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My name is Chanakan Dangbunga, a student from Faculty of Social Sciences, Srinakharinwirot University. I had a chance to study abroad for 1 month as a participant of short term program and for 1 year as a long term exchange student at Meiji University in Tokyo.

Actually I am interested in Okura’s poetry as well as Japanese History especially Heian Era. The reason I appreciate poetry of the ancient time is that the beauty of expressions, feelings and nature traveling through time and let us appreciate it today is very astonishing. In Heian Era, golden era in Japanese History, there were many poets such as Isetaifu and one of the world most beautiful ladies, Ono no Komachi, had lived in the era as well. These fascinated me so much that I wanted to go to Japan and see the places myself.

Meeting a person in charge of the Meiji University exchange program 3 years ago was the turning point of my life to get a chance to study abroad at Meiji University. I was informed all about the exchange programs, scholarships and many things. As I have studied in Department of Political Science and Meiji University is famous of this field, I decided to join the exchange program.

To me, studying abroad as an exchange student at Meiji University is one of the most important things in my life. I was well taken care by the teachers, friends in Professor Kousaku Dairokuno’s seminar class and officers in charge. There were not only classrooms learning but also extracurricular activities such as Asakusa sightseeing trip or a trip to the Noh Theatre. During the time in Japan, I studied and gained a lot of new experiences, meeting new people or traveling to new places, which made me feel time flies to fast.

Spending time in Japan gave me a better understanding of Japanese culture, Japanese way of life as well as Japanese society and history. These would be useful in terms of studying and

working with Japanese people in the future.

At Meiji University, there are not only Japanese students but also foreign students from all over the world which the culture gap sometimes even puzzles me. However, this gives me a great chance to understand diversity in today's global world. If we have only one kind of flowers, it must be very boring. So is our society. Various groups of people make the world colorful and beautiful.



Finally, I would like to thank teachers, friends and people I met in Japan. Everyone took really good care of me so I could face any troubles. As I have said, experiences through exchange programs both short term and long term are valuable and unforgettable to me. Please do not miss this kind of great opportunity to join the exchange programs with Meiji University.

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