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I was really excited when I first read about the CUC Summer Program. I signed up for it straight away and was very pleased, when I got the acceptance letter. After all the necessary preparations were completed, my over 9000km journey could finally begin.

We received a very warm welcome at the university and were immediately able to make our first contacts there. Everyone approached us in a very friendly and open-minded way. The high humidity was very unusual to me, but it didn't stop us from doing activities all day.

The school program was very well designed and organised. During the lectures and trips, we were able to get a deeper insight into Japanese culture and history. We were introduced to traditional Japanese music, practices, clothing, and ceremonies, which were very impressive.

Especially exploring Chiba and Tokyo with other students in our free time brought me many special memories. As groups we went out for dinner and activities every evening. This way we could all enjoy Japanese food together and build bonds.

I can proudly say that I not only got to know the country and its culture better. I have also made many new acquaintances whom I can call my friends. I look forward to the future with hope, that I will see many of them again.

It was a fantastic, unique time in my life! Thank you to CUC coordinators and students for assisting us during this special event!





CUC Summer Program 2022 – An amazing Japanese cultural experience

Tobias Niedermeier

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August 17, 2022 – Ichikawa, Chiba, Japan The adventure already started at the airport. On approach to Tokyo Haneda, I couldn't believe my eyes. The pure size of the of the city took my breath away. Till the horizon there were buildings, streets and in the middle of it the giant Tokyo Skytree. As the plane landed, I felt a little lost as I had never been that far away from Germany before, everything felt different – The language, the signage and as mentioned before the enormous size of Tokyo. To be honest, I felt a little nervous before the journey. However, all the concerns had not come true after all. One of my biggest concerns was to get from the airport to the university in Chiba. Nevertheless, everything went very smoothly. I received a lot of help from friendly Japanese people. At the airport I was told how to use the metro system, on the train a women confirmed that I was on the right train and on a train station at the center of Tokyo a man offered his help (probably because I seemed a little lost). This very first trip in Japan showed me impressively how kind, helpful and polite Japanese people are.

After the check-in at CUC Nana Seya and Chihiro Sato took me to get Lunch in Ichikawa. I was so glad that they were with me because it is kind of difficult to figure out what to order. The issues about ordering food is the Japanese Characters which I apparently can't read and that a lot of people can't speak English. Nevertheless, we had tempura at Tendon Tenya in Ichikawa. That had been the first tempura in my life. When the food was served, I realized "Oh boy, I have to use chopsticks...". I had used them only a few times before. I felt like a little child because I wasn't able to order by myself nor did I know how to eat appropriately with the chopsticks. Luckily, Nana and Chihiro taught me how to use them. Therefore, it was a pleasant meal. Later at our dinner I got another chopstick lesson by Pei-Ting (Lisa) Tsai while we were eating ramen.

August 22, 2022 – Ichikawa, Chiba, Japan Half of the CUC Sommer Program 2022 had already been completed and so far, we had experienced a lot. Traditional Ikebana, Kimonos and Gagaku and a few lectures presented us a first deeper view into Japanese culture and arts. Moreover, one of the highlights was the curtesy visit to the prefectural government in Chiba. After that we drove to Umihotaru where we watched the sunset. On top of that we were lucky to see Mount Fuji.

Although half of the adventure was already over, there were still some exciting experiences ahead of us. In following lectures and experiences, we would learn even more about Japanese culture and international communication. In some special activities we were even encouraged to participate ourselves (e. g., woodblock prints, tatami).

August 25, 2022 – Ichikawa, Chiba, Japan Out of nowhere the last day of the CUC Sommer Program 2022 arrived. The time went by in an eyeblink. Besides eating with chopsticks and getting to know not only amazing people from Japan, but also from South Korea, Thailand, the USA and Taiwan, I had learned so much new about different cultures as well as international communication and exchange. In addition to that, the whole experience helped me to improve my communication skills, language proficiency, and I was able to gain knowledge. I recommend this program to everyone. Even though it was short, it was an enrichment for my entire life. I will never forget all the participants, student assistants and members of the International Center who mad this program unforgettable.

All these memories we made together tied us stronger together. I'm really looking forward to seeing hopefully all of you again one day. Maybe in one of your countries or in Germany. Meanwhile we keep in touch! Thank you all truly for this amazing experience!



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Impressions on Program

I was excited because it was my first time going to Japan, but I was also very anxious because it was my first time traveling alone.

I was very worried if I could get close to people I've never seen from abroad because I couldn't speak English well and had an introverted personality.

However, for a while, such worries were also given the opportunity to broaden their short-lived knowledge through various classes in the program.

It was my first time coding in the program, and it was very difficult because it was my first time, but I was able to feel rewarded with the help of my friends from other countries, and I was able to see people after the Hiroshima incident that I didn't know.

Also, it was nice to learn a little bit about Japan from locals while learning about Japanese culture and society.

In the class of an instructor who became a law firm lawyer from Japan to the United States, I could learn the possibility and passion.

In addition to these academic classes, I also did various activities.

Although the weather was hot and difficult while traveling to Chiba according to the schedule, I was able to experience a strange experience by seeing Japanese buildings different from Korea and experiencing the old culture. Tatamira also gave an experience of making Japanese traditional flooring small.

And I also had the opportunity to wear traditional Japanese clothing called Kimono, and I was surprised that it was difficult to wear more than expected, but it was different because it was an experience that was not easy in Korea, and I even thought it was good to wear it even if it was hard.

And through this program, I did various activities with CUC supporters, went around together in my free time, and had dinner together. Since I went with CUC supporters like that, I had many opportunities to feel the local culture in Japan.

I was able to travel to various places such as Asakusa, Tokyo Station, Harajuku, and Akihabara in Tokyo without any worries, and although we don't communicate well with each other, it was good to have a chance to get close while talking.

However, it was difficult to communicate in language during this program, but fortunately, I was able to get close to each other even though it was difficult to communicate perfectly with each other.

While doing this program, I had a lot of worries, anxiety, and expectations, and there was distrust in myself because I didn't have confidence in myself.

And it was hard because I couldn't speak the language, and it was hard to approach it more because I was introverted, but in the end, I was able to make a lot of foreign friends and experience various Japanese experiences.

Although it was hard to completely change my introverted self, it was a great opportunity to remove obstacles in talking to many more people, and eventually, it was a great memory, so I felt really fortunate to do this program.



Chonnam National University

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To be honest, the biggest reason for participating in this program was the low cost burden.

I didn't have to pay for all the accommodation, food, and participation fee in the CUC program.

I was attracted to this merit and participated in the CUC summer program, but now that the program is over, I want to participate in the CUC program again even if I must pay.

First of all, the program schedule is very well organized. From 9 a.m., I took classes about Japan and classes that were helpful in life.



