

The story of me and Kyoto

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(a) Academic outcomes

I wish I would have a chance to say thank you to Shirakata sensei for being such a fantastic teacher. We feel so lucky to have gotten her as a teacher in Japanese3 class. I really loved this class from the start and never grew bored. I studied The Old Capital (translated English title of the Japanese "Koto", which refers to the city Kyoto 京都) is a novel by Yasunari Kawabata. It made me understand the history of Kyoto better. Moreover Shirakata sensei always writes difficult kanjis that I could not read, and helped me get organized, motivated, and above all, interested in learning, which is no small feat.

(b) My experiences in Kyoto University

I felt very welcomed and involved by Kyoto university students. They always made sure I was always a part of the group and was comfortable and relaxed. I got an understanding of Japan that I would not have been able to get any other way. What is more, Indonesian and Vietnamese students are very nice to me that make me so glad very much.

(c) The content of the program

This is my first time in Kyoto. So I did not know anything about Kyoto as much as it should be, but studying here made me have a chance to learn the history of Kyoto. With over 1200 years of history, Kyoto boasts wonderful historic scenery along with traditional architecture and beautiful nature. At the same time, Kyoto is a city of learning and creation with cutting edge universities, research institutions and companies. This harmony of preserving tradition (while continually innovating) is a uniquely attractive feature of Kyoto. I wish I could have a chance to visit here again.

(d) The impact of the program on your career plans

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I would like to be a Japanese interpreter in the future and possibly work as a tour guide for Thai visiting Japan. The concrete action I would like to take during my exchange were as follow:

1. Learn to speak Japanese fluently
2. Learn about Japanese culture
3. Learn about Japanese history and tourist attractions in Japan

The experience I gain during this exchange program was a wonderful chance to prepare for my future plans.