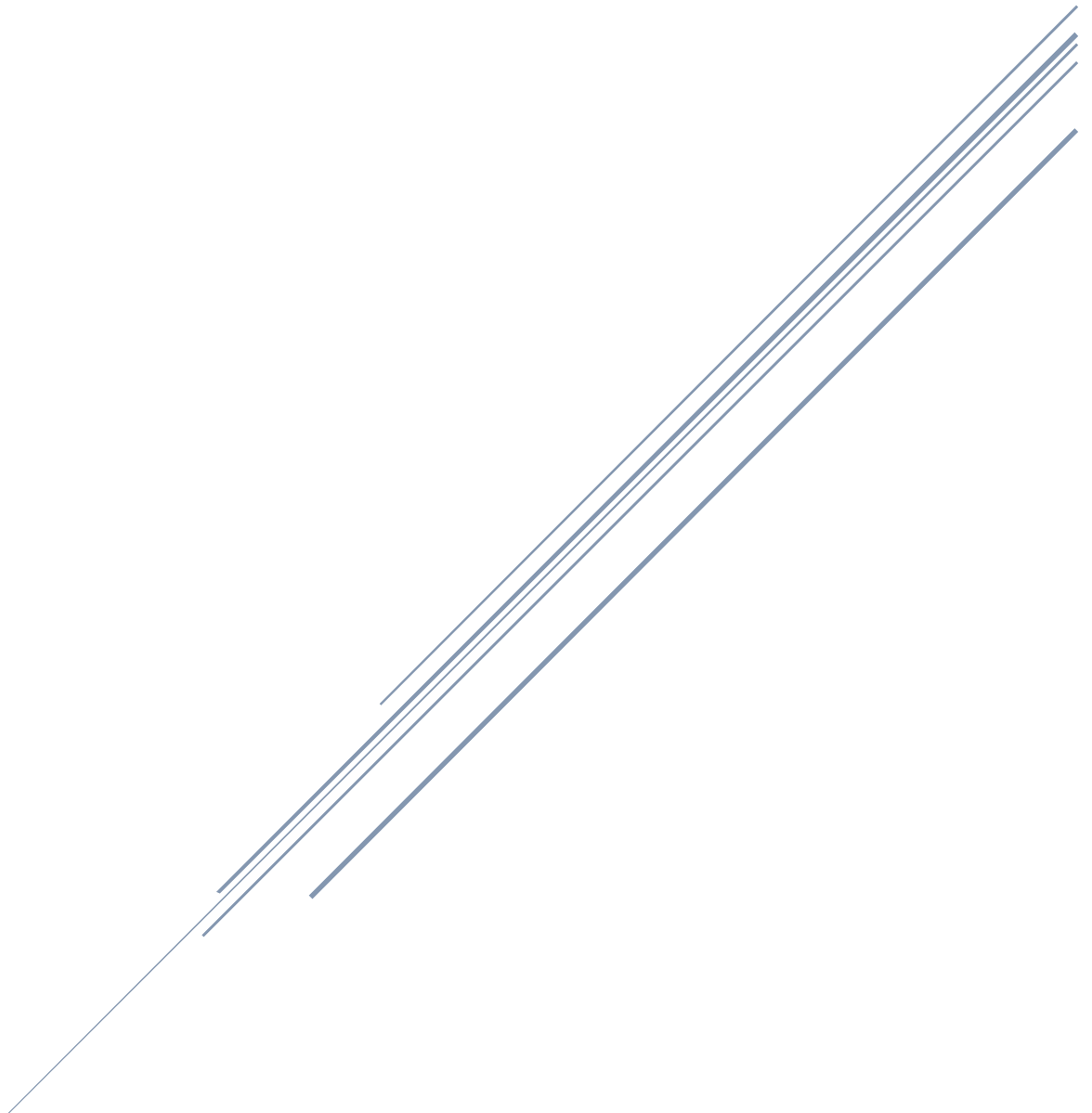


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## 1- **CHARACTERISTICS OF YAMAGATA**