Second, as I lived with CUC supporters and foreign friends all day, I had a great time for 10 days forgetting the differences between countries. Especially on weekends, we went to Tokyo by train with CUC supporters and visited Asakusa, Akihabara, etc. In particular, it is especially memorable that I felt the Japanese sensibility in Asakusa, ate street food, took pictures with foreign friends, and made good memories. I walked all day, so it was physically difficult, but it seems to be a memory that I will never forget.



Third, even if I travel to other countries, I don't have a chance to talk and play with friends from various countries, but we walked to Ichikawa Station for 30 minutes to eat every evening through the CUC summer program." Also, we went to karaoke and had a great time singing pop song or K-pop together. As we talked a lot while walking, I changed my mind, saying, "Foreigners have different cultures, so what they think will be different." Rather, it was a meaningful time when I realized, "Everyone lives the same, everyone thinks similar things



At the end of the CUC program, I was sad to think that it would be hard to meet everyone

together because everyone lived in different countries, but I thought it would be good to travel to each country and meet my friends once in a while.

I am thinking of traveling to Taiwan this winter.

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who created the opportunity for the CUC program that changed my prejudice, the CUC program that allowed me to make various friends, and the unforgettable memory.





My impressions on CUC summer program 2022

Hello, my name is Sirinoot Teeranaew (Tangmo), My major is department of Geological Science, Faculty of Science, Chiang Mai University.

My impression in Chiba University of Commerce Summer program 2022 or CUC Summer program is very proud, very happy to see you all participate in this program, both international student and Japanese student. At first time, I hesitate to join in this program because the day during program and Midterm examination is close. But at this time, I think it is right decision to joining with this program. At first time when I know that I can go in this program, I am very happy because Japan is my dream country that I have to go. I was visited to Japan in 2016 (about 7 years ago) as exchange student from high school but in this time is different, it's many first time to do something to me such as sing karaoke, eat a Yakiniku (Normally, I don't eat beef because I believe and prey for Quan Yin, but in Japan the beef is delicious so I can eat beef) presentation for Japanese student, playing a game with Japanese student so I think it's challenge for me because this is first time for me that I live with international student in other country, so I am excited to use and improve my English skill for talk with international student, Moreover I will improve my Japanese language skill for talk with Japanese student (Even though, I was been study about Japanese in my university, but I think this time it is can improver than my university) in my opinion my English is weak for talk and useable but when this program has ended I think my English skill is improving and Japanese student is have to try and talk in English skill because they said they want to and improve English skill too. Moreover, Japanese student and Chiba University of Commerce international staff and Japanese people is very friendly, very kind, very helpful and very nice. So, I think I am just a temporary international student but they very nice for me. Chiba University of Commerce has given an many experiences for cultural of Japan such as Gagaku, Kimono experience, Ikebana and woodblock experience. Even though when I arrived in Thailand for about 3 weeks after the program has ended but everything that happened in Japan, in Chiba University of Commerce and friendship between international student, Chiba University of Commerce student and Chiba University of Commerce international center staff, I'll remember forever, thank you for everything, See you again in Japan.



Film Story in CUC Summer camp 2022

Hello! My name is Thanawat Srikaew. Everybody knows me about Film. I have studied in Aviation Business management, Panyapiwat Institute of Management.



I had a lot of memories in CUC Summer Program 2022 that the first day I didn't think that I will join this camp before. Because of fear, fear of new experiences, fear of new places, fear of my skills and I'm not deserve with. Thank you for my teacher who encourage me that I could knew by myself that the fear is not the thing I should be afraid, lost these opportunities is. That why I had all of the happiest moments below.

Firstly, I arrived at Narita airport by ZIPAIR, my first international flight, my first travel abroad, Japan. We road to CUC by train and we lost. But finally, we arrived at CUC. For dinner we were guided by Yuta and Nana, kind and nice student assistant. Our first meal is so difference by my mind a bit but that's still good, I can remember how many are they, that's a lot. But unbelievable I ate them all. The next day we had IKEBANA experiences, it's beautiful and neatly. That lunch we got Bento, my first Bento was delicious. In the evening we went to UMIHOTARU, Boat shopping center. We had gorgeous sunset perspective and Fuji-Sama as well. After that day we had KIMONO experience, my dress very looking good I just ever saw it from the internet before but now I were it for real! On free time or off-day our student assistant led us to go to many places, ASAAKUSA, TOKYO SKY TREE, AKIHABARA, etc. that's so excited for me and I really appreciated to all student support, they were helpful and kindly take care of us all the time we spent in Japan. The "Tour of Chiba" was my one excited thing in CUC Summer camp, because I love sightseeing and I have leaned about "Tea ceremony" as well.



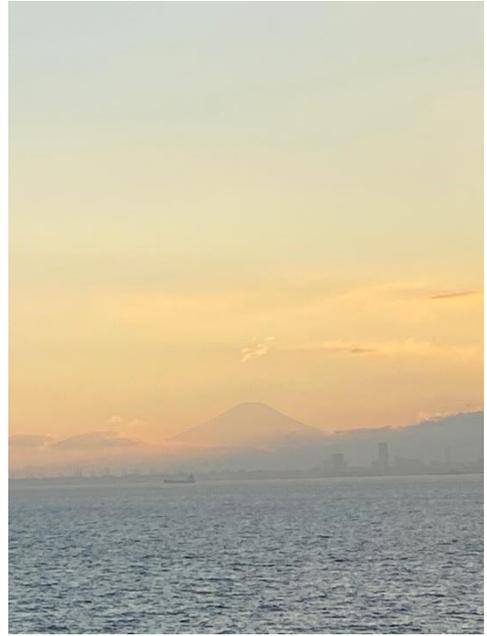
Secondly, in every evening never bored. Our student assistant had brought us to many places, try many interest foods, shopping at ICIKAWA station, watch the view of the city from top of the building. That's so amazing and impressive.



Thirdly, I try a lot of Japanese foods, curry, Ramen, Udon, Sushi, Tonkatsu, and more! But I love curry the most and everyone know. Lisa said to me like “if you know some food you don’t like or it’s not delicious, tell me please”, I can’t agree more. Everything there was very delicious, hopefully I can bring them back.

Lastly, thank you another time for giving us a unforgettable chance of everything in CUC, Chiba, Japan. I enjoyed a lot of moment there and cannot explain it all. Hopefully, we will have other opportunities for many things again in the future. Thank you for take care of us even though it’s hard to. Hope to see again, not only one time but more!







CHOMPOO @CUC Summer Program

Hello there! I am Patcharin Aunsa or Chompoo. I am a student from Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM), majoring in Communicative English for Business, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thailand.

First of all, I would like to tell you that my name is not “Shampoo”, but it is “Chompoo” (チョンプー). wwwwww...

