

Unforgettable Experiences In Kyoto

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Honestly speaking, it's the first time I've ever been abroad. So first of all, I have to say I appreciate the hard-earned opportunity given to me. For me, It's not just an experience of obtaining knowledge, in fact, it's also a wonderful journey of growing mature and broadening my horizons.

When it comes to the content of the program, it is a one-term exchange program, which belongs to the EA course in Graduate School of Economics of Kyoto University. I study in Kyoto University as a special auditor and live in OHBAKU international house of Kyoto University, which is relatively convenient. I take courses given by Undergraduate School of Economics even I am an undergraduate. I also attend three English courses in GSM(経営管理大学院).The credit I have got in Kyoto University will be acknowledged and transferred in Renmin University of China.

During my staying here, teachers help me a lot in my getting used to the way of study here as well as reaching solid academic progress. First of all, my English and Japanese, especially English has been improved since all the courses are provided in English. In Kyoto University, I could discuss with foreign students as well as Japanese students in English, and that's undoubtedly a good chance for me to improve my spoken English. When it comes to Japanese, since I seldom communicate in Japanese, it just has been improved a little. But now I can almost understand what they are talking about when chatting. Secondly, I attend some business classes this term, and know more about the rules and system of Japanese firms, the labor market and so on. I read a lot of essays of Harvard business review this term, and learn how to do case study, which is undoubtedly practical and helpful to me. Now I could use what I learned in class to make analysis of companies. Last but not least, I could observe Chinese and Japanese Economy in a totally different way from before. During my study in my own country, what I learned is just basic theory. But this term in Kyoto University, I attend classes about Chinese Economy as well as Japanese Economy. I know more about the history and the present situation. What's more, I know how to make analysis of current situation and how to explain with basic theories.

In life aspect, I did have a unforgettable experience here. Japan is a beautiful country of its own characteristics. Beautiful scenery, delicious food and unique culture are all attractive. When it comes to culture, there are many Japanese customs that are different from China. Teachers and students in Kyoto University are friendly to me, making me feel at home. Living in OHBAKU international house alone, I even learn how to cook during my staying here, which is an important skill to me.

Last but not least, I travel a lot during my staying here, not only in Kyoto, but also to Kyushu and Hokkaido. In Hokkaido, I enjoy the hot spring and drift ice. What's more, I go to Otaru, the spot of the famous movie "Love Letter". In Kyushu, I visited Kumamoto Castle. Sitting under the light of the sunset, it is amazing.

After my six-month staying here, I'm looking forward to go further study in Japan. The experiences here exactly broadens my horizons and inspires me to learn more, go farther.