

## Exchange studies at Korea

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In August 2018, as an exchange student, I visited Dongguk University in Korea. And invited Dongguk University students to Japan. Through this exchange program, I got a lot of valuable experiences.

### In Korea

I visited Korea from August 8th to August 11th. At first day, school ambassadors at Dongguk University guided us around the Seoul Campus. Dongguk University is a private, coeducational university based on Buddhism. So the schoolyard is designed expressing the Noble Eightfold Path which represent a Buddhist view of the world. And there are statues of Buddha and elephants in the yard. In Buddhism, elephant is considered to be a very holy. They also taught me a joke that they will be dropped out if they ride on the status or do high touch to them. Aichi Gakuin University is also a Buddhist university, but I have never heard such a joke.

On the second day, I visited the campus in Goyang. The campus has the college of medicine, oriental medicine, pharmacy, and natural science. It is a very large campus compared with Kusumoto campus of Aichi Gakuin University. Dr. Lee and pharmacy students showed us around their campus. The college of pharmacy of Dongguk University has about 35 students each year, which is smaller than that of our pharmacy department. After that we visited Dongguk university medical center and pharmacy close to the hospital. The most interesting thing is that there is a ward of oriental medicine. There we can receive

acupuncture. There is no acupuncture ward in the hospital in Japan, so I thought it was very interesting. That night, they held a welcome party for us. I enjoyed drinking and chatting. Through the night, I found that Koreans like drinking and drink a lot. It was hard to keep up with them.

Next day, we went to oriental medicine market and oriental museum. There are many rare oriental medicine material at the market. We could see many big deer horn there. At the museum, I learned history of the traditional Korean medicine and we tried Korean traditional costume.

On the last day, I enjoyed sightseeing and shopping at Gangnam and returned to Japan. Actually I wanted to stay more.





### In Japan

About two weeks after we came back from Korea, we invited nine exchange students from Korea to Aichi Gakuin University. We showed the buildings of faculty of pharmacy to them. I could not guide them well by myself with lack of my English, but thanks to the teacher's helping, we were able to guide them somehow. After that, we had welcome party for them. We planned making Okonomiyaki for Korean students and they enjoyed very much.

Next day, we visited Eisai factory. It was my first time to visit the factory. The factory was not running full, but I could see many unmanned robots carrying large drums filled with medicine. All these are controlled and

managed by computer, so when there is a power outage, it must switch to the supply of electricity by self-power generation immediately. If it takes more than 1second to switch, it takes a long time to recover and the production is delayed, the worker said. In the afternoon, one of the student from Korea said that she wanted to see Nagoya castle, so I guided her to Nagoya Castle. Unfortunately the castle tower is under rebuilding now and we cannot get inside the tower until 2022. We saw the Honmaru main palace and Ninomar garden, and enjoyed seeing Japanese historical interior design and paintings.

On the day they went back to Korea, I saw them off at the Airport.

After they arrived in Korea, I received a message of appreciation from them, so I was touched very much. I became good friends with them.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the program, I had a very impressive and lovely summer vacation.