Let’s get to the point! It was my first time in Japan. I have been dreaming about Japan since I was so young and finally, I was in Japan. On the first day at CUC, I was really impressed that everyone in the International center welcomed us so warmly and offered us many things. By the way, it was very hard for me to communicate with various culture and socialize with my foreign friends because I have not done that many activities before coming to Japan during Covid-19 pandemic, but everyone was really nice both international friends and CUC supporters. That made us get closer easily.



About the activities in this program, it was organized perfectly for me. The very first activity that we did was going to Umihotaru. It was fantastic place. I experienced both sea and Fuji san at the same time. After that, there was Yukata/Kimono experience. I was so excited to wear it because I always see this beautiful dress from movies. It was good for me to have a chance wearing them. Then, we went to Asakusa, Chibuya, Harajuku, and Akihabara on our free time days. I extremely like these 2 days. I almost did all things that I wanted to do in Japan at that time. Thanks to all CUC supporters who always took care of us. I was really love Chiba tour! It gave me many new experiences from many places. There were many activities during this program, and I appreciated them all.



Lastly, we might be less people according to the previous program, but I'm happy that I can talk and get closer with you all. I can say that I have a lot of friends from Taiwan, Germany, Korea, US, and Japan. I love you all. Thank you CUC Summer Program who made us know each other.



Lucas Hartman

University of Nebraska Omaha

When the summer of 2022 first began I really did not have anything planned besides going to work and staying in the city of Omaha. Until one day I got an email telling me about an opportunity called the CUC summer program which offered a two week trip to Japan to learn about the traditions and customs of Japan. And immediately I was intrigued as Japan was one of the top places I wanted to go on my bucket list, so I decided to apply. And at the time I had no expectations about the trip or how much or little I would enjoy. But now after the trip looking back I am so glad I decided to apply on an impulse decision as I have made many memories and friends that I will cherish for the rest of my life, and I am going to talk about the experiences I had while I was there and my overall thoughts about those activities and the program as a whole.



On our first day in Japan we had a fun icebreaker to help get to know each other and after that we were greeted to our first cultural activity which was a Ikebana demonstration which was unlike anything else I have seen in terms of art. As in America we have some flower arrangements, however they are not done to the same level as Ikebana, as instead of just putting a bunch of flowers in a pot, the Ikebana uses many different mediums to create not just flower arrangements but art. Which was a very unique introduction to the culture of Japan, which I enjoyed very much. After that we were taken to visit the prefectural government of Chiba which was a great experience as I have been to the governmental building

of the state of Nebraska and there were many differences. The building felt more like a business than a governmental building, but also had a beautiful observation deck and we had many amazing photo opportunities. But the most surprising part of the trip to the governmental building was meeting Chiba kun, as there are no mascots like this for the government in the United States, and meeting him and learning about how

popular he is in not only Chiba but Japan was very interesting to me. And the best part, I was able to get pictures with him at the end of the visit. And to the end the day we went to the umihotaru shopping center on a man made island, which for me as an engineer I found fascinating to learn about how it was constructed and the breakthroughs that were done to complete the project, and we got a beautiful views of Tokyo and mt Fuji. Next was one of my favorite experiences of the trip which was the yukata experience where we got dressed in traditional kimonos and participated in the gagaku ceremony. This was an amazing experience to learn more about the history of Japan and how they used to dress everyday. It took around fifteen minutes to get fully dressed and was very hot to wear the entire day as it was around thirty degrees celsius and walking around outside was very difficult. Also seeing the real size difference between the japanese people and myself as I am one hundred ninety centimeters tall, and I had to wear sandals that were half the size of my feet, and the ladies dressing us in the kimonos struggled to get myself and another student nearly as tall as me dressed, which was quite a funny experience. And overall I really enjoyed experiencing the old fashioned kimonos of Japan.

After the kimono experience we had the weekend free time where all of us as a group with the other Japanese student supporters explored Japan and went to a lot of different popular tourist attractions and made



some unforgettable memories. The first place we went to was Asakusa and experienced the many street vendors selling some of the best food I have had in my life such as dango, shaved ice, and many dessert pastries. Also while we were there we all got our fortunes from the temple and made a wish. Many of the other students in the group got some good and even the best fortunes they could have gotten from the temple. I however got a very bad fortune that I was unable to cast away, which was very unfortunate and was quite funny to the rest of the group to the point I had to get my fortune redone by an old fortune lady from one of the vendors in the shopping area. Who proceeded to

correctly relay some very personal experiences from my past which shocked me and the other Japanese students with me, and proceeded to give me a much better fortune than what I got from the temple. After that we went to Shibuya crossing where I saw the most people I have ever seen in my entire life, as I am from a smaller city where we do not have anything close to what Shibuya crossing is. And when I told the other about this I was informed that it was actually pretty slow, and that there are normally many more people there and due to COVID it was actually pretty light which shocked me and reminded me of Times Square in New York. My favorite part about Shibuya was seeing the statue of the Hachiko as I loved the story about the dog and animals general and have seen movies showing the statue and found it very cool to be able to take a picture with it. After that we went to Harajuku and looked at the amazing shops they had and had some more amazing food. This time some amazing chicken and dango, again, as well as some of the spiciest chicken I have ever had that left a lot of us with runny noses and drenched in sweat regretting our choices of eating that chicken. I also got some amazing souvenirs for my family, and this was all in one day.

On Sunday we had an experience meeting high schoolers from the local schools that were visiting the university which was a lot of fun speaking in front of them and talking about some of the amazing experiences we already had from our trip. And after we even played jenga with some of them along with some others from the program. And after that we continued our adventures from yesterday and went to the Tokyo Skytree where we went three hundred and fifty meters into the sky where we had some of the best views I have seen in my entire life. While we were there we also went shopping in the mall and visited two places I always wanted to go, which was the Kirby Cafe, where we got a great picture with Kirby and Waddle, and also the Pokemon Center. I am a huge fan of the Pokemon series and seeing all the different merchandise options



then along with all the display and figurines on display was very cool, I also got a little plushie of my favorite pokemon. After this we went to a shopping area where we proceeded to go straight to an arcade building which was another place I wanted to visit while I was there. Here we played so many fun games from a punching game, to a two player dancing game where we made ourselves look stupid on, and I also lost over one thousand yen trying to win a giant stuffed animal from a claw machine in front of everyone from the trip, which was quite sad. And lastly we went to Tokyo Station which was an absolutely gorgeous station, which really showed the beauty of Japanese architecture which is different from anywhere in the world, which is something that I really appreciate and enjoy about the country. While here we also visited the shopping center where I tried boba tea for the first time, and had some more amazing food and snacks to bring home for my friends and family.



