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My grandson's mom recently returned from an extended trip to the Elephant Nature Park in Thailand. During Mom's travels, Kenji's dad relocated his business to Bangkok, Thailand. When I talk with my grandson about his mother's recent trip and his dad's business relocation, I realize that my grandson will be expanding his cultural heritage to another new country when he lives with his father in Bangkok. Our family will prepare for this new cultural experience by participating in the following activities:

Continue to talk with Mom about her recent trip to the Elephant Nature Park and view the pictures of his mom's trip on Facebook.

Have Dad send Kenji pictures of his new cultural experiences in Bangkok and talk about these experiences during their FaceTime phone calls.

Meet with family friends to look at photos of trips to various sites in Thailand. During this visit, Kenji will also receive some historical postcards that he can use when he writes notes to his father. Kenji and his dad can talk about these postcard pictures during their FaceTime phone calls.

As we prepare for Kenji's new part-time life in Thailand, we are planning on having Kenji live in Thailand for a short vacation when traveling is safe from the coronavirus. Through a shorter trip, Kenji can learn more about what to expect while he lives in Thailand during summer breaks in the future. It is challenging right now in trying to determine when he can see his dad again and who will travel with Kenji to safely transport him to his new cultural experiences in Thailand.

May your days be filled with learning more about your cultural heritage and the lifestyles of others living in different countries at this time of international coronavirus lockdowns.

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