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Exchange Experience

Japan is an incredible country with so much to offer: from its beautiful nature, enjoyable onsens, delicious food, its efficiency, respectfulness of its people, to its innovation and uniqueness. It is an honor to explore the country as both a student and as a tourist and I greatly recommend taking part in the exchange program at Keio University's Business School.

KBS is Japan's first business school and has been around since 1978. It is one of Japan's top two private universities. KBS is located in the residential neighborhood of Hiyoshi, which is a twenty minute train ride south of Tokyo. The KBS campus, where courses are taken, is beautiful and located right next to the train station. Exchange students are welcomed by the local students who organize social activities and also partake in the courses that are offered.

KBS offers 7 courses taught in English on a range of topics, with all of them integrating the Japanese way into the course material. Lectures are approximately 3 hours long. The professors are Japanese and non-Japanese (who currently live in Japan) and courses are attended by international students from all over the world as well as Japanese students. The majority of courses do not have final exams, instead students are graded on presentations and/or assignments. Group work is core to the Japanese teaching method. The school also offers a Japanese language course.

Accommodation: the university offers student dorms, the KBS house, which is a 10 minute walk from the KBS campus. There are a total of 13 single rooms and 1 shared apartment. Each room has a single bed, storage space, a desk, toilet, shower, kitchen, and balcony. The house has shared areas as well as a laundry room. Rent is 60,000 yen/month.



Visa: a student visa is required for studying at KBS. The process is simple and takes place at the Japanese Embassy in Tel Aviv once you receive the acceptance letter from KBS. The student visa is received within a week however it requires you to have already purchased a flight ticket. Exchange students receive temporary resident status for their duration in Japan, which requires membership to the Japanese National Health Insurance (the cost is approximately 1300 yen/month).

Transportation: Japan is renowned for its efficient transport service. Getting around the city/country is easy and ticket price depends on the distance travelled. No monthly passes are available.

Food: It's amazing and was by far one of my favorite parts! Taste as many different dishes as possible without asking too many questions 😊.

Night life: there is nothing better than a night out partying at one of the many izakayas (Japanese bars) or Tokyo nightclubs. FYI: trains stop at about 1am and begin again at 5am.

Some useful websites:

- KBS Website: <http://www.kbs.keio.ac.jp/en/>
- Fun facts: <http://www.factslices.com/s-Japan>
- Japan Guide: <http://www.japan-guide.com/>
- Facebook Group יפן למטיילים: <https://goo.gl/2YGbp4>
- Travel: <http://www.hyperdia.com/en/> and Google Maps
- Google Translate!

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