The next day we had a great experience with woodblock printing which was something that I had never heard of before coming to Japan, but found the experience very fun and interesting. After that we had an

all day bus tour of Chiba which was an amazing experience. During this tour we went to three amazing spots in the prefecture of Chiba. First we went to an amazing temple called Naritasan. Around there were also some amazing street shops where they were cooking eel which was something that, unfortunately I was unable to try. While there we got to see some amazing structures of old Japan along with beautiful walking paths into a little forest next to the temple where there was a dried up waterfall. After seeing this amazing temple we went to Boso-no-mura which was an actual old Japan village, which to the history buff in me, was very fun and interesting to see the old architecture styles and the different type of building such as the tavern, town square, blacksmith, shops, and farm. While here we also were able to participate in old traditional activities such as tatami coaster making, candle making, and a tea ceremony. We also got to see many traditional items such as the old blacksmith equipment and a carriage that another student tried out by picking it up which was very fun. The last place we visited during the bus tour was the AEON mall. This was one of the biggest malls I have been to and I was able to pick up many goods and snacks to bring home to my family. I also had some amazing food in their food court along with one of the best crepes I have ever had.



That was our last CUC tour of the trip, and the next day we had to find my Japan presentations, which initially I really did not want to do, but the more I looked into the topic of comparing customer service in Japan to my home country the more interested I became with it. For over a year I worked customer service at a fast food restaurant and I noticed many big differences between my experience taking orders and how they did it in Japan, and loved sharing those differences that I noticed. I also enjoyed interacting with the high school students during and after the presentation, and learning about some traditional Japanese games. And with me being a very competitive person I got really into it and had a fun time.

The last activity we had was our farewell party which was such an amazing time seeing everyone one last time and playing a how well do you know each other game, and had so many laughs with each other and was a fun way to end the trip and reminisce about all we did in such a short amount of time.

During this trip we also had four different lecturers on multiple different days. The first lecturer Yoh Kawano gave a very interesting lecture about the narratives of people and I loved listening to him talk about his experiences meeting people all over the world. Also I enjoyed the html programming we did as, I am studying programming in college and enjoy doing it and particularly enjoyed his message with the activity and learning more about each other and where they are from. The second lecture by Anthony Kimm was very interesting, and my personal favorite was learning about Japanese society and how different it is compared to my home country. And learning more about the societal norms from other students' home country and how they compared. The third lecture Ichiro Fujisaki taught me more about international relations in such a short amount of time than I had in previous classes about the subject, and he really did have a wealth of knowledge on the subject and was a very interesting person to listen to. And lastly, the lecture from Kana Morimura was very interesting to hear about a woman's perspective of breaking into a male dominated field of law in Japan. And her personal struggles with getting into the field and talking about taking advantage of your situations. In conclusion, this trip is something that I will never forget in my entire life. I have made so many amazing memories that I will cherish, and many lifelong friends from all over the world.

Emma Carlson
University of Nebraska at Omaha

I am from Omaha, Nebraska in the United States. The CUC summer program was my first opportunity to travel outside of North America. I was initially a little nervous, as I knew very little about Japanese culture before applying for the program. However, once I was in Japan, everyone made me feel very welcomed. I would say that the seventeen hours I spent traveling was well worth it!

I greatly enjoyed my experience. The lectures were fascinating, and I loved traveling around Chiba. The sites we visited were great, and for me, going by train was a novelty. Where I live, there are no trains. Everyone has to drive.

My favorite activity was the tour of Chiba. We went to Naritasan, Boso-no-Mura, and the Aeon Mall. Despite the heat and humidity, I loved walking around Naritasan and Boso-no-Mura. Naritasan was gorgeous and I loved learning about its history. While I had seen images of Naritasan Temple before, I didn't realize how big and picturesque it was until I got to explore it in person. At Boso-no-Mura, we had a wonderful tour guide who shared a lot of interesting information about the Edo period with us. I also got to experience my first Japanese tea ceremony there! And after spending hours outdoors, the air-conditioned Aeon mall was the perfect way to end the day.



I also loved the cultural activities, like woodblock printing or the Kimono experience. I was surprised how elaborate the Kimono was. It took two people to dress each of us. It was a gorgeous garment, and I loved wearing it, even if it was a little hot. The woodblock printing experience was also intriguing. I've seen those images in America before, usually as posters. So, it was really cool to see how the original images are created and the craftsmanship it requires.



I would love to travel back to Japan again. The ten days I had there were fantastic, but they felt far too short. Not only did I get to have some wonderful experiences, but I felt like I made some great connections with other participants and students and staff from CUC. Prior to the summer program, Japan was not a place I really considered when I thought about where I want to travel one day. Now I can't wait to go back!

Pei-Ting, TSAI 蔡沛廷 國立臺北商業大學

Hi, I'm Pei-Ting, TSAI from National Taipei University of Business, Taiwan. To be honest, I was surprised and hyped when CUC notified me that the Summer program was holding on as planned, after all, events had been canceled or changed to an online course during the pandemic, not to mention letting us visit Japan. Under Taiwan's strict epidemic prevention regulations, pre-departure visa application, and PCR testing made preparations for the trip under pressure. Fortunately, the PCR result showed negative, I received my visa before departure and set off for Japan without a hitch. Arriving in Japan, I started this unforgettable journey with a warm reception from the teachers and students from Chiba University of Commerce.



Unexpectedly, the first lecture at CUC was learning about maps and coding. I was a little nervous at first since I have not taken any relevant courses before. After Mr. Yoh Kawano talks about what maps mean to him and also explained the meaning of each instruction about coding step by step, coding is no longer that unfamiliar to me, but intriguing. Along with building a website with maps on it, we shared our home country with each other through our work. Another lecture that left me with a deep impression was by Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki. In addition to sharing how he interprets international current affairs and analyzing the behavior of national leaders based on history and psychology, we were asked to choose the topic of current affairs he offered for a five-minute report. Sharing our own views in front of Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki was undoubtedly like being a snob in front of a true expert. Therefore, all of the international students attach great importance to this presentation, even if the schedule was tight, we tried our best to make time for preparing this assignment. I choose "If rich people and poor people compete freely without any conditions, it's obvious that rich people will have an advantage. Does this argument justify the existence of regulations?" as my topic of presentation. By comparing the income tax system of Taiwan with the topic and then sharing my views on tax incentives as an example, I'm proud to tell everyone that Taiwan's tax policy can effectively reduce the gap between the rich and the poor. After sharing my thoughts, I learned fun facts about the US tax system from Emma (An international student from University of Nebraska



Omaha, USA) such as, Warren Buffett is fond of saying his tax rate is lower than his secretary's. I highly enjoy the mode of taking classes at CUC, the seats are arranged in a semicircle, there is no front and rear row to facilitate the interaction between teachers and students, and everyone can express their own idea at any time or listen to different thoughts from students from all countries. Through the lectures, I gained a deeper understanding of other five cultures' perspectives (United States, Germany, Korea, Japan, and Thailand), not only learned that everything has two sides, both advantages and disadvantages but also noticed that living in a globalized society, paying more attention to the news happening both domestically and foreign has been playing an increasing role in our day-to-day life.



