

KOBE UNIVERSITY Exchange Program

Result of Completion Questionnaire - Fall 2018



1. Helpful reference prior to departure		
1-1	Daily Life (Food, Clothes, Housing, Health, Public Transportation etc.)	Websites of Kobe itself, traveling in Japan etc. /Youtube /中国のアプリ :小红书, 马蜂窝, 飞猪/ Former exchange students who also went to Kobe University
	Procedures (VISA, Residing, National Insurance, Bank etc.)	Visa: website of Embassy
	Student Life (Academic Procedure, Course, Research, Scholarship etc.)	Website of Kobe University (http://www.kobe-u.ac.jp)
	Tourist Information	Websites of traveling in Japan/ JAL website/ Youtube, National Geography / LINEトラベルjp/ https://www.feel-kobe.jp/ other students/ Tourist Information
2. Academics/Courses		
【Regular Subject Courses】		
2-1	Did you have any experiences of feeling difficulties / easiness in regular courses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Language barrier at first, but then everything was alright. •Some courses were adequate, other were very hard. •授業の内容はわかりますが、自分の考えを伝えるのはちょっと難しいです。 •来る前に日本近現代史に関する基本的な知識はほとんど勉強したことがなかったから、ゼミの史料を読むのはとても難しく思いました。チューターと一緒に史料を読み、先輩に關係史料を推薦してもらい、二か月後ようやくゼミの討論に参加できるようになりました。
2-2	Do you have any additional comments about the academic aspect of the courses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Even though all my classes were two credits, the level of demand really differed from teacher to teacher. •ゼミの討論に中高水準の語学力が必要です。
【Japanese Language Courses at the Center for International Education (CIE)】		
2-3	Did you have any experiences of feeling difficulties / easiness in Japanese Language Courses?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The courses were difficult since Japanese is a completely new language. Sometimes the teachers spoke too much Japanese so we didn't understand the explanation of some grammar. But overall, I really liked the teacher and learning Japanese. •I think if you have no knowledge about Japanese and just taking the class besides your actual studies it is way too fast and demanding to follow up. •より純正な日本語に触れ、聴力と会話の能力が向上しました。 •先生の話をよく理解できた時です。
2-4	How Japanese Language Courses have improved your ability?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I didn't speak any word of Japanese before I came to Japan and now I kind of manage to order food in restaurants or ask basic questions. •I think, it was colloquial, more than writing. Now I am able to talk and understand Japanese language better than I could before. •I came to Japan without knowing a word in Japanese. Now I can read and have a little conversation. •I extended my knowledge of Japanese grammar and improved in speaking, listening and kanji. •Writing and speaking. •多くの漢字の書き方、特に中国の漢字とは違う書き方を学びました。 •読解/長い社説を読めるようになった、作文/である体を使うようになった。 •聴解力と会話力が上達した。
3. Social and Cultural Experience		
3-1	Did you have to make any cultural and social adjustments when you started to live in Japan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strictness and politeness of Japanese, getting stared the whole time because I am a foreigner. •Truss events helped me make a lot of friends, also student cafes and field trips. •Japan has many social rules I tried to adapt to. Even just small things as how to line up for the train were very new for me. •ゴミの分類のルールに適応するために、ゴミを捨てる前に、商品のラベルをよく読みます。 •時々サークルの国際交流イベントや部活に参加しました。 •日本の社会や文化を紹介するドキュメンタリーをたくさん見ました。日本人の友達と本からもいろいろなことを教えてもらいました。
3-2	Were you involved in extracurricular activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A lot of intercultural connections •I was working at HUB room as an English conversation tutor. •交換留学生向けで、インターナショナル・アワーは毎回テーマを設定し、各国の留学生と日本人の学生が焼き芋やお菓子を食べながら話し合う活動です。留学生フォーラムは「世界の家族」を主題にし、留学生が自分の家族あるいは国の風習についてスピーチをやる活動です。言語が日本語で、語学の勉強ができるとともに、世界の話も聞け、とても面白かったです。 •スケート部の部活に参加しました。
3-3	What did you do during your free time, at night and on the weekends?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I went traveling through the whole country with some friends, went running a lot next to the port, went for drinks and Japanese food with friends, learned more about Japanese culture •Went out with friends or went to see tourist attractions (Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo) •Study, travel, go out with friends •Travel to nearby areas, meet friends •We did a lot of sight seeing in the nearby cities, and also traveling in Kyushu, Hokaido, Tokio, and Seoul. We often went out for dinner in Kobe or to have some drinks. •Study, participate in University's events, travel, go out with friends. •日本の文化を体験するために、週末に近くの町で短期旅行をします。例えば、京都、姫路、大阪、奈良など •部活(怪我した前に)、旅行 •読書、映画、料理、観光

