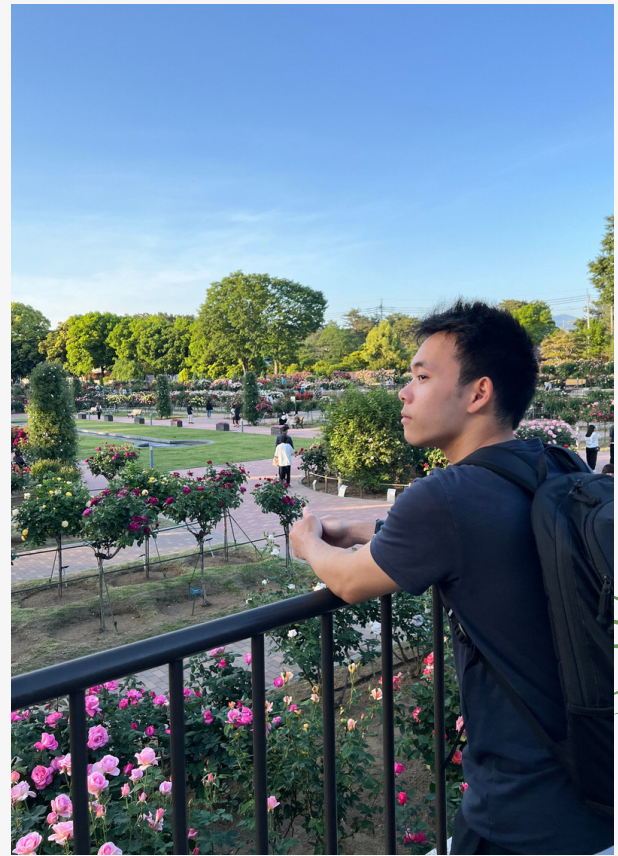


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A Spring Rose Garden Festival was held until the 2nd of this month at the Kadokura Techno Rose Garden in Shikishima Park. Perhaps because I went last month during the late afternoon, the garden wasn't too crowded and felt more spacious. The interesting names of the roses left a memorable impression. Telling apart the roses named "Granny" and "My Granny" by appearance proved to be quite difficult; nonetheless, we were able to enjoy the many different types and varieties of roses while leisurely walking around. On the other hand, the event "KING OF PIZZA 2024" was held on the same day, but even with only an hour left until the end of the event, many people could still be seen immersed in pizza sampling. I would have liked to try all of the pizzas, but I couldn't help lining up for the ones with the shortest lines.



The many events held in Maebashi are one of the city's charms. I imagine that there are more types of events held at a greater frequency compared to Hawaii. On June 9th, the 4th Maebashi Karaoke World Cup was held, and on the 16th, a Piano Duo Recital featured two pianists with performances so moving that I was absolutely mesmerized. This year, in an attempt to deliver more event-related information to English speakers, such content is now being included in the scripts for the CITY TOPICS radio broadcast every month. Please give it a listen!