Before visiting, I already knew that Japan is a country full of bountiful culture. The tour of Chiba had a lasting impression on me of Japan's attitude toward maintaining historic monuments. As the guide man shared with us, Naritasan-Temple's area of land is the same size as Disneyland, though the park is huge I found it is still organized and tidy in every corner, this shows great effort has been put into it. Furthermore, when we are having a Kimono experience, though the time was tight the aunties who helped us wearing on the kimono still showed their professionalism and attentiveness. I appreciate their attitude and spirit towards Kimono, of course, I enjoyed wearing it as well. At the same time, I admire all the Japanese women of the past who had to wear beautiful but inconvenient clothes to do housework. From all the above, I can tell that Japan attaches great importance to cultural preservation, this is an important point Taiwan definitely should learn from Japan.



In addition to arranging for international students to abound in courses, cultural experiences, and visiting the Chiba Prefecture Municipal Government, CUC also asked Japanese students to guide us around the campus and experience local life in Japan during our spare time. Hanging around with Japanese students, we explore the beauty of Chiba and Tokyo from different perspectives together. We went to the supermarket, karaoke, restaurant, and malls together like classmates after classes, these are things that cannot be experienced in group tours or self-guided tours. During our spare time, I am impressed and touched by a kind Japanese lady and the clerk I met at a famous

chain store Daiso near Ichikawa Station, after I finished shopping and putting the change back in my wallet, a coin just flew out of my hand and row underneath a cabinet where I could not reach, just as I was about to give up reaching for that coin a lady walked by and saw my plight, She spoke Japanese to me but I could not understand. Although she seemed to be in a hurry to go somewhere, she asked a staff member to help before leaving. Since the staff and I couldn't find the lost coin, plus it was a little troublesome to move the cabinet I told the clerk that it was fine and just forget about the coin, I literally told her 大丈夫です more than five times,



but the kind clerk still insisted on removing the cabinet just to help me get it. When we finally got the coin under the cabinet and found out it was five yen, I felt ashamed and grateful for taking both of their time for only five yen. At that moment, I found that although some Japanese seem to be indifferent, most of them are in fact kind-hearted. I notice that It is easy for us to falsely stereotype people from different races, we should never label others before truly knowing them by ourselves.



Time flies when we are having fun, a million thanks to CUC for having us. The warm as well as hospitable Japanese teachers and students, together with their dedicated preparations made this year's summer program to be held as scheduled and successfully. CUC summer program gave twelve international students from five different countries an opportunity to meet, get to know each other, and make

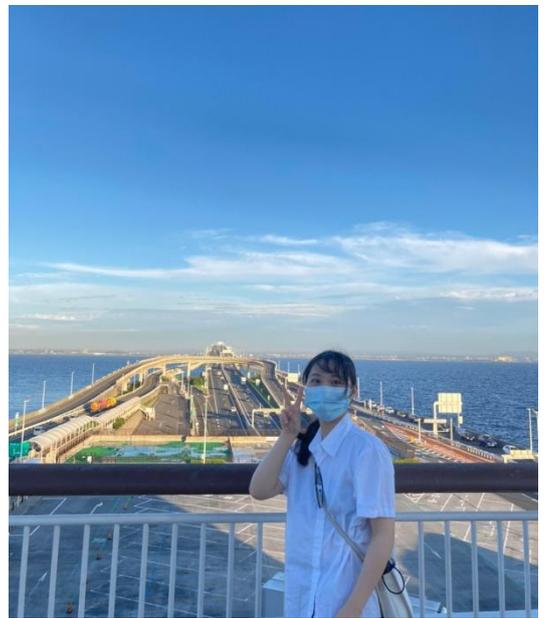
unforgettable memories together in Japan during the summer of 2022. There is no denying that I got loads out of CUC Summer program, for instance, I was always afraid of speaking English in front of others but I gave a one-minute speech in English in front of hundreds of Japanese high school students and parents, and I learned that my only limit is myself. In addition to regaining the confidence in speaking English, I also met many people at CUC who are inspiring; moreover worth learning from. Such as Asahi, a Japanese student who is willing to visit Taiwan to study Taiwan's history, and Yuki, a girl from Hong Kong who is proficient in Chinese, English, and Japanese three



languages. There is a famous saying in Chinese“三人行必有我師焉” it has the same meaning as“Even when walking in a party of no more than three, I can always be certain of learning from those I am with.”I got to learn from different people from different countries, gain motivation to learn, want to communicate with people not only in English but maybe in Japanese someday, meet more people, and acquaint myself with this fascinating world. Though it was quite sad saying goodbyes to all my friends I met at CUC I considered this as growing up, I'll absolutely hold on to every detail at CUC for the rest of my life. This program has made me think deeply, examine myself, become a more capable person, and have a clearer direction for the future.

“We don't meet by chance, but by choices.” I will conclude by saying participating in CUC summer program was the best decision I ever made this summer!







My Experience of 2022 CUC Summer Program

8/17~8/26

Jyun Lin

Reason for application

All of my family members really like the culture and scenery of Japan. Since the first time I travel aboard at the age of nine my family, which is a ten days trip to Okinawa will went to Japan at least one a year. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we haven't been to Japan for over two years. Thus, when I found out that I can went to Japan by this program and fulfill one of my lifetime goals that is study in Japan! So, I immediately started to prepare all the material for the primary election in my university.

Lecture impression

河野 洋 Yoh Kawano

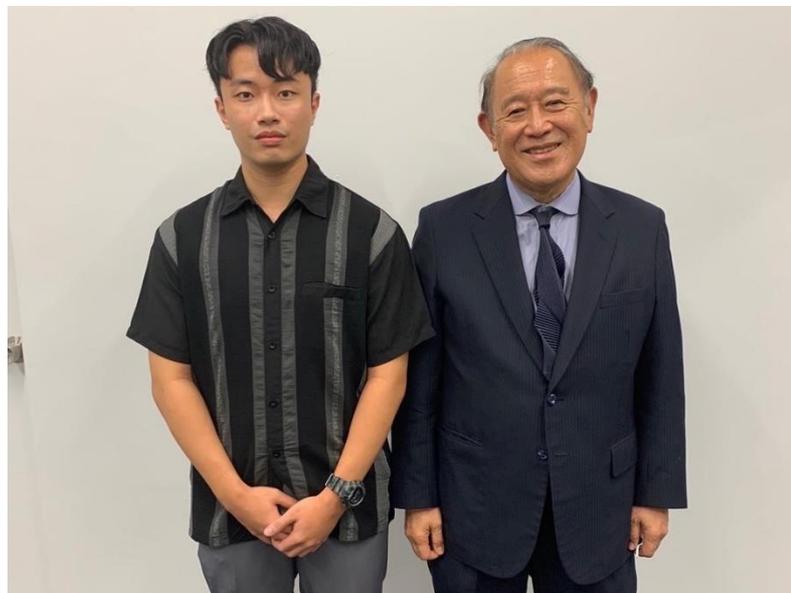


I felt really excited when I notice that he is a professor from UCLA, because UCLA is the university that I want to pursue my master degree. He started his class from guiding us through his life journey begin from Japan to Los Angeles. He told us that he had participated in the

investigative team of the south Asian tsunami, and this kind of experience made him decided to come back to Japan to shoot a documentary film of Fukushima nuclear disaster. Moreover, he even got the opportunity to present the documentary in front of hundreds of managers from Tepco 東京電力 .