There are some things in common between these three cities:

- Recycling:  
In all these cities and probably in all Japan recycling is a common activity. People are always trying to recycle as much as possible in order to take care of the environment and reuse materials.
- Kindness:  
In supermarkets, in stores and in the university people were always really kind and always happy to help us. Even if they did not speak English they helped us, even if our Japanese skills were not enough to make communication easier.
- Respect:  
People always respected rules and costumes, something really shocking was the fact that people always took the left side of the electric stairs to let people who were in a hurry get at time to their destination.
- Cleanness  
The streets of Yamagata were always clean and I can understand now that this is the result of the good values that Japanese people have.

## YAMAGATA CITY

- I could learn about Hanagasa Matsuri and Hanagasa Odori.
- I learned about Japan and Yamagata's literature and I could get a book of Inoue Hisashi to learn more about Yamagata Literature.
- I could see the results of a good educational system and how this system works because of the good costumes of the people.
- I visited the Yamagata Prefecture Local Museum and we could learn about Yamagata History.
- I could see how people really enjoy learning and how governments encourage people to do so. We visited a museum intended to show children about science and technology.



Fig. 1 a) Yamagata City .b)Inoue Hisashi's Book purchased in Yamagata.

## YONEZAWA

- I learned about elderly care in Japan, how this system works and the challenges that Japan's government will have to face in the next years in this area.
- I learned about Uesugi Kenshin and some of the History of Yamagata.
- We visited some companies of technology like NEC.
- I could see all kind of manufacturing efficiency techniques being applied in NEC Company. It was a great opportunity to see these theories actually being applied.
- I could see some of the research in which Yamagata University is currently involved, but especially we could see the origin, development and application of OLED technology.
- I saw and learned how OLED technology is currently being applied and how it could be applied in the future.
- I tried for the first time Imoni, a typical plate from Yamagata.



Fig 2. NEC Company.Yonezawa-Yamagata.

## TSURUOKA

- I could learn about water treatment and waste treatment in this city.
- I learned about a new educational system for us (Kosen). Especially for me, since my major is engineering, this was a really good chance to see how students in Japan learn about technology.
- I had the opportunity to spend the night in a Former's house. We could learn a lot about countryside people costumes and beliefs. We learned there are two types of Imoni in Yamagata and we tried it.
- I could see the development of Japan Agriculture activities.
- I could learn about Japanese people's beliefs in the Kurokawa Temple.



Fig 3. Kurokawa Temple Tsuruoka-Yamagata.

## **2- MY MOST IMPRESSIVE STUDY IN YAMAGATA**

There are two things I could learn in this program that improved my understanding of science, technology and industry.

- How lean manufacturing tools are being applied in Japan and how this improves quality and productivity.  
I could see how these techniques not only made the processes more efficient but also how these techniques were also focused in the comfort of workers. Also, I could understand that the values of Japanese workers help a lot to the correct application of these tools,
- How there is an alliance between University-Industry-Government that increases the results of research and lets that new technologies can be investigated and applied in the industry.

## **3- WHAT I LEARNED WITH THE PROGRAM**

- ✓ I improved my Japanese skills.
  - I had many opportunities to improve my Japanese skills, especially when the people we wanted to talk with did not speak English.
  - Personally I felt a big interest in Japanese dialects and I could learn some phrases from Yamagata.
- ✓ I improved my communication skills both in English and Japanese.
- ✓ I learned about research of Yamagata University and the OLED technologies.
- ✓ I learned about History, Literature, Economic Activities and Culture of Yamagata by the different lectures we had and also by the experiences such as visits to museums and also by talking with local people and students.



#### 4- FUTURE PLAN

- This year (2017) on December I will take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N3.
- I am currently studying for 1 year in USA then I will go back to Peru and I will finish my studies by December 2018.
- After that I will work for a year in my home country.
- By December 2019 I will take the JLPT N2-N1.
- After that I am planning to study a master degree in Japan.



Fig 4. a) Tokyo Sky Tree b) Uesugi Kenshin Statue.