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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?

I have been interested in Japan when I was a child such as cartoons, novels, Japanese culture, fashion etc. That is why I want to go to study in Japan.

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

When I was 3rd year student, I have joined the activities with the School of Information and Communication, Meiji University in Srinakharinwirot University and I have made a lot of Japanese friends through the activities. Moreover, I have recognized Meiji University since I was in high school (Patumwan Demonstration School: Srinakharinwirot University) because there were visitors from Meiji University coming to see my school. That is why I feel Meiji University matches well with my life and learning style.

4. What impress you during the program

1) Friends

There are various programs at Meiji University for international students. We can make friends and know one another during the programs and this gives us the enjoyable learning atmosphere during the stay. Even now that we have returned to home countries, we still keep in touch constantly such as exchanging postcards. If we hadn't joined the program at Meiji University, we wouldn't have gained such great experiences.

2) Teachers

We have been well taken care of by the teachers during the program. The

teachers always listened to our problems and gave us suggestions. They have such a good way to cheer us up to improve ourselves and utilize the knowledge we got during the program in the real situation and daily life. The class I enjoyed most is the class of Professor Harutema which is about body language and communication. Moreover, the discussions in Japanese class were also very encouraging. We have exchanged ideas and opinions and even learned how to understand other people with unexpected ways of thinking. This gave me a very good impression about the program.

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

I have learned a lot from joining the program at Meiji University, have improved my Japanese language skill, have widened my ways of seeing things and also have greatly gained experiences, especially how to manage life overseas. Above all, Meiji University is a famous university in Japan so studying at Meiji University would be beneficial when starting the job hunting in the future.

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

Meiji University is located in down town and dormitories can also be provided for exchange students so it is very convenient to come and study. Furthermore, teachers and friends here in Meiji University are such great support. Students who study abroad here would definitely gain knowledges and new experiences.

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

In future, I prefer to work with Japanese people using my Japanese language skill.

8. What are the differences between Tokyo and Bangkok?

Both Tokyo and Bangkok are the metropolitans with high cost of living, however, we can see various major situations of the countries going on clearly. I have learned that Tokyo has a better public transportation system, especially trains and subways which make life a lot easy. And I felt that I had more freedom to choose what to wear or to have my own fashion in Tokyo.

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