Exchange Report –

Ritsumeikan University is a famous private university in Japan, and I had my cheerful and unforgettable time in Kinugasa Campus (KIC) in Kyoto.

Preparation for the Exchange

Documents

The very first matter is to be sure you have all your documents that are important and you think you may use there. The Japanese student visa takes seven business days to transact. If you would like to do part-time jobs in Japan, it is a better fill in a form before you go through the customs in Japan. You can fill it again after you arrive in Japan, but it can take as long as one month for you to get the qualification to do part-time.

For all the academic and school documents inquiries, please do not be hesitate to talk to your advisors, they are all kind and can give you very useful suggestions and help.

Packing

I believe the baggage follows "less is more" for exchanging in Japan. You will find that Japan has almost everything you may need.

Based on my experience, comfortable and daily clothes, useful books (for instance, Japanese textbook), and are necessary for the baggage. If you will live in the university dorm (I-House), you may like to bring your own pillow (though you can also buy one there). For bringing electronic devices, the electricity in Japan is 100 volts.

One thing should be pay attention is the weather in Kyoto. Kyoto's Semester is as warm as summer, and the winter is not that cold as in Vancouver. Therefore, please make sure that you have enough clothes for a hot temperature.

Financial Details

Japan is a "cash nation", so please have enough cash with you there every

service fee among these places and different time periods are different. The afternoon is the period with the cheapest service fee on the ATM.

Language

I can speak some Japanese, so I do not have many problems in this part. Nevertheless, if you cannot speak any Japanese, I recommend learning some survival Japanese before your arrival. Ritsumeikan has such Japanese course for the OSE track, but you will need this knowledge before the course starts. Some of the survival words are "Sumimasen" (excuse me), "Arigatou" (thank you).

During the Exchange

Accommodation

KIC has three dorms for international students, and I live in the Taishogun international house. The accommodation has careful management, and the managers are cordial.

We are required to use the bedding provided by the I-House in general, and the public place gives us a place to cook (the cookware is available there) <u>Food</u>

Japanese food is lighter than western food. There are three cafeterias, one bento selling point, and several convenient stores in Ritsumeikan Kinugasa Campus. They serve us delicious and nutrition-balanced meals.

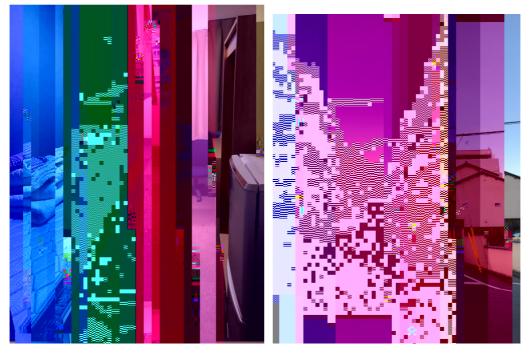
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to express myself and give my Japanese friends more stories about English next time. I would like to adjust my attitude.

Therefore, please do not feel stressful in talking with your Japanese classmates in no matter English or simple Japanese.

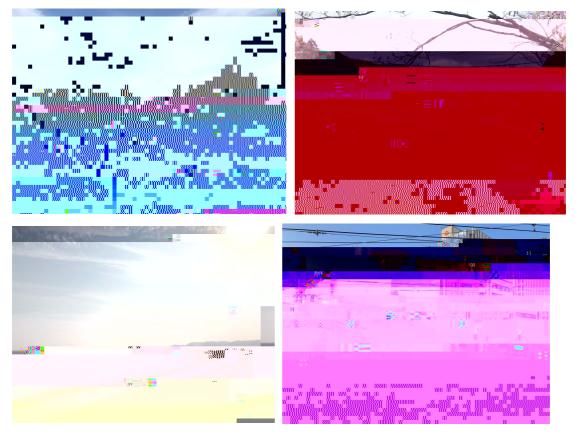
I hope you enjoy your time in Ritsumeikan University, and I am sure you will not regret.

Photos



Single room in dorm

Street in Kyoto



Sightseeing