

Our trial month in Japan

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How have we been doing so far?

Have we enjoyed our first month of exchange term? For those questions, I would say 'YES!'. I was worrying about myself before coming to Japan about if I can adjust here well, if I can make friends here, or if I can have a part-time job here or not. Well, I cannot answer those questions with only a few sentences. I am pretty sure it will take at least a week to discuss about it. Yet, that does not mean it is not going well or I am on the wrong direction, it is always just in the process.

Living in Japan brings me a lot of new motivations!

When I first encountered the situation that has challenged me with my Japanese ability. I used to assume that I will be able to use those Japanese grammars and vocabularies that I know so smoothly during the conversation. However, the reality was not like that. When I was buying an onigiri from convenience store, I could not understand even a single simple sentence for asking me that 'Do you need a bag?'. It made me realize learning a language is not about knowing grammars or vocabularies from the book, it is about my willingness to try to have more opportunities to talk with natives again.



'Us' in Japan!



Meeting with new people from other countries always sounds fascinating and wonderful for me. Through the orientation week, I got to know a few ESOP and GIS students. By having some conversations with them, I could broaden my point of view to see the global society. Even though we are all from different cultures and back grounds, Japan helped us to become 'us'.