

MY EXPERIENCE IN JAPAN

I want to share with you my experience in Japan. As many people know, my partner and me arrived late to Japan because there was a problem with our flight in La Paz-Bolivia, and when we arrived in Japan, directly we went to Tsuruoka to faculty of agriculture.

The first thing I saw when I arrived in Japan was cleaning, I did not see any kind of garbage on the street. I was impressed by the green of the fields and the silence in the streets.

The environment in cities as Tsuruoka, Yamagata and Yonezawa is very clean, I could often see the sky and hear the cicadas and feel an unimaginable peace, walking on the streets was a pleasure that very rarely I can live, I did not hear the sound of the cars and the water of the rivers, the sea and the beach was very clean.

When I arrived in Tsuruoka, I was able to see how garbage is treated in Japan, how garbage is separated not only in the plant, but also all people and everywhere have the habit of recycling the garbage. We saw a presentation about how the burnable waste was treated and converted into reusable material and how the gases emitted by this procedure were also useful for the creation of air conditioning.

Another of the companies we visited in Japan is Yorozu, which is responsible for the manufacture of suspensions for cars of different brands and has its headquarters worldwide, the most impressive in Yorozu was to see all the technological equipment made available for the safety of the employees of the company, even we had the opportunity to see a 3D printer that is something very new to me, I had never seen it in my country.

We were able to see the process of manufacturing of Nihonshu in Otokoyama Winery which is properly treated with the latest machinery and personnel in charge of measuring the balanced chemical percentage of rice and other substances necessary for the production of the best sake I have tried, unfortunately it was not production season and we could only observe the facilities and taste some of the products made in this factory.

One of the most recognized industries worldwide is Sony, is an industry incomparable, we could see in a presentation the development of lithium batteries for the world market and how it went through different processes.

Without a doubt the innovation of the industry in Japan is one of the most interesting aspects. I had never seen anything like it, and I would like to know more.

This experience served me to make friends from all over the world, and I loved them, they are wonderful people that I know they are there when I need them and I will always be there for them, the people outside the university were very kind and friendly, our Japanese friends were always willing to help and they made our short stay in Japan an unforgettable memory, I will never forget them.

One of my goals is to return to Japan, I will always remember the beautiful moments that I spent thanks to Yamagata University and San Andres University.

This experience helped me to grow academically and personally, it was my first experience abroad, and I am very grateful that Japan was the first country I visit, I am currently informing myself about the culture in Japan in order to be able to perform my project of socio-cultural courtesy and help my classmates to develop in a context of real speech with Japanese people.

I lack the time and the sheets to describe how wonderful it was, it is indescribable everything I feel, none of this would have been possible without the teamwork of my Japanese classmates, my friends from Peru and Chile, my Japanese language teachers, the support of the Double Triangle Program coordinators and friends I made in Japan. I will always have Japan in my heart and present when I am about to fall, it is my motivation from the moment I returned to my dear Bolivia.