On the second class he started to teach us the programing skill for creating maps. He said that he also offers this class for the undergraduate students at UCLA. Although I haven't learned any programing skill, I try my best to keep up with him and he also patiently answer our questions. With his assistance at the end of our class everyone had create the map that can show their hometown. By his teaching method even a beginner can get a sense of achievement from the process of coding.

藤崎一郎 Ichiro Fujisaki



It is really an honor for being taught by a former ambassador, especially he is the Japanese government representative in united states. In his class he shared his view on the recent international crisis. It was very interesting because he uses a lot of memes to let us understand what is happening around the world right now. On the second course he announced that each of us had to prepare a five minutes presentation about the topic related to our country. At that time, I had never explained the relationship between Taiwan and China in front of any foreigners not to mention that an ambassador. However, my mission in this class was to represent Taiwan. Although, none of my classmate's country recognize Taiwan's sovereignty and never heard the problem between Taiwan and China I try my best to explain it in the easy way to help them understand faster. Thus, I prepared a lot of material before the presentation. The presentation going pretty well, on the Q&A session most of my classmates ask me some question that they were curious about, and I use all of my knowledge to answer them immediately. Mr. Fujisaki also ask me some question about TSMC that is world leading semi-conductor

manufacture which base in Taiwan. Because of this company has a strong relationship with Japan. This presentation was a really good experience because all of my classmate was really supportive that decrease my nervous of presenting in English.

森村 佳奈 Kana Morimura



Ms. Morimura was the first Japanese female partner in Sharman & Sterling LLP's 150 years history. I really respect her achievement and the action she took to change workspace culture in Japan. She also shared some interesting experience she faced during her early career that made the class fill with joyfulness.

Arrival

After boarding on the Keisei main line, I thought that I will arrive at Ichikawa in 30 minutes. However, there is a big difference between fast train and normal train. Thus, I missed Ichikawa station two times and accidentally stopped at Keisei Yawata. Fortunately, by following CUC international center's instruction I finally arrive on time

Icebreaking



After having a small chat with each other in Ichikawa station last night, CUC international center held an icebreaking game for us to know each other better by sharing our hobby and things we have done.

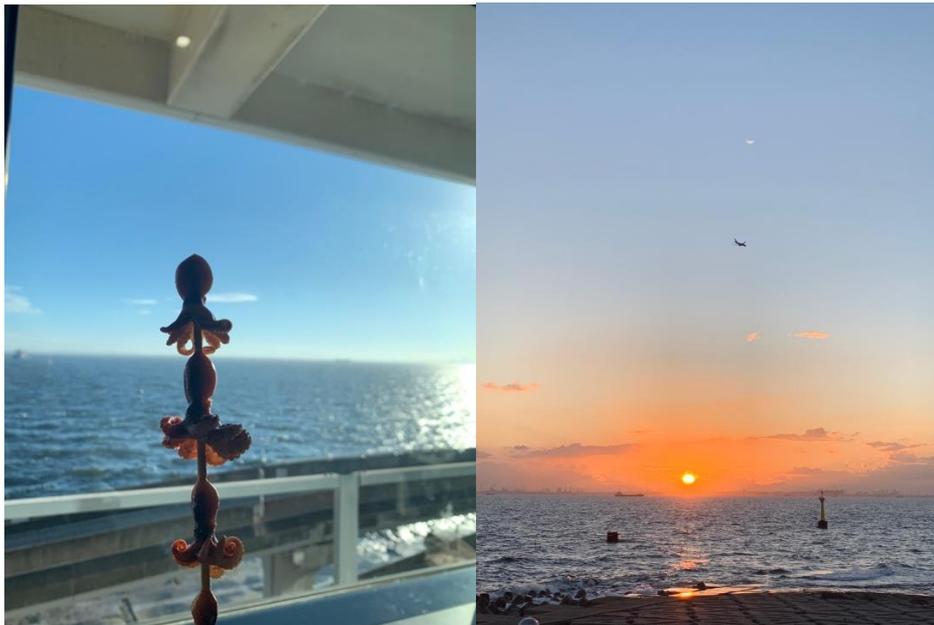
Courtesy visit to the prefectural governor of Chiba prefecture



Before visiting the prefectural governor of Chiba prefecture, I woke up early to dress up, because have to talk with the mayor of Chiba. Thus, I wore my brand-new suit and tie and prepare a short speech to introduce myself. And I will say that meeting Chiba-kun in person was the highlight of that afternoon, Chiba-kun's movement was very lively and cute. Nevertheless, after I answer some question from the mayor, I found out that he is a really kind person.

Umihotaru

When we arrive at Umihotaru it about four o'clock so I decided to have some snacks. I choose to have the grilled tiny octopus because Tokyo Bay is famous for its sea food.



After enjoying my snack with my friends, the sun was about to set. Thus, we decided to go to

the lowest deck to appreciate the sunset and the view of Tokyo's skyline and Mount Fuji.

Kimono Experience



I had saw people wearing kimono on the movie, but never have a chance to wear it. Thus, I am really grateful for this opportunity. After waiting about 20 minutes for others to dress up their kimono. It was finally my turn to dress up. The lady that helps us to wear kimono gave me two different types of kimonos to choose one is black and the other is blue. Though, I really like the blue one but it was too long for me. To wear the kimono, I had to put on five different type of gown. Thus, we felt really hot when we stepped outdoor, but we still wanted to take some photo with everyone wearing kimono, so we took a five minutes' walk to the 真間山弘法寺 for the photo that have traditional Japanese wooden temple in the background. Moreover, we also wear kimono when enjoying Gagaku that made me felt like bathed in luscious strains.



Weekend in Tokyo



Our first destination was Asakusa , this wasn't my first time in Asakusa but it was a new experience that didn't surround by a brunch of foreign tourist, we try many desert and took a lot of photo with the fascinated street.



I tried three different kinds of Japanese traditional desert. Firstly, it was matcha with Japanese sweets, I like the mixed taste of the bitter matcha and the sweets. I would it was my favorite desert in Japan. Secondly, I had a soil milk ice cream. Although, I often drink soil milk for breakfast in Taiwan, but I never seen soil milk ice cream before. Thus, I decided to give it a try, it turns out to be a good experience, the flavor tasted like tofu but it was creamy and cold. Thirdly, I had a fried sweet potato Mochi with matcha dressing. It was a little bit to sweet for me, but I really like the texture.

