

2019 Fall 1 semester  
From Korea University

**Hidden benefits of YNU**

As a JOY student, you can use Central Library with no limits. If you want profound research on your study area, how about using the facilities of library?

Tokyo National Museum is FREE for YNU students! You can save 410 yen.

**Life Tips in YNU**

Nearby Tokiwadai International Residence, there are convenience stores (CVS) such as Family Mart and Lawson. CVS is a must in your life in Japan since they offer various services such as Cash Deposit and payment for national insurance in Japan.

If you are worried about life costs, buy everyday foods and other stuffs at CREATE! You can take Bento and other Japanese food at lower price.

**Tokiwadai International Residence**

There will be welcome party, winter party, happy-new-year ceremony held by Tokiwadai IR. Check the announcement and feel free to enjoy!

**Outside Tokiwadai?**

Tokiwadai is a quiet place where students can concentrate on their own task. However, if you want to have fun at somewhere else, you can visit various places thanks to transportation systems.

It is up to you to visit other places. Famous places of Kanto area, such as Tokyo, Kamakura (Enoshima), Kawagoe, Miura peninsula, is nearby. Take a train at Yokohama station. If you want to visit places outside Kanto area, such as Osaka, Kyoto and Fukuoka, take a Shinkansen (bullet train) at Shin-Yokohama station.





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**From VNU University of Economics and Business,  
Vietnam National University, Hanoi**

I came to Japan on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct and I am going to come back Vietnam on the end of March. I went to Japan 2 years ago in a very short exchange program (10 days) and after that field trip, I decided to come back this country for expanding my knowledge in both life and academics. Fortunately, I found JOY program – an exchange program between YNU and partner universities. I got this opportunity and these experiences here did not disappoint my efforts.

First of all, I want to talk about wonderful lecturers in classes I registered. At first, I was so confused of learning Japanese due to my “Zero-level” of this language. However, after participating the J101 and J111 classes, I could release my pressure because I felt very comfortable during studying time. I would like to express my special thankfulness to Hanzawa Sensei, Terao Sensei and Fuji Sensei, who taught me in Japanese classes. By friendly teaching methods and enthusiasm, they make me considered Japanese language as an interest instead of a subject. Moreover, I also took part in other specified classes, which had very different learning methods as in my home university. For example, in class of “Global Management in Asia”, we had 8 guest speakers, 1 company trip in total of 12 lessons and I really liked this kind of method because it was very practice through guest speakers’ experiences in their career which relate to business. Additionally, I was also expressive by the class of “Business communication and Emotional Literacy”. In the end of subject, we were given a chance to go to the TEAMLAB – one of the most famous art museum without paying money (the price is around 4000JPY). This was one of my most memorable time in Japan.

Regarding extracurricular activities, I was participated a lot of events inside and outside YNU. Maybe I cannot remember all the events I have joined here but I will never forget the great environment I got at there. Moreover, out of university, I was so lucky to be have tutor from other program before. He led me to discover Japan a lot include guide me to many well-known places and explain more about Japanese culture as well.



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Moon viewing party by YNU





2019 Spring & Fall 2 semester

From Universidad Nacional de Colombia

When I find out about getting accepted into the JOY Program, I was really happy, since I was a child, I always wanted to visit Japan. I started to like Japan and its culture because when I was a kid on the public television back in Colombia, a series of documentaries were shown; the English name of the series is "Japan Video Topics" and they are still being produced. These documentaries talked about Japanese culture and the technological advances that the country has, among other information of Japan in general.

My experience has been amazing, I will never forget how I saw Tokyo Tower the first time when I was going to Yokohama in the bus, the sight of Tokyo is impressive.

Yokohama is a very beautiful city, its history as an international port makes it a very significant city for international students.

I had the opportunity to visit Tokyo, Kamakura, Kawasaki, Kyoto and Osaka. In Tokyo I went to Asakusa, Tokyo Tower, Sky-tree, visited the statue of Hachiko and crossed the Shibuya Crossing among other activities.

In Kamakura I saw the sea for the first time in my life, and that moment was incredible, I also saw the giant Buddha and visited a lot of temples.

In Osaka I went to Dotonbori and the Abeno Harukas building, Tsutentaku, Umeda Sky and the Osaka Castle.

I enjoyed Kyoto the most because I was able to fulfill my dream of visiting the golden pavilion, I learned about this from a book of the same name by Yukio Mishima, and I was intrigued on how the temple looked like in real life, so going there was truly an amazing experience.

I visited a lot of places, there were others that I wasn't able to go so I'm a bit sad for that; but for those that I've visited, the feeling of discovery and happiness was the same, Japan is a country with a lot of beautiful and cultural places that you can go and enjoy a lot.

I am very grateful with YNU for giving me the chance to come to Japan and experience in depth the culture, the language and the daily life of Japan as an international exchange student. This type of agreements between universities strengthens the bonds between Japan and the rest of the world.

**2019 Fall 1 semester**  
**From University of Technology, Sydney**

My time here at Yokohama National University has been very enjoyable. I am very appreciative towards all the staff and students here at the National University who has made my stay unforgettable, I wish I could've stayed for a longer period of time!

Although there weren't any classes related to my actual degree back in my home university, I found most of the classes very pleasant and interesting. It was interesting to delve deeper into Japanese culture and enrich my understanding of Japan. The scenery around not only the university but also Yokohama is quite picturesque and I would definitely recommend everyone to take advantage of the holidays to explore the rest of Japan!

If someone were to ask me if I would recommend this student exchange program for anyone, I would definitely say yes! All in all, this exchange program has been a phenomenal experience for me. Thanks Yokohama National University!



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From Ca' Foscari University of Venice

I arrived in the Yokohama National University in October 2019 for the Fall semester.

During my staying here there were no moments in which I feel lonely, there was always someone that wanted to talk with me, starting from the dorm or the university staff, the professors, my roommates and my new friends.

Since I came in Japan without knowing anyone, I was worried about staying a lot of time alone or having problems with the languages ( I was not so good in both, English and Japanese), I thought that I could not find real friends. But now I can say that I met awesome people from all over the world, I really found amazing friends with who I spend unforgivable moments in unforgivable places.

At the beginning of course didn't was so amazing, people need time for feel home in a foreign country, especially if it is so far away from your home and your habits, and for share your feelings with people that have different cultures, different backgrounds and that don't speak your language, even more time is needed. But maybe this is the best part. When you see that even if this person is so different from you, even if she/he came from such a faraway country, when you realize that she/he can understand you and is living the same experiences (negative's and positive's one) and you became able to consider her/him a real friend, that's the best thing of this experience for me. No matter how many beautiful places you're going to see, you'll remember that little moments that you spend with your new friends like chatting during the class, the times that you get lost trying to go to do shopping and ending up eating donuts after walking for hours in the station.

Off course another real good point of this experience was that you have the possibility of travelling in Japan. During these months I saw so many awesome places! Japan has every type of spot, if you like modern cities, you just take the train and in some minutes you're in Yokohama or Tokyo, if you like nature, just take the same train but in the opposite direction and you will arrive in Odawara, that has really beautiful beaches. If you like history, there are so many castles, palces or museums! There is everything that you're looking for, you just need to look for it (or like I did, ask to random friends were to go and just go there).

I'm really glad to have the chance to came here in Japan and in the YNU, and to meet all this amazing people that I met. I hope everyone will have a great experience like I had.