

## Report of the program activities (during the program)

Date of reporting	year: 2016 month: 09 day: 29
Host University	Heinrich Heine University
Department you belonging to at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/> I belong to a specific department(Please fill out the following information) ※ Name of the department : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I do not belong to any specific department and taking the classes of various majors. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Duration of the exchange program	year 2016 month 10 to year 2017 month 08
Department you belong to at Meiji University	School of Global Japanese Studies Major(field of study)_____ / Graduate school of_____ Major_____
Year (before departure)	Undergraduate: year: 3 <sup>rd</sup> / Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate year

### I. How did you find the information to prepare for your departure? Please report and give some advises for future exchange students going abroad on what they need to know and be informed.

I went through the schools that Meiji University has partnerships on the web and there I chose two schools including Heinrich Heine University as my first choice and another school in Venice. Fortunately I got my first choice accepted so I came here.

### II -1. Preparing before going exchange program (About VISA)

<b>Type:</b> Student Visa	<b>Where to apply:</b> Germany Embassy Tokyo
<b>How long did it take to get a VISA:</b> (How long did it take from the application to the acquisition of your VISA?)Three weeks	<b>Cost:</b> About 6000 Yen. (Don't recall the exact figure)

### What kinds of documents were required to submit to apply for VISA? How did you prepare those documents?

Letter from host school, Financial report for my year abroad, academic report from Meiji, two passport photo, application form.

### Please report on the details of applying process.

There is a need to reserve at the Embassy for the first time. Once you have an appointment, you can drop in your documents and after that they tell you when you could go back and all the other procedures.

### If you took any interview at the Embassy, please report on the details of the questions you were asked.

### Were there any difficulties or notices to take the VISA?

### II -2. Preparation before departing for exchange program (Other topics)

#### Please report on any other necessary preparation before your departure. (E.g. Preparation of money, purchasing a cellphone, shipments of your commodities, and etc.)

I basically did not have any specific preparations since I left Japan two months before coming here to go for my two months internship back home.

### III. After Arrival

#### 1. Arrival Information

<b>Airline</b>	Emirates Airline				
<b>How to purchase air ticket</b>	Bought through a travel agency back home since I had to travel Multi-City (Tokyo – Kampala (Uganda)- Dubai- Germany ※利用した旅行社・旅行サイト、格安航空券情報等があれば記入して下さい。				
<b>Arrival airport</b>	Dusseldorf		<b>Arrival time</b>	19:45	
<b>How to get to the campus</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of host university	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of your friend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public transportation ( <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train)	<input type="checkbox"/> taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> other
<b>How long did it take from the airport to the campus?</b>	It's about 40 minutes				

Are there any important points to get to the campus? Please inform on the cost of taxi or any transportations.

<b>Arrival date</b>	month	date	time
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#### 2. Housing

<b>Did you check-in soon after arriving?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If your answer is "No": The date you checked-in was... month      day
<b>Type of housing</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dormitory <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other(      )	
<b>Type of the room</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> two persons <input type="checkbox"/> Other(      )	
<b>Room mates</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Student <input type="checkbox"/> International Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other(      )	
<b>How to find the accommodation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation from host university <input type="checkbox"/> by yourself <input type="checkbox"/> Other(      )	
<b>Details of the application</b>	Just applied through the Host University Housing Program	

Have you decided your accommodation before departure or after arriving easily? Were there any troubles to find it?

I decided before departure. That's my recommendation otherwise it can be hard.

#### 3. Orientation

<b>Was there any orientation?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Date</b>	2016.10.10
<b>Was it mandatory to attend?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Did it cost any?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. It's free of charge. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Cost:      )
<b>Contents (details)</b>	
<b>Was there any special guidance arranged for exchange students?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Date of beginning of the class</b>	Month: 10 day: 17

#### IV. Other process to be completed after arriving

1. Was it necessary to get any permission of staying after arriving? If yes, where, report on when, and how to apply for a permission? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

Not necessarily application but had to go to the City Office and registered there. They gave me a paper certifying my residence which I should keep till next year and return it on departure.

2. Were there any other procedures you completed after arriving? (E.g. medical checkup, inoculation and etc.) If yes, report on where, when, and how did you complete them? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

No

3. Did you open any bank account abroad? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to apply? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

A friend led me to a bank near by where I live (only 5 minutes or even less by train) called Sparkasse

4. Did you purchase any cellphone? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to purchase it? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

I did not buy any. I just unlocked my iPhone 6S Plus at Docomo the day I left and its what I use here. Only bought a simcard which was about 1000 yen with calling credit

#### V. Course registration and classes

1. When and how did you register your courses?

Before departure (approximate date: month      day      )

Online    Filling out an application form    Not allowed to register    other(

After arriving (approximate date: around month      day      )

Online    With support by International office at the host university

Not allowed to register    other (Going to the first class of the course I am interested in. After the class talking to the Professor to admit me to their class))

Was there any priority as an exchange student?    Yes      xNo

If your answer is Yes, please report on the details.

If your answer is No, how did you register your classes?

Going to the first class of the course I am interested in. After the class talking to the Professor to admit me to their class

If you had registered the courses before departure, could you change or add any classes after arriving? Could you register all the classes which you wished to attend?

Yes you could

<b>VI. Weekly Schedule (Please enter your daily life such as class, activities, and self studies.)</b>							
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
<b>7:00</b>							
<b>8:00</b>		Wake Up	Wake Up	Wake Up			
<b>9:00</b>		Go to school	Go to school	Go to school			
<b>10:00</b>		Class Starts @10:30	Class Starts @10:30	Class Starts @10:30		Relax, Meet friends, sometime travel	
<b>11:00</b>							
<b>12:00</b>		Class Ends Next Class Starts at 12:30	Class Ends Next Class Starts at 12:15	Class Ends			
<b>13:00</b>							
<b>14:00</b>		Class Ends	Class Ends	Next Class Starts at 14:30	Self Study (Reports, Readings and Preparing for Presentations)		
<b>15:00</b>		I go back home	I go back home				
<b>16:00</b>		Self-Study	Self-Study	Class Ends			Prepare for the following week.
<b>17:00</b>							
<b>18:00</b>							
<b>19:00</b>		Stop and make dinner	Stop and make dinner	Make dinner			
<b>20:00</b>		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner			
<b>21:00</b>		Other activities	Other activities	Other activities			
<b>22:00</b>							
<b>23:00</b>							
<b>24:00</b>							

**VII. Feedbacks from the beginning of the program to the present**

Please give us any feedbacks on the host university, your program, classes, dormitory, and your life abroad.

Please give some advice to the students who are willing to study abroad at the same host university in the future.

My Simple advice is try as much as you can to check out for the information of the School but also feel very free to contact me anytime you wish like.

It will be my greatest pleasure to help you with any information as you wish.