

日本での交換留学

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It's hard to believe that my one year as an exchange student at Ochanomizu University has passed. A year seems long, but it went by so quickly. I was able to visit many places in Japan, see the beauty of Japan, and experience the four seasons. I'm sad that it's over, but this experience in Japan has certainly helped me grow as a person.

There were many challenges while living in Japan. Before I started studying at Ochanomizu University, I didn't have much confidence. I was scared and embarrassed to make mistakes in the first days, but I soon realised it was a great learning opportunity. I made many mistakes. In class, I learned grammar, kanji, conversation, and composition. Because I participated in these courses, I definitely improved my vocabulary and understanding in Japanese. All my teachers and classmates were always encouraging. After a

few weeks, I no longer felt intimidated by speaking Japanese or living alone in a new country.



I don't really want to go back to Australia, but my time is over. This was a great opportunity to discover myself and learn important things about life. I am grateful to have many reliable people in Japan who were always there to help me. Their support has allowed me to make wonderful memories of my time studying abroad. I am grateful to the teachers and staff who helped make my exchange program go smoothly.

This is my first time living alone, so I have a lot of questions, but the staff at Otowakan are kind and patient. If I had any questions, they explained them in simple Japanese and I was able to understand. Thank you.

Risa, my tutor, became a kind and helpful friend. I was the first person to contact when I was in trouble! Your advice made it easier for me to live in Tokyo. I'm glad I met you. Thank you so much.

There were many different classes throughout the year, and I met many different classmates and teachers. The classes were interesting and fun, and I learned a lot.



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I am especially grateful for all the friends I made during my exchange program. It is natural for exchange students living away from home to feel lonely. But there are so many unforgettable moments I shared with my new friends from Ochanomizu University that kept me warm and helped me feel at home in Tokyo.