

## **A Visit to My Hometown**

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I love travelling during the summer vacation. Luckily, my family and I got to travel back home to the Philippines!

Since my parents were born there, we didn't need a tour or anything. For half of the trip, we stayed in Makati, Manila. It was my first time there! The hotel we stayed at was connected to two malls. I'm a crazy shopper, so you can imagine my shopping list. Unfortunately, we hadn't brought any shopping bags. By the end of the day, we were lugging around a bunch of bags from different stores. To avoid making the same mistake the next day, we reused the bags from the day before.

For the other half of the trip, we stayed in my father's hometown, Los Banos. It was nice staying in a rural area. However, the hundreds of motorcycles everywhere were a bit annoying. We stayed in my grandmother's house. You can imagine my surprise when I saw she had one new dog! I was just sitting on the couch, eating some Jollibee we got from the drive-thru, when I spotted a lizard the size of my face! I jumped! Bobby, one of the cats at my grandma's house, just walked over to the lizard and put it in his mouth. "Bobby! Spit it out!" I yelled with concern. He eventually spat it out, but then Latte, the small dog, ate it! I was flabbergasted.

We got back to Hong Kong yesterday at 1 a.m. I'm still trying to figure out where to put my new figurines that I bought on my shopping spree.