In the afternoon we went to Shibuya and Harajuku there is a lot store I haven't seen in my country such as cosplay store. Thus, we still had some fun time during the raining afternoon, all

of us have great interest in those fashion clothes.



At the next day we went to Tokyo sky tree, some of us went to the upper deck for sight seeing. Me and Markus decided to go shopping in the mall , so we went to the anime store to buy some souvenir for our friends.



After one hour of shopping, we went to the food court for lunch, I order an bowl of sashimi. I ate it with the wasabi sauce and it was pretty good, I didn't expect that I will have this kind of fresh sashimi in the food court of a shopping mall.



At night we went to an okonomiyaki restaurant, this is the first time I tried to cook it by myself. With Chihiro's help I successfully made it by myself. It was an amazing experience, because I not only ate it but also learned how to cook it.



Tour of Chiba



We went to 成田山新勝寺 and visit three different shrine, we prayed for relationship, work and health. It was a special experience for me. However, most of the area in the shrine did not allow taking picture, but we still have some nice group photos in the garden around the shrine .



In the afternoon we had a opportunity to experience the tea ceremony, we have to kneel during the tea ceremony that hurts my ankle so much, I had to have a rest every minute or the pain might made me fall down on the tatami.



Interaction with CUC high school students



This was a fun part that I did not expect before I participated. These high school prepared the game very well. Thus, we can fully enjoy the Japanese traditional game. Moreover, I become the representative of our team to compete with others , though I got two second place in a row but it was still one of the highlight moment of my trip. The fun of playing game together was definitely without language barrier.

The university dinning



The food that CUC's university dinning produce was amazing. We have lunch at there nearly every day and they always amazed me. Not to mention that the coffee shop was also a great place to have breakfast and afternoon tea.



Summary of this exchange program

First and foremost, I appreciate that CUC international center provide us this opportunity to went to Japan during the Covid-19 pandemic. With your preparation to the most detail part, I can enjoy the trip without any worry about health issue and visa problems. Secondly, I want to thank all of the student supporters from CUC you guys took care of us during the trip so well, all of you were kind and considerate. If we had any thing wanted to try or places wanted to go, you will do your best to fulfil our requirements. I can tell that the effort you paid for this exchange program definitely worth it, because all of us felt really comfortable and happy during these ten days. Last but not least, I want to thank Lisa, which was my neighbor at the international dorm. Chatting with you on the balcony after an exhausted day always made my mind refreshed, and your advice always helps a lot. I genuinely hope that all of us can meet others in different countries in the near future.

My name is Hsiao-Yin, Chen, comes from National Chung Cheng University in Taiwan. I'm lucky enough to have this opportunity during the hard time: to participate CUC's summer program. Those summer days I spent in CUC were like dreams. Although I have been to Japan twice, things I got are more than I had suspected. By attending CUC summer program, I experienced a lot of Japanese cultures, took many classes, and made a lot of new friends from a lot of countries as well. Even until now, I still extremely miss all things I had in Japan.

🌸 Ikebana

Ikebana is a surprising part for me, as it was my first time to watch a live performance. The teacher moved smoothly, without few minutes, a new work was completed. "ikebana is important by completing circles" that's what the teacher said, and it impressed me much, as the concept is very similar to the one that Buddhism has. Through this performance, I think I found another similarity between our culture and Japanese culture.



← My favorite ikebana work.

↓ luxury lunch box in the first day



🚩 Visit Chiba prefectural governor

Visit Chiba prefectural governor is another impressed part for me in the whole CUC summer program, if we only travel to Japan by ourselves, then we won't never have this chance to visit the government in Japan.



I was asked to be the one who represented all international students to deliver a speech. As my prepare time was super short, and I was afraid of my English speaking, but all teachers, including Irina, and Takahashi, they helped me to revise my draft, and made me not to be so nervous.

The speech experience brought me a lot as well. I became more confidence to myself, and I'm thankful to get this rare opportunity.

After this visit, I felt I became more curious about Chiba, and couldn't wait to explore the city more.



←We met a Taiwanese woman, and she gave us some Japanese souvenirs! It was really warm to receive people's love from a same country.

Chiba kun was the Mr. popularity in all students!! →





After visiting the government, we went to UMIHOTARU, though it was raining at the morning, but when we arrived there, it cleared up.

I also saw a lot of Chiba kun's merchandise at UMIHOTARU, it seems that he is really popular in Japan!

Bought and tried a lot of food.



↑ Mentaiko Takoyaki

← Soft cream



I remember sunset there was extremely beautiful, fortunately, we saw Fuji mountain as well.

It was a memorable day between all international students with me.



🌈 Kimono experience

Kimono experience is one of my favorite parts, and this is my first time to wear kimono as well. We set up our hair, then we need to wear soft short inside. All procedures took long time. Two kind, and friendly women help one person to wear kimono, as they put one wear and one wear, I felt my body became heavy and heavy. However, every waiting and enduring moments are valuable. During wearing this, it was extremely hard to walk. I deeply felt the tough for Japanese women at that moment.



I wear a red kimono, Nanagi, a Japanese girl said, red is the color for Japanese princess XD



Gagaku was also a new experience for me, they played ancient songs, there was dancers dancing during the song. We also experience and learned their dance after the performance end. I really enjoyed all the performance, it just liked we were in past, and we were the person lived in the past Japan.



←↓Performance experience



← I asked a question about the meaning of their clothes, as I think their clothes are a little bit similar to Korea and ancient China.

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← we went to a temple near university to take photos!

with a supporter Yui ↓



8/21

Saturday was our free day, we went to Asakusa, Shinjuku and Shibuya this day, and we experienced many, many Japanese food and sightseeing.



I have been to Asakusa once, but last time, Kaminarimon was in renovation, so I'm really happy I can see it at this time. It is really gorgeous.

Stores in Asakusa were also cultural and beautiful.



←I bought a "Nikyoyaki" as souvenir (This Obasan thought I'm a Japanese XD)



A "manjou" ↓



Bought "Dango" with Film! ↓



← Sky tree!





Shibuya hachikou& Harajuku



Experienced famous photo machine in Japan!
It was really funny!!
I laugh many because I totally look like another
person.
(with Chhiro, Emma, and Lisa)→



Dinner in Torikizoku
(with Film, Tobias, and Emma)



It was really a nice and experienced day.



8/21



We went to Tokyo Sky tree, Akihabara, and Tokyo station this day.

The view from sky tree was extremely beautiful so that I couldn't help but try to image daily life of Tokyo's residents. I felt I could spend all day inside.



