



Day 1. Ginza district of Tokyo! Everyone had umbrellas but us.





Cousin Fumi and lake with huge lillies in the Asakusa district.





Yea, it was humid and warm in October.





The Asakusa Temple Gate, still day 1.





The Pagoda at the Asakusa Temple.





The Asakusa Temple, a short walk once inside the gate.





Day 2. Italian lunch after the memorial service for Kei-san.





View of the Sumida River from our 32nd floor hotel room.



Train station bento box on the way to Nikko.







Onsen (hot spring hotel) map at Lake Chuzenji above Nikko.



Preparing for the hot spring wearing Yukata and coat.





Hee-ya!







Ready for the hot spring. Thanks to Yao and Fumi!





Day 4. Heading across the street to the OOCL lake house.





Getting ready to hike near Lake Chuzenji.





The fall colors were just getting going.





Over a lake at the start of our hike.





Falls coming from the trailhead lake.



We had beautiful weather this day.







The first of hundreds of school children.





Most of the hike was on a board walk trail.





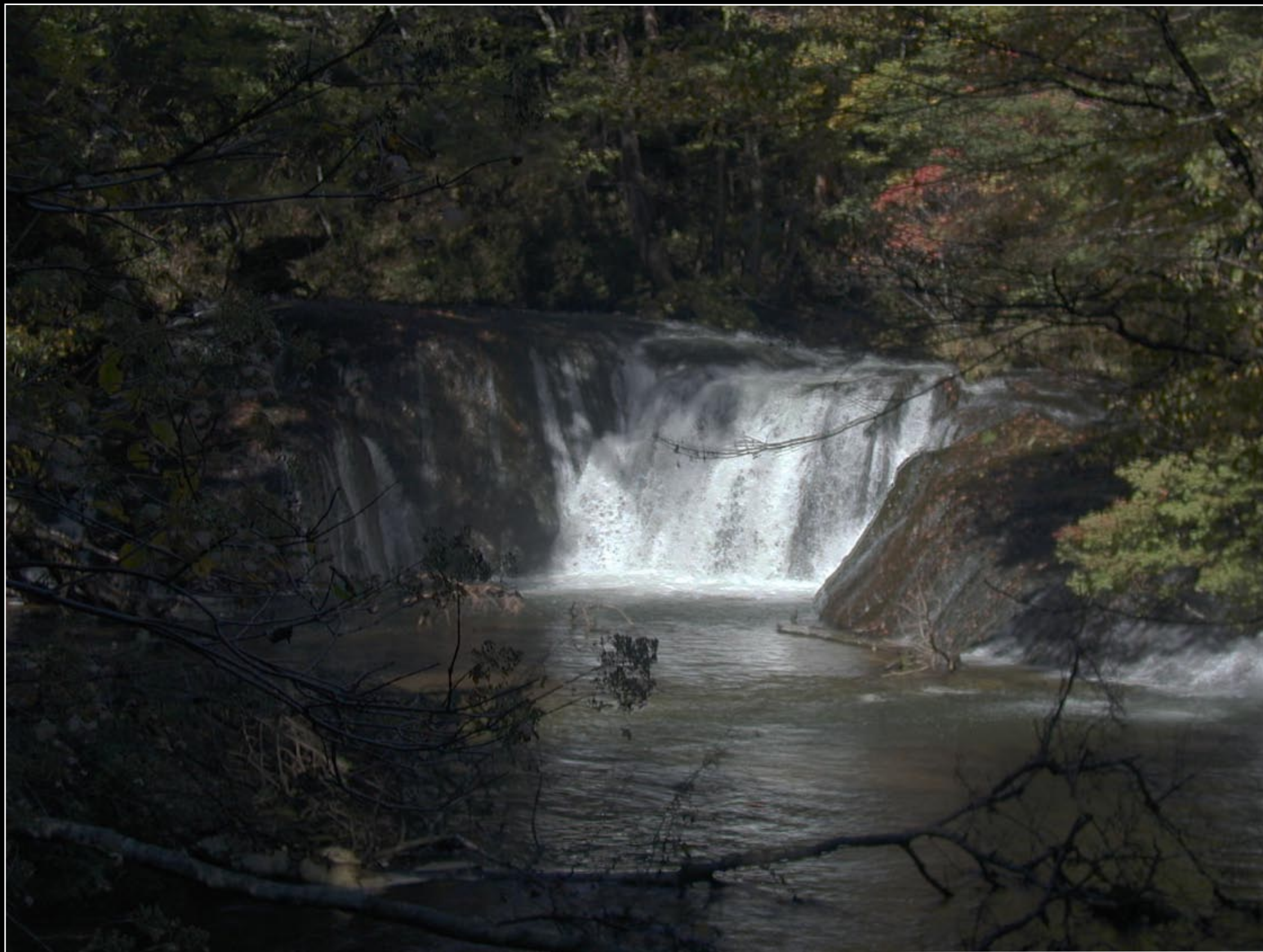
The light was nice in the woods.





