

Report of the program activities (during the program)

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| Date of reporting | Year 2019 month 5 day 13 |
| Host University | Korea 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 2019 month 3 to year 2019 month 12 |
| Department you belong to at Meiji University | School of Global Japanese Studies Major(field of study) Global Japanese Studies / Graduate school of _____ Major _____ |
| Year (before departure) | Undergraduate: year 2 / 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 read the reports wrote by students went to study abroad before and collected some useful information. Also, to make sure about the materials I need for applying visa, since my situation is a little different from Japanese students, I searched it online. My advice is preparing everything as early as possible. It will be better if you can have a talk with students who have experience in person.

II -1. Preparing before going exchange program (About VISA) ※Please report in detail.

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| Type: D-2 | Where to apply: 駐日韓国大使館領事部 |
| How long did it take to get a VISA: 3days (How long did it take from the application to the acquisition of your VISA?) | Cost: 5000円(but it will be free for Japanese people) |

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

1. Passport with at least 6 months remainder validity and one blank "visa" page (original and copy)
 2. Completed visa application form and one coloured, passport-sized photo (white background)
 3. Certificate of admission from host university
 4. Certificate of business registration of the host university.
 5. Recent 3 months bank accout statements(Though it is required on the website, but when I go there, the staff did not take it. But my another friend(Chinese) was asked to submit it)
- PS: all the required documents you can just found on the website of the embassy.

Please report on the details of applying process.

Prepare all the documents and go to the office. After three days, go to the office again to take the visa.

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?

No, it is really easy, especially for Japanese students.

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.)

Shipments of my commodities/ Preparation of money/ Cancelled my SIM card in Japan/ End the contract of my house/

III. After Arrival

1. Arrival Information

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| Airline | Jin Air | | | |
| How to purchase air ticket | Ctrip ※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。 | | | |
| Arrival airport | Incheon Airport | Arrival time | 23:30 | |
| How to get to the campus | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of host university | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of your friend | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public transportation (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train) | <input type="checkbox"/> taxi <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| How long did it take from the airport to the campus? | 1 hour | | | |
| Are there any important points to get to the campus? Please inform on the cost of taxi or any transportations. | | | | |
| There will be a pick-up day offered by host university. But if you can't come on that day, you can take bus or subway. 40000won | | | | |
| Arrival date | Month February date 1 st time 2:00am | | | |

2. Housing

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| Did you check-in soon after arriving? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | If your answer is "No": The date you checked-in was... Month February day 29th |
| Type of housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dormitory <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other() | |
| Type of the room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> two persons <input type="checkbox"/> Other() | |
| Room mates | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Student <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other() | |
| How to find the accommodation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation from host university <input type="checkbox"/> by yourself <input type="checkbox"/> Other() | |
| Details of the application | Follow the instruction of host university. All the procedures will be processed online. | |

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

Yes, I decided. And there was no trouble.

| 3. Orientation | |
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| Was there any orientation? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Date | March 2nd |
| Was it mandatory to attend? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Did it cost any? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. It's free of charge. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Cost:) |
| Contents (details) | Introduce the Buddy Program--KUBA |
| Was there any special guidance arranged for exchange students? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Date of beginning of the class | Month March day 4th |

| IV. Other process to be completed after arriving |
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| 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? |
| No |
| 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? |
| We have to get Alien Registration Card. Host school will tell you what documents you need. But you have to make reservation as soon as possible. After you go to the office to submit documents, it will take around a month to get the card(any missing of documents will cause the delay of getting the card) |
| 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? |
| Korea University's Student ID Card is Hana Bank Card. School will instruct students to apply for it together. It took almost a month to get it. Application forms will be offered by school at that time. But after you receive the card, if you want to use it, you have to go to the bank to active it(it is really easy, and the bank is inside of school). |
| 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? |
| No. |

| V. Course registration and classes | |
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| 1. When and how did you register your courses? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before departure (approximate date: month day) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Filling out an application form <input type="checkbox"/> Not allowed to register <input type="checkbox"/> other() | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After arriving (approximate date: around month day) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> With support by International office at the host university <input type="checkbox"/> Not allowed to register <input type="checkbox"/> other() | |
| Was there any priority as an exchange student? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If your answer is Yes, please report on the details. | |
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If your answer is No, how did you register your classes?

Make a preference list of classes that you want to take(through school class register procedure). Then on the day of class registration, you have to be really fast to click ENTER! If the speed of your internet is too slow, you may not be able to register classes you prefer. So a lot of students go to PC room to register.

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 can change. But there is a risk that once you cancelled a class, there might not be any other chances to register it anymore since other students will take it up. In the end, you might not be able to take as many credits as you want.

VI. Weekly Schedule (Please enter your daily life such as class, activities, and self studies.)

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| 7:00 | Self study | Self study | Self study | Self study | Self study | Relax | Relax |
| 8:00 | Self study | Self study | Self study | Self study | Self study | | |
| 9:00 | Self study | Self study | Self study | Self study | Sociolinguistics | | |
| 10:00 | Self study | Self study | Sports Dance | Self study | Sociolinguistics | | |
| 11:00 | Self study | Self study | Sports Dance | Self study | Sociolinguistics | | |
| 12:00 | Phycholinguistics | Self study | Phycholinguistics | Self study | Self study | | |
| 13:00 | Phycholinguistics | Self study | Phycholinguistics | Self study | Self study | | |
| 14:00 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | |
| 15:00 | Self study | Critical Thinking in English | | Critical Thinking in English | Mural Painting Studies | | |
| 16:00 | Self study | Critical Thinking in English | | Critical Thinking in English | Mural Painting Studies | | |
| 17:00 | Korean | Korean | Korean | Korean | Mural Painting Studies | | |
| 18:00 | Korean | Korean | Korean | Korean | Mural Painting Studies | | |
| 19:00 | Club Practice | | Club Practice | | | | |
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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.

It is a nice university with a lot of hard-working students, and it is really international. Facilities in this campus are really good for both studying and relaxing. Classes are good, since professors are super nice, though we have quite a lot assignments with strict standards of scores. And for dorm, to be honest, since I have been to Izumi international dormitory which is for exchange students in Meiji University, I would like to say I am not really satisfied with the dorm here. Because even though I have my own room(it is kind of share house), I still have to share the bathroom and toilet with other roommates in the house(so in total there are 5 people in my house). It is really inconvenient. Also, each floor has more than 100 students, but there are only two small kitchens. About my life abroad, since I have already had the experience of studying abroad in Japan, it is not really hard to get used to living abroad. It is interesting to get close to a new culture and meet new people. Everything at the beginning was quite attractive for me. But as time passed by, I started to get tired of it. And the sad part is our campus is a little bit far away from the central part of Seoul, and it always takes us around 50 minutes to go somewhere, like Hongdae, for fun. So generally, if there is no special appointment, we will just stay in our campus, which is a little bit boring.

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

My suggestions

1. Try your best to learn the language of the country you will go, because language is the most important part of living abroad. Cherish every moments that you can practice speaking with native speakers.
2. Do not expect too much of making new and real friends in a short time. It is totally normal that you can't make a real friend till the end, and it is okay!
3. Cherish your own space and own time and use them to do something meaningful, like things you can do only in that country.
4. You had better don't learn to drink too much from Korean students.