3-4	How do you think of Kobe city?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I really liked Kobe as a city, especially the view when you come from Port Island with the mountains and the harbor. Further, I also liked Kobe's different areas as Boeki center or Kitano or Tor Road. A lot of places to see, Port, Museums Perfect location, lively, dynamic. A perfect setting for this experience. Very beautiful, close to Kyoto and Nara! I think Kobe is nice as a student city and its location is close to Osaka, Kyoto. 安全性がよい。 安全、静かで良いです、外国人への態度も優しいであります。 神戸は西洋風の濃い町です。洋館がきれいで、洋菓子が旨いです。中華街もあり、料理に使う調味料がそろっています。瀬戸内海に臨むので、冬は暖かい感じます。
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4. Housing/Food							
4-1	Where did you live?	1. International Residence 40%	2. Kokui Residence 20%	3. Sumiyoshi International Student House 40%	4. Hakuo Dormitory(Fukae Area) 0%	5. Host family 0%	6. Apartment 0%
4-1	Were you satisfied with your housing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The people where nice, staff friendly, pricequality really good. Only far from university (but nice view!!) Very good conditions in the dorm (clean, private rooms), accessibility I really enjoyed having my own room with own bathroom and kitchen. 施設はそろっていて、生活は便利で、環境は静かで、生活と研究に適している。寮とキャンパスは少し遠いです。通学には早起きが必要で、これは体に鍛えられた。 部屋が安いので経済的にはあまり負担にならないが、学校への距離は遠いです。 設備が備えており、キャンパスにも近いです。唯一の不足は部屋が少し狭いです。 					
4-2	Would you recommend the university residences to future students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The residence is nice and it lets you make a lot of international friends, Further it's also nice across the seaside. Conditions are awesome. It's a great way to meet new people and make friends. Kokui Residence is a very nice place to live, as it's also close to the University. Very affordable I liked my room and I think it is great to live together with other international students. 施設がそろっていて、環境が優美で、最も重要なのは管理人がとても親切です。 安いからです。 寮費がそれほど高くないのに、設備がすごくいいと思います。海が見えるし、交通も便利です。 					
4-3	How did you get your meals?	1. Cooking by yourself 70%	2. Buying prepared food by yourself 10%	3. Eating out 20%	4. Prepared by your housing/host 0%		
4-4	Did you have any good experiences or difficulties with your neighborhood and commute?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I had good experiences and made a lot of friends in the residence. We got along very well. I made great friends during my stay here. 同じ寮の留学生と友達になりました。 					

5. Cost						
5-1	Did you receive any scholarships?	1. Yes 90%	2. No 10%			
	Sponsor:	JASSO/ JTI/ Kobe University Fund/ Home University				
	Amount/month:	Average: 80,000JPY/ Max: 150,000JPY/ Min: 37,000JPY				
5-2	How much did you spend for the following items?	Airfare (round trip): Average: 110,000JPY Max: 210,000JPY Min: 70,000JPY	Accommodation (per semester, including water/electricity/gas charges): Average: 110,000JPY Max: 200,000JPY Min: 30,000JPY	Food (per semester): Average: 180,000JPY Max: 300,000JPY Min: 30,000JPY	Insurance Fee(per semester): Average: 13,000JPY Max: 25,000JPY Min: 2,500JPY	mobile bill (per semester): Average: 22,500JPY Max: 36,000JPY Min: 5,000JPY
	Others:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation: 50,000~80,000JPY trips and souvenirs: 300,000JPY wifi: 10,000JPY 				
	Total (per semester):	Average: 600,000JPY Max: 920,000JPY Min: 270,000JPY				
5-3	Do you have any comments/advice for prospective student about managing expenses while at KU?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan is an expensive country, especially transportation is not cheap. Just try to balance all the costs. Don't use airconditioner and fridge too often. Icocaカードを購入することを提案して、多くの交通費を節約できます。 近い地域へ旅行した方が安いです。 歩行で通学と自炊 				

6. Additional Comments		
6-1	Has study abroad changed the direction of your life in any way?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It made me be more open and social, more open to other cultures and habites. It made me respect what I have in life and what is important in life. It made me see how huge and beautiful the world is and other people in the world. •Influenced my language study, my choice of work •I have had the opportunity to deepen issues that are not present in my home university. I have acquired a broader view of the world. •Study stay at Kobe University gave me a great opportunity to improve my Japanese language skills and to experience Japanese culture. Thanks to that I'm considering applying for another study stay in Japan in the future. •It was a great experience, yet didn't change my future plans. •This has been my third exchange now and I think it makes me more open minded and mature. •留学中に書いた論文は国内で発表された。さらに重要なのは、今回の留学経験のおかげで、私の研究の視野が広がりました。 •研究面では今の研究テーマに対して興味がより深くなりました。帰国後修論を着実に進めていきたいです。キャリア面では進路が明確になり、外務関係の仕事がしたくなりました。 •日本に大学院に進学する思いがある。 •留学後も日本語学習を続けている。
6-2	Would you recommend this program to a friend? Please explain why.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Japan, their nature, culture and food is amazing and interesting and mindblowing at the same time. Discovering all these things made the experience wonderfull. •Because Kobe as a city and Japan in general have a lot of nice things to discover; food, culture, nature etc. •Good university, a lot of opportunities •An excellent experience to grow and improve their skills •Kobe University's language program is very well arranged. •Unique and wonderful experience •I think it is a great chance to experience a very different culture, make new friends and travel in a foreign country. •神戸大学の留学プロジェクトはとても完璧で、同時にこちらの先生の学術レベルがとても高くて、研究に対して大きな助けがあります。 •CIEの日本語授業は非常に良いと思うからです。 •神戸大学は研究の水準が高いです。留学プログラムを通してより良い自分を見つけました。 •神戸大学は留学生に対して豊富な活動があり、多くの参加をお勧めします。 •留学は異文化体験だけでなく、異文化を鏡として自国の文化、自身のことを異なる角度から見直し、思考することが大事です。