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Many thanks from bottom of my heart!



Is it time to look back? To be honest, I do not believe that I have been studying and living almost two years in Japan!

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knowledge, skills and experiences. They really inspire me to go deeply into academic life not only the time in Japan but also the rest of my life!

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KONG Sothea

My profiles



Primarily, I would like to introduce myself. I am Kong Sothea, a JDS batch 13 fellow from Cambodia, and have been pursuing the master degree in agricultural and rural economics belonging to the Laboratory of Agricultural and Farm Management, Kyushu University. Presently, I am the second year master student and will be sooner graduated the degree in this coming September 2015. Specifically, let me depict more details about life of study and residing in Fukuoka prefecture, Japan, where I have experienced with. It is certainly true that the period of 2 years studying in Japan is seemed to be long, whereas I reckon that it appears to be a short time. The reason, why I mentioned such that, is due to the fact that studying in Japan makes me immense pleasure not only practice skills with many classmates but also mingle with other colleague from dissimilar parts of countries. Furthermore, studying in Japan forges me an international friendship and network building. Regarding to these points of views, these inspire me to adopt new environment that is fantastic experience. Moreover, academically there have been many professional and qualified professors, who offer me the valuable lectures with skillful experiences and genuine explanation. To be more understandable, I have been obtained many excursions guided by many professors who are





generous, friendly, and respectful bring us to visit Japanese farms, where are entirely stretched in various prefectures. For instance, there were many impressive programs involving with workshops,

conferences and symposiums that I joined were organized and provided by well-known professors and high-ranking universities. Due to these manners, I firmly witness that I trust and feel more confident on the quality of education system in Kyushu University, Japan, because of a highly capacity building. I am very delighted and proud of gaining the well-educated training in Japan, accordingly. Besides, I totally immerse myself to study Japanese language, which I believe that it is extremely extraordinary for daily communication. Thus, this language makes me comprehend and embed the adorable culture, respectful tradition and docile custom of Japan. Remarkably, Japanese people are very respectful, broad-minded, honest and polite that behave a very good pattern for me as well as others. With social life, I prefer environment and life living in Japan deeply due to the fact that living is not jostling crowds or congested traffics, especially Fukuoka prefecture where is my favorite place, and where the temperature is very good not extremely cold during winter which is easily adoptable and many beautiful gardens having many vivid flowers and other elegant landscapes. Endingly, I would like to express my wholehearted thanks to Professor Dr. Teruaki NANSEKI who offers the best opportunity for me to study in the university and warmly supervises me in conducting research, and also assistant professor Dr. Yosuke CHOMEI who assists and facilitates me in study and conducting research. Furthermore, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Japanese people, JICE staff, and Japan Development Scholarship program in supporting me for study in Japan.

train or subway station freely. I am impressed with the convenience and comfort provided by this city. However, it must be said that my first great impression is "dormitory time" when I have



stayed in the international students' dormitory for several months before moving to my current place. Although it takes about 20 minutes to go by bicycle or bus to my university, I have no worries or nervous as many new students faced when staying far away from home. The reasons are good facilities, beautiful location and international environment of the dormitory. Rooms equipped with full amenities, from fridge, washing machine to furniture such as private table, etc. One of the most interesting about this place is location nearby the beach. Every afternoon, I can enjoy fresh air from the beach while watching local people doing exercise or caring their pets. Children like to play games on the sand, while some of them collecting marine products.

My roommate comes from Korea. Maybe because of the same age, we have a good time together. We can share our experience in cooking traditional food, exchanging each culture. I realize many interesting differences between Vietnam and other cultures. At that time, there is a small memory that we cannot forget. One day, a fire alarm rang. Because our room was in highest floor, we were nervous. We rushed out of our room and prepared to all plans which may happens. Then, we fought out that it was a small error and the problem was quickly solved, luckily. Now, even we have no longer stayed together, my roommate and I still keep in touch and became good friends.

-Laboratory – where study and make friends:

After class, I study in my laboratory. As others labs in our university, my lab has professional environment to conduct research and study. Every week, we have regular seminar in both Japanese and English. Each student needs to prepare and present his/her research and its progress. After that, professors and lab mates give valuable comments, questions, suggestions and recommendations. Then I can recognize my mistakes, shortcomings and improve gradually. Also, I can learn a lot from my lab mates' research and other comments. I would like to show my sincere thanks to my professors and lab mates for their support.

Moreover, my laboratory not only gives me the academic environment but also friendships. On special occasions, we often organize parties in our lab. Students, who responsible for organize the party, prepare food and drink themselves at the lab. So we can enjoy cooking together. I really love some Japanese dishes like Nabemono or takoyaki. Also I can introduce our traditional food in the party.

In short, I am starting my new life in the beautiful Fukuoka city. The peaceful life, gentle people and beautiful scenery here have fulfilled my dream and inspired me to enjoy every moment in study and life.

DANG Thi Hai Yen

My new life – new memories in Fukuoka

When I was a child, I have many dreams, and one of them is travelling to the promised lands, where I knew about through comics, cartoons and film. I imagined enjoying the beautiful scenery, interested people and delicious food. When older, I would like to study abroad to acquired advanced knowledge and explore new culture. And my dreams have become a reality when I received a JDS scholarship to study in Japan – the convergence of modern technology in



life, advanced education and particular culture

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-Dormitory and roommate:

I have been in Fukuoka for nearly 7 months. Currently, I am familiar with new life and people here. My room is very convenient location, where I can walk to university, supermarket,