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Q1. Why did you decide to come to Japan?

During my high school, I was chosen by my school to be one of the delegates to Assumption Minoh in Osaka. Though I only had 2 weeks to spend in Japan, I immediately fell in love with the people, place and culture. So, when I heard that I could apply to be an exchange student in Japan again when I got to college, I decided to give it a try. I wanted to go back because I was so inspired with my past experience. I knew that there were still so many things to learn and experience, people to meet and places to visit in Japan.



Q2. What made you choose Meiji University for study abroad?

When I was chosen to be an exchange student in Japan, I was asked if I wanted to go spend one whole school year at Meiji University. I honestly didn't really have much idea about the university so I made a research about it and found out that Meiji is one of the top universities in Tokyo. Also, I found out that Meiji is a very exchange student friendly university. This was a major factor for me because I wanted to make sure that I went to a school where I could feel at home. Lastly, Meiji University's location is at the heart of Tokyo so I knew there would never be a dull moment spent there.

Q3. Your impressions/memories of the student-exchange program

Even before leaving for Japan, Meiji already made sure they kept us in the know of everything we needed to do once we arrived in Japan. Whenever I had questions about anything, communicating with them through e-mail was very efficient. They really made sure all our concerns and questions were answered. When I was already in Japan, they had a lot of orientations, welcome parties and other activities planned for us. They really made sure that we felt at home and that we had a lot of opportunity to meet other exchange students and Japanese students as well.

The classes I had were all in English, which made it easy for me to adjust. Oftentimes, it would be exchange students heading a lot of the class activities because many of our Japanese classmates were shy. But it was so nice to see that even if our Japanese classmates obviously had difficulty with the language, they really exert extra effort to be able to communicate with us. I really appreciate that about them.

Through the exchange program, I was able to develop friendships I know I could keep for a lifetime. It was such a beautiful experience to be able to study, travel and hangout with people from all over the world. This helped widen my perspectives such that I became more understanding and accepting of our differences. Choosing to go on a one-year exchange in Meiji University is honestly one of the best decisions I have made in my life so far.

Q4. Your future plan

Because of my experience interacting and living with people from different parts of the world, I am inspired to continue pursuing graduate courses abroad and eventually, work abroad as well. I also plan to travel the world to see and visit the friends I have made during my exchange program. It would be amazing to be spend time with them again to relive and look back on our experiences in Japan.

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