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Exchange Experience

- Japan has a unique culture; they are precise and have the culture that brings everything to harmony. High hospitality, inexpensive places will serve you with the best service, the people are kind and trying to help tourists even though they don't know a word in English. They will lead you to the place you need to get to and try to do their best to give you a solution for your problem.
In Japan it feels like they thought about every little detail to make the world more comfortable. The car park itself, toilet is with bidet and vending machines for cold and hot beverages are all around.
- Nagoya is industrial city, not visited by many tourists. Most of the foreigners (gaijin) are people who came for business or international students.
The city represents the life in Japan - It's a mixture of Japanese tradition and big city night life. Like in every large city in Japan there is an ancient castle, aquarium, city center and many karaoke rooms.
The location of the city is just perfect for a traveler, its right in the middle of all the most attractive places in Japan.
- NUCB – The campus is