

OPU Students 海外留学レポート

Study Abroad Report from the OPU students



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Firstly, if you think you go studying abroad, I recommend you to do so because in Japan there are few people who speak in a language in which you want to speak better. The more frequently you use languages, you can pronounce the words of it. So, if you hope it sincerely, you must be in a situation. It means you cannot use the Japanese so often.

Secondly, it is wrong that you are only in a town of the country whose language you want to use more. For example, you go shopping, visit some places many people come to and so on and listen to what people want to convey to you because that you go abroad is to practice your pronunciation.

I could not sleep well before I departed from Japan because I was excited about the first trip abroad and partly worried of steal so much. After all, I went to bed at 10 o'clock or 11 o'clock, but I got up at 3:40. (I tweeted at this time.) At 5:45, I left my house with my parents and my father and I took Haruka No.3, the Kansai Airport limited express for Kansai Airport, which is the last train so that I arrived at 8 o'clock. The members of this study had to arrive at the time. By the way, my mother returned to our house by car because we went to the station by car in order to reduce the noise of my suitcase.

After we arrived at the Kansai Airport, the members finished the departure procedure and left Japan. The flight for 12 hours was too boring for me. There are too many movies and music for passengers, but most of all were not what I wanted to watch and listened. After I return to Japan, I asked my father about this. He answered there is a big gap between hit and miss. After all, I only just found a Japanese movie and two albums of Utada Hikaru. I heard of these songs twice.

After our airplane landed at the CDG airport, we went to Tours by car a man drove who a travel agency reserved this university entrusted arrangement for this study to. Later, each member went to each house of their host families. As soon as I arrived at the house of my host family, we ate dinner with host family and a Japanese woman. She was a student of Institute de Touraine, which we went to this stay. I was told by her how I should spend time after dinner such as shower and laundry, everyday breakfast and weekends. I usually go to bed at midnight before schooling days, but I was tired and my host family already went to bed at 10 o'clock. So, I followed.

Next morning, I woke up at 6 o'clock in the same way I do in Japan, but people around our house as well as my host family did not turn on their light. I was stunned and I decided to wait for an hour in the bed. At 7 o'clock, I got up and ate breakfast and prepared for school. Only in this day did my host mother bring to the school in her car. After we arrived there, she told a man of the travel agency something. He said to me. "Your host family was different from another's." He continued, "If you and a person who host family made the mistake for me and school (because the address of any students were registered) had not any problems, it seems good." In fact, I was told by him that my *true* host family has a cat before but they did not! After all, he and school did not complain so they became my true host family.

Every day I went to school I had nothing special, but since the second week, I made friends with a Korean student. Now sometimes I send e-mail to her. Your experience would be different from where you go, but you might study a language you want to learn in the language. For me, it was so much fun!

After school or on the weekend I walked in the city alone. For example, I saw so much buildings the style of which is not in Japan. I went to a few book stores, the Tours station and so on. I wanted to buy some Japanese noels and comics in French because I know about the story of these books I have read so I can understand the meaning of passages even if I do not see words I cannot know it. In the station I took so many pictures of trains.

In September 15th, we moved to Paris and I saw la Place de la Concorde, le Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty. After 6 o'clock, we were held a party to make friends with French students who study Japanese and with one of them we ate dinner in a restaurant while we saw the Eiffel Tower lit up. The others ate ones in another. Next day, I went to Montmartre and La Défense with a member of this study and a few of them.

However, in September 4th typhoon No.21 came to Japan and the Kansai Airport, where we were going to arrive in September 18th, could not use so long time. Next morning after 6 o'clock -in Japan after 13 o'clock- I sent my record of 1st semester to my mother and ask her about the typhoon. She was also worried about this.

After all, we flew in the airplane for Taiwan Taoyuan Airport and transfer to another airplane for Narita Airport because the Kansai Airport Company had decided to cancel the airplane we would use. In the first flight what we could watch were the same movies and music as the time we went to France, but a few French music were what I had learned in the class of Institute do Touraine so I could listen slightly longer. After the airplane landed the Narita Airport, we moved to the Haneda Airport to go to the Itami Airport by airplane.

I was very satisfied with this tour because everyday life in Tours was enjoyable. I traveled abroad for the first time. I could study French in France, a language I wanted to speak well. I talked with some foreign people. I made friend with some of them. My French is not perfect but I could know I could speak in it as well as others can understand.

However, since I return to Japan, I was bored partly because I am used to the life in Japan. In spite of it, I found myself happy. That was because now I prefer conversation in Japanese to in English and in French and in France there are a slight kind of juices. About the former, it is only nervous about small talk in foreign languages. The latter, it was Coca Cola, Fanta, Pepsi Cola and Orangina. Thus, When I came back home, I often drank Calpis, Ramune, Japanese energy drink and so on.

One of my teachers in high school said "if studying abroad is for 3 weeks it is not studying abroad but travel!" However, I went to France and even if I had spoken in Japanese with other Japanese students in rest time but I had always tried to speak in French with other than them, I found myself eager to speak more in French than in English! What is more, I became better!