Hello everyone, my name is **Jeremy Ang** from Singapore! I arrived in Matsusaka on August 2022 as a CIR. My hobbies are drumming, travelling, and learning about different cultures! I'm also a foodie so I'm excited to explore and share about what Matsusaka has to offer!

So, where exactly is Singapore?

Singapore is a tiny, hot, and humid Southeast Asian city-state located south of Malaysia. Singapore is so tiny that its total area is only slightly bigger than Matsusaka city ($710km^2$ vs $623km^2$)! Unlike Japan which has a homogenous society, Singapore is a **multi-racial country** that consists of mainly Chinese (76%), Malay (15%), and Indian (7.5%) citizens. Therefore, we have a huge variety of cuisines from different cultures that are easily accessible to everyone!

One of my favorite Singaporean dish is called **Roti Prata**, an Indian flatbread dish which is served with a plate of curry. Compared to Japanese curry which is sweeter and less spicy, Indian curry is spicier and packed with stronger flavor as it was made with various Indian spices. However, it is also much oilier and it can be unhealthy, so do eat in moderation!

I think that it's a shame that most foreigners only know about Kobe beef when they think about "Wagyu" in Japan. Therefore, I'm seeking to share more about other mouth-watering options such as **Matsusaka beef** and **Hida beef** as well. I believe that this will in turn attract more tourists to explore the less well-known, yet beautiful parts of Japan.

By the end of this journey, I hope to gain the experience that I need to work as a translator and interpreter. In addition, being able to share my knowledge and experience on Japan and its culture to the people back in Singapore. Thank you for reading and I'm looking forward to meeting all of you!

Hope to see you soon! よろしくお願いします！