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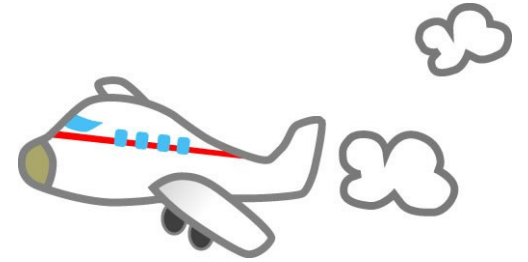
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Reports From Students

Studying abroad is exciting!

Here are two reports: from Canada and U.S.A.



Experience in Seattle

Yuki Nagano (Faculty of Engineering)

From September 1st to 22nd, I joined in English Language Program at the UW in Seattle in USA. At first, I felt a little nervous and fear because it was my first study abroad. Before this study abroad, teachers in Ehime University hold the pre-departure classes. I was able to get much information in the classes and they alleviated some of my nervous.

In Seattle, I stayed with a host family and studied at University of Washington for three weeks. I had many experiences of American life-style. I realized there are many cultural differences between America and Japan, and I talked about cultural differences and customs with my classmates. This was a good opportunity to reconsider Japanese culture and myself.

At the University of Washington, I was surprised at how large the campus was. It was so spacious and very beautiful. My most favorite place was the library which looked like a building in Harry Potter. In the classes, I not only improved my English but also joined my extra-curricular activities with my



classmates. For example, we rode a canoe. It was really nice. Moreover, I was able to make many friends through class activities. We visited a lot of sightseeing spots after school.

I had a wonderful time in Seattle. I learned much more than I expected through this study abroad. I believe that studying abroad broadens our point of view. If you are interested in, I recommend you to join UW Seattle Summer Program next year.

STEP for the future

Kaori Shioya (Faculty of Education for International Understanding)

I studied abroad to Toronto, Canada last summer. My goal of this study abroad was to improve my English speaking capability. I joined a program where I had enough opportunities to speak in English and instructors pointed out my speaking weak points straightforwardly. Through this class, I got more confidence to share my idea with my classmates in English. So I believe that I achieved my goal.

On the other hand, I had some unexpected circumstances. For example, when I took a bus on the way to home from school, the bus stopped suddenly and all passengers got off the bus. I couldn't understand what happened! But all I could do at that time was just to follow everyone, then I got another bus. Later, I asked my host mother about this happening. According to her, it was short-turn (it was time to go home for the driver so he stopped driving). I couldn't believe why bus driver could stop driving on the way to the final destination. That was cultural shock to me. Through this experience, I was more interested in cultural difference between Japan and foreign countries.

Anyway, I spent a very good time in Toronto. To prove my study there, I'm going to take TOEIC and TOEFL test. Also I'm planning to join internship in a foreign country next year, in order to more improve my English skills. Finally, I really appreciate to everyone who supported my stay and met in Toronto.



Living In Two Countries



Two Homes

Well, it's nearly summer vacation so I'm thinking a lot about going home to see my family. My family live in Queensland, Australia, so I only get to see them once a year. It will be winter there, and that means cool days, cold nights, and blue skies and sunshine. I'm really looking forward to hearing my Dad's terrible jokes, tasting my Mum's great cooking, and chatting with my brothers and their children!

Of course there are other things I miss too. I will have a big Aussie breakfast at an outdoor café by the Brisbane River.



I will eat a meat pie, and go to a Greek restaurant, and walk along the beach with its white sand. There will be old friends to catch up with. My three weeks will go very quickly! And when it is time to return to Japan I will be sorry to say goodbye to everyone. But...

...I will be so happy to come 'home' again to Matsuyama. When I get on the Shinkansen at Osaka, I will be so excited! I love the view of the countryside as I travel home. The rice is as green as emeralds, and seeing the bamboo-covered hills shrouded in mist makes me smile. As I cross over from Okayama and travel down the west coast of Shikoku the islands and the turquoise sea make my heart swell with joy, and when I see the farms of Ehime I know I am really home again.

Sometimes it's hard to be a long way from my beloved family, but I know I am truly lucky to have two beautiful homes to love. I wish you all a wonderful summer vacation!

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Megan Ellis (EEC)

Information



Now On : Talk! Talk! Talk!

Talk! Talk! Talk! is a free English conversation class. Many students are coming to sign up for the class and enjoying talking with native speakers of English. If you

are preparing to study abroad or visit foreign countries, this course will be helpful!

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Student Chat Room**

Teacher : Kristin



Schedule : Mon 13:00-13:30 Meg
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Tue 16:30-17:00 Kristin
Wed 10:30-11:00 Luke
Thu 16:20-16:50 Mahender
Fri 9:45-10:15 Mike
Fri 11:15-11:45 Chris
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