

Study in Happiness

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My name is Chu Liang, from the School of Government of Peking University. For I lack international exchange experience, and I haven't been to Japan before, I applied for this Kyoto Summer School Program, hoping to communicate with students from different areas and majors, and learn more about Japan, like its culture, histories, society, people, customs and so on.

In this program, we had various wonderful lectures, which were all very meaningful and enlightening, giving me vivid image about Japan. The teachers of Kyoto University are all really patient and kind, answering our questions and giving us useful knowledge in different studying fields. In addition, great government visit and company visit were well organized in this program. Interesting activities, like campus tour, Kyoto Tamba Sports Park tour, cooking, Japanese-style sweets making, mochi pounding and shopping were also organized in this program. We studied in great happiness. Thanks to Kyoto University students, we have fabulous activities though free days. They companied us to go to cities nearby, like Osaka, Nara, Kobe and so on. We went sightseeing in different places, and got to know more about Japan. The Kyoto University students are really friendly and warm-hearted, making us feel at home and helping us a lot during the program. For them, we can study and live happily. We also had really nice basic Japanese classes during the program, which really interested me. I don't speak Japanese at all, for these classes, I began to be interested in Japanese, and can say some simple words or sentences. I am really happy to take these language classes, for the teacher is very humorous and kind, the class content is really useful in the near future I think.

Honestly, I didn't know much about Japan. But after this program, I have a deep understanding about Japan, which is really a peaceful and harmonious country. I get to know about Kyoto, the scenery here is really beautiful, and the culture and customs are very traditional. Living in Kyoto is a great thing, for it is a historical city, with many mysterious shrines that I haven't seen before in China. I began to have much interest in Japan, and I want to know more about this country, like its history, developing process, people's life here, customs and so on. For this international exchange program, I communicated with Kyoto University students, talking about some problems in different fields, enriching my knowledge and making good friends with them.

For this growing interest, I want to learn more about Japan in the future. I want to choose some classes in Peking University related to Japan. There are many classes talking about Japan's culture, places, and history, which I am really interested. I want to have a comprehensive learning about Japan. Furthermore, I want to write something about this amazing country, about Kyoto, writing down my personal feelings and experiences, and also do some researches related to Japan.

This international exchange program is really a fabulous program, for not only I studied many useful things, but also had much fun in pleasant activities with nice friends. I studied in great happiness through this program, and also grew interest in Japan, which will definitely influence my future.