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1. When did you start learning Japanese?

I started learning Japanese when I was in Grade 10.

2. Why did you want to go to Japan?

The reason I want to go to Japan was that I wish I could speak fluent Japanese like native speakers and also want to gain experience to improve myself through communications or exchanging ideas and opinions with Japanese people. Learning the attitude and way of thinking of Japanese people is also very attractive to me. Therefore, going to Japan is the way to give myself such opportunity.

3. Why did you decide to join Meiji University's Program?

When I was a sophomore, I had a chance to know Japanese friends from Meiji University who came to my university on a short-term exchange program. They gave me the information about Meiji University that Meiji University is a comprehensive university where I can further my study as well as have an opportunity to exchange viewpoints with Japanese or international friends. This interested me a lot to join the program of Meiji University.

4. What impress you during the program?

Studying at Meiji University not only helped improving my Japanese language skill but also gave me a chance to learn culture and ways of life in Japan. Apart from that, I have learned what was going on as well as what to do and not to do in Japanese society. During my stay in Japan, I have made a lot of Japanese friends and have shared ideas or opinions with them. This gave me more confidence and strength to communicate with friends. I really had a good time everyday.

5. Is there anything that you have learned from the program and will that be useful for you?

Definitely, my Japanese language skill has improved a lot. This will be my strength in the future when I start my career. In Japan, I have also worked part-time and have seen how seriously and strictly Japanese people work. I thought this good chance would surely support me at work place. Comparing to students who have never been to Japan, such experience of mine will be very precious for the job hunting in Thailand in the future.

6. What do you want to recommend about the program?

I strongly suggest joining the activities during the program as much as possible and be brave to communicate with people on various topics such as cultural matter and so on. I was staying at the dormitory so sometimes I didn't get the information of excursions provided by the University and that was the only thing I always regretted.

7. What kind of job do you plan to have in the future?

I want to have a job relating to Thailand and Japan.

8. What are the differences between Tokyo and Bangkok?

Both Tokyo and Bangkok are very convenient and dynamic in terms of population. However, Tokyo is more crowded and rushing. Tokyo people always care about time and they are so well disciplined. That is why Tokyo seems safer than Bangkok but life in Bangkok seems more relaxing.

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