. Each provided grandeur and majesty to the relay. It's hard to comment on the future of the Olympic Games but one thing is for sure, the spirit of the games was alive today!