Donki in Japan!→



Tokyo station was beautiful at night



🌈 Woodblock prints experience!



It was difficult than I thought, we need to put more strength so that we can print a beautiful draw.



↑ My completed work!



← A kind, cute but professional master.

8/23

🌈 Tour of Chiba!



In this day, we went to Naritasan, where is a big, beautiful place with many temples. Though we don't have enough time to take all Naritasan around, but we still saw many distinctive buildings.

Naritasan is no.1 viewpoint in my trips, I really want to back there again.



lunch time with Chihiro!!
I ordered a soba& toriyakidon set



After lunch, we went to Boso no mura. Its view is like in ancient edo-era of Japan. ↓→





←Film and Luca were trying to handle the old taxi in the past Japan. XD



Beautiful site in Boso no Mura→

After finished the guide of Boso no Mura, we went to a big shopping mall in Japan: AEON Mall.



←My dinner with Lisa!

Famous Chiba kun merchandise. I really wanted to buy one back home!!→



←Tired but a fulfilling day!
(almost everyone was sleeping on the bus XD)

8/23

Find my Japan presentation



Our topic of presentation is signage, Film, Emma, and Sobin are my group members, all of us are from different countries. It was a fresh experience for me, as I need to communicate with them, and tried to express my opinion. We also spent time to discuss, and to find some materials. I felt our

relationships getting better because of this presentation. Though our prepare time was a little big tight, but I'm proud we got through, and finally we did well at that.

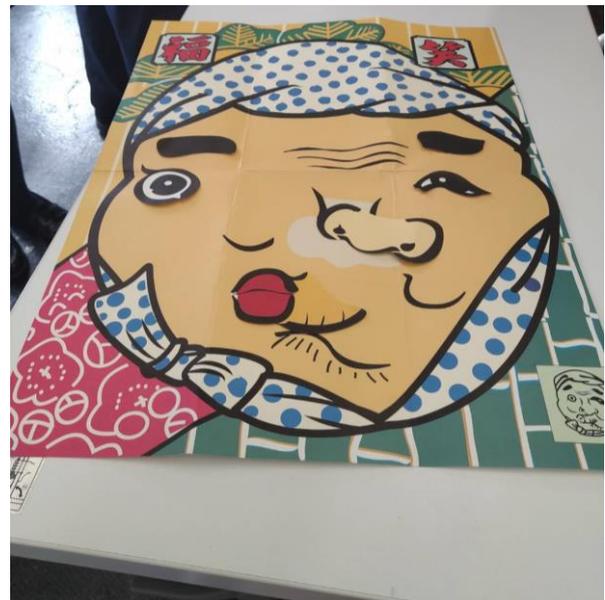
↓My group members!

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Games we played with Japanese high school students were really funny as well, especially this: fukuwarai. I laugh liked my face were not belonged to me! A nice and enjoy experience!

This is the one I've done. →





We're not only have cultural experience, but we also have inspiring lectures during CUC summer program. Kimm and Fijisaki's lectures are the most interesting for me. Through their lectures, I not only view from difference of languages, but also get other opinions from discussions, especially those discussions

in Fujisaki's lectures, we discussed nuclear, North Korea, Trade treaties, and Taiwan issues. This made me obtain other concepts from different sights.

8/25

The last day of summer program, it just liked that I just arrived in Japan yesterday.

I'm lucky and fortunate enough to know all friends from Japan, Germany, Thailand, Korea, and America. It's such a nice experience, I'm not only learn

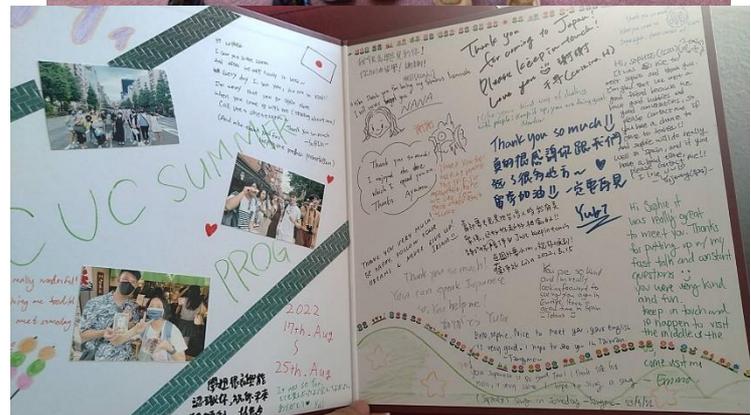
more about Japanese cultures, but I also learn more about people from different countries and cultures. Thank you so much for staffs, teachers, students, thank you CUC, it's definitely a treasure memory in my whole life. If I have chance, I would like to visit all of you and CUC in the future.





My best Taiwanese partners!!→

Last dinner: Sushi!!



Thousands of thank you.
I got a lot during these treasure 10 days.
It's memorable ten days.

Schedule

Aug	AM	PM
17 Wed	Arrival	Check-in by 16:00 17:00 Orientation 18:30 Campus Tour
18 Thurs	09:00 Orientation 09:30 Ice-breaking time 10:30 Ikebana Demonstration 11:10 Lunch	13:00 Courtesy visit to the prefectural governor of Chiba prefecture 16:00 UMIHOTARU 19:30 Back to CUC
19 Fri	09:00 Lecture-A 10:40 Lecture-A 12:10 Lunch	13:00 Kimono/Yukata Experience 14:30 Gagaku
20 Sat	Free time	
21 Sun	10:00 CUC Open Campus 11:30 Free time	Free time
22 Mon	09:00 Lecture-B 10:40 Lecture-C 12:10 Group Photo 12:20 Lunch	13:00 Woodblock prints experience
23 Tue	08:00 Meeting time for Bus "Tour of Chiba" ~19:30 Back to CUC	
24 Wed	09:00 Lecture-B 10:40 Lecture-C 12:10 Lunch	13:00-13:50 "Find My Japan" Preparations 14:00 "Find My Japan" Presentation 15:00 Interaction with CUC high school students
25 Thurs	09:00 Lecture-D 10:40 Lecture-C 12:10 Lunch	13:00 Farewell Party Awarding of Certificate of Completion Group photo
26 Fri	Check-out by 12:00	Departure



CUC Summer Program 2022





Message from the International Center

Despite the difficult situation of COVID-19 pandemic, I am delighted that the 10th CUC Summer Program was another resounding success. This year, we had 12 participants from 7 universities. From the first welcome to the last farewell, we could see the bonding process both inside and outside the classrooms. It was wonderful to see the students forming friendships which we hope will endure the test of time and form a basis of true mutual understanding and goodwill. Congratulations and many happy returns to all participants. We hope your introduction to Japan was a happy one, and we look forward to seeing many of you return to Japan on private visits. Be sure to look us up here at CUC when you do and keep us posted on your whereabouts, achievements, and adventures!



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