

A Memorable Trip with ESOP Buddy

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My ESOP buddy Shuka and I share many common interests so we went to Tokyo Disneyland on May 31st together. It was an unforgettable experience and one of my best memories while living in Japan.

Our common interests



Because we have many things in common, we decided to spend a day together at Tokyo Disneyland. It was a sunny day and the park was crowded with visitors. We talked a lot about our hobbies, interests and experiences while we were waiting in line for attractions. We both enjoy watching sports and we even attended a Hosei University baseball game together.

In addition, we are both food lovers who enjoy exploring different cuisines. I am a big fan of matcha and Shuka works part-time at a matcha workshop. She also likes Thai milk tea after trying it when we visited the Thai Festival at Yoyogi Park together and I also used to work at a Thai milk tea shop in Taiwan, so we had a lot to talk about our favorite drinks. Moreover, we both enjoy spicy food, we are already planning to have lunch at Thai restaurant near our university for our next outing.

My first firework experience in Japan

Our trip to Tokyo Disneyland was a wonderful and refreshing experience. Shuka has visited Tokyo Disneyland 7 times so she is an expert and I learned many useful tips from her. Since it was my first visit to Tokyo Disneyland, everything felt exciting and amazing. The lively atmosphere and positive energy made me enjoy every moment there. We worked well as a team throughout the day. While Shuka was waiting in line for attractions, I went to buy ice cream for us. She helped to check the map and found good spots for us to watch the



parade. Although I had visited Shanghai Disneyland before, I didn't watch the fireworks there because of the rain. Therefore, I was really looking forward to seeing the fireworks at Tokyo Disneyland with Shuka.



After having dinner and watching the parade together, the park announced that the fireworks show would be canceled due to weather conditions. I felt disappointed and Shuka noticed that so we decided to go on one more ride. The park announced that the fireworks show would go ahead after all but we were on the ride and we didn't hear the announcement.

Luckily, when we finished the ride, we saw a crowd and heard the sound of fireworks. We immediately ran to the main area and watched the fireworks together. It became a funny and unforgettable memory for both of us. I am very happy to have spent this special day with Shuka. Finally, I truly appreciate that Hosei University offers the Buddy Program to support exchange students. It has allowed me to make new friends, experience Japanese culture, and adapt more easily to life in Japan.