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I have always found Japan's culture and traditions interesting. I wanted to try studying in a different environment, influenced by many great technological advances and a different way of thinking. As an architect student, my favorite style has been Japanese architecture, both traditional and modern. Japan is very well organized and immaculate, evidenced by their complex rail system and attention to detail. I chose to go to Japan to learn more about these things.

My undergraduate program offered the chance to study at the Department of Architecture, School of Science and Technology, Meiji University. The architectural programs of Meiji University and Chulalongkorn University have done several collaboration projects together in the past and my friend was a part of one of those studios. She was very impressed by the visiting professors and students. With her recommendations, I chose the Meiji Program.

Meiji University's program is excellent! The teacher and staffs were very welcoming and their classes were informative and interesting. My classmates are friendly and have taught me many things as well. We are still in contact even after the exchange has ended. I had a chance to study at three of the four Meiji campuses for different classes and the facilities are of high quality. In addition to the campuses, the dormitory I stayed at during my exchange (Izumi International House) has a loving community and provides a safe and comfortable environment.

Japan has a different way of thinking than from where I'm from and I learned a lot watching how students here approach and solved a problem as well as how the teacher suggested for a better option. It is very eye-opening and broadens my perspective. Japanese handiwork is superb in detail and craft and treats each project with utmost care, a skill I admire and use as a role model. During the course of the exchange my Japanese has also improved. I can understand more Japanese than when I arrived and can speak some too. I want to continue

learning Japanese language.

Japan is a great opportunity to study abroad. Meiji has high educational standards and its experience you'll want to keep reliving. In addition to academics, getting to learn more about this culturally rich nation and traveling and making friends are also very important!

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