Some fall color.





Smaller waterfall on our hike.

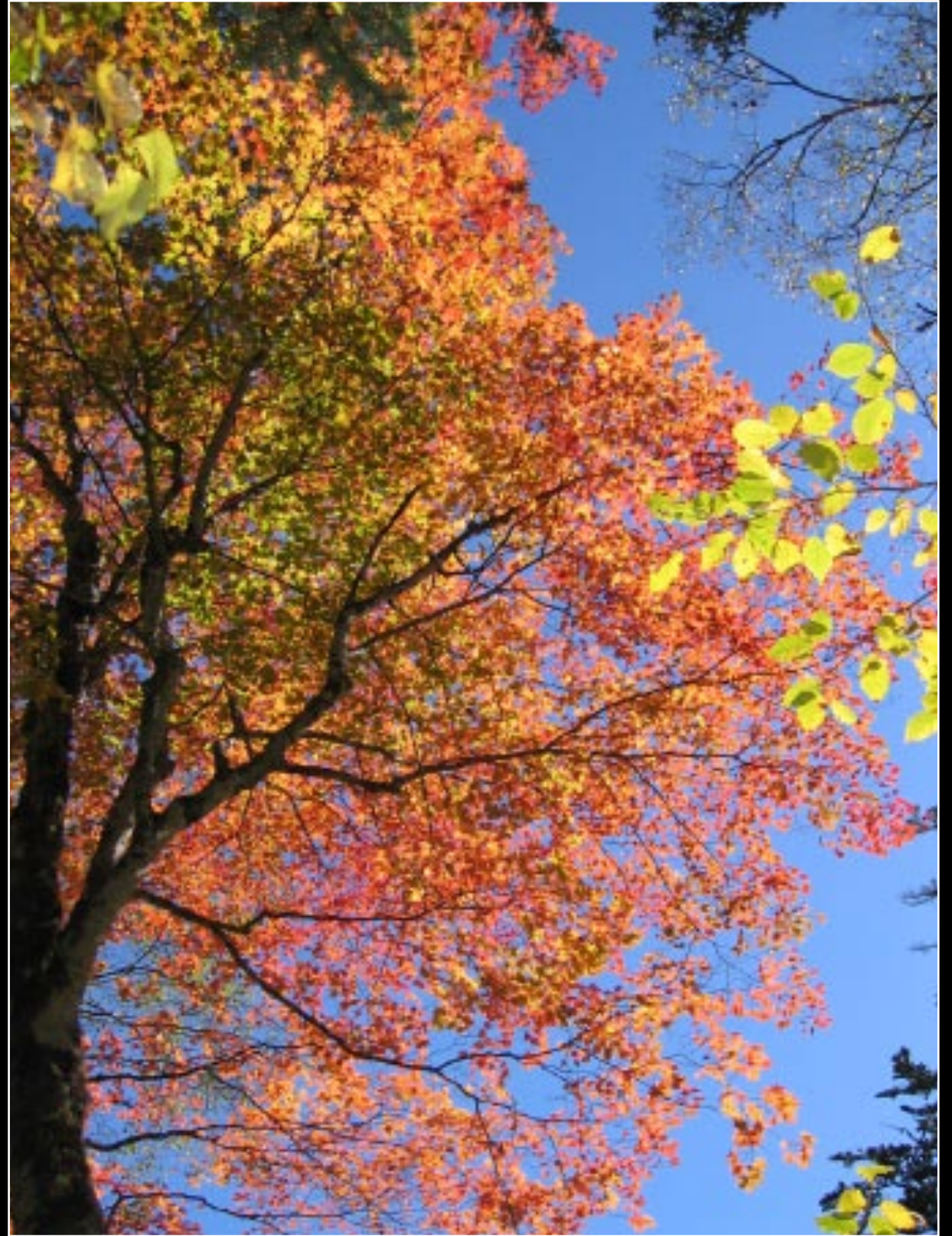




Kids of the friendly Yoshino family we hiked with.



More fall color!







Deer eating pond weeds at our lunch spot.





There were no mosquitos even with the standing water.





Big dragon fly





Beautiful meadows along the hike.





The bus down the hill with all jump seats filled!



Deva guardian warding off evil in the Nikko temple grounds.







More Deva. Jason is frozen by their power!





Water for purifying your hands and rinsing your mouth.





The path leading to the Toshogu Shrine.





Temple gate



Hear no...





...speak no...







...see no evil!





Torii gate



Detail of a temple gate





1650 pagoda, restored in 1818. It self balances in earthquakes.







Internet access inside the OOCL house after a long day!





Hiraishi-san's tasty traditional dinner.





Beautiful morning on Lake Chuzenji, day 5.





This is the OOCL house's pier.



The frost was melting quickly in the sun.





Brrr! Jason didn't realize it was frosty!







Super fast jet boat. Actually, pedal powered. And broken.





OOCL house





Steep bus ride down to Nikko. Three levels are visible.





Yellow paths with embedded chips for the blind lead to stations