

My Exchange Experience

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During my time as an exchange student in Japan, I have loved every moment and truly grew in confidence. I have made so many wonderful memories and experienced such amazing experiences which I never before thought I would have the opportunity to. This semester has been an amazing experience which I will treasure forever.

I will forever cherish the wonderful friends and memories I have made here; I am truly saddened to be leaving after just one semester which has flown by. Through my classes, I made friends and gained so much confidence in speaking Japanese, at first it was hard and intimidating, but as the weeks went on, I found it getting easier and easier; more natural. Outside of classes, I explored various areas of Tokyo and beautiful places such as Hakone, Kamakura and Yokohama. I learnt so much about Japan's history, and took up new hobbies, such as collecting Goshuin from various temples. I accomplished my dream of going to various Summer festivals and spending countless evenings with friends.

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