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JDS Nagasaki Oita Study Tour

The trip has changed me a lot in an incredibly positive way. It was the third time I met my Professor and the first time I met other international friends in person. We stayed in the same hotel for one week, having dinners together and going to conferences together. We shared many lovely memories and became more emotionally attached after the trip.

Previously, I thought I just spoke a foreign language without emotions. But during this study trip, communicating with my Professor and my friends from different countries, I could sense our close bonds. We talked a lot, and laughed a lot! It has been more than one year since I learned online



from my home country to have such an excellent opportunity to communicate with my Professor and my friends in person. The feeling was different from online communication.



My Professor is a hard-working and warm-hearted person. After the trip, I understand him better and feel so proud to have him as my research advisor. Having one year of learning online from home discouraged me a lot. But after this study trip, my Professor motivated and inspired me a lot! His hard work! His confidence! His sense of humor! And more

importantly, his ethical viewpoints!

The most influential persons in my life are my teachers. Teachers define me! They shape my positive way of thinking and attitude to life so that I can achieve the best version of myself!"

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1) What I have learned through this trip

During the study tour, I have learned more about World War II history and how hard we should fight to maintain a peaceful world. The atomic bombs dropped in Nagasaki and Hiroshima were inhumane and disastrous. International relations is a complex issue, but we should memorize and remind people not to forget the war crimes and fight harder for peace.



Attending the academic conference, I was inspired and motivated by the scholars who devoted themselves to different themes and worked things out. Through the panel sessions and lunch break discussions, I also got some feedback on my MA thesis, which was helpful. Face-to-face communication was

so precious after a long time of online everything. I made some new friends, which was the best harvest from the trip.

2) What I think about Japan through this trip

I had a better understanding of Japanese social and economic life. During Beppu's tour on the hot springs like Umi-Jigoku, I have learned a lot about how generations, unique and impressive, run a family business in Japan. They are good at managing, advertising, providing perfect services, and selling relevant souvenirs with remarkable designs. I think that running the natural resources by private sectors is better than only being managed by the government. Self-financing stimulates the managers to improve to attract more tourists.

Also, I could feel how the aging problem affected Japan's economy when I went to the shopping malls in Beppu, which seemed not vigorous and the staffs were old. With the young generation's decline and gathering in big cities, the economy and society at the local level are in shortage of new possibilities of growth and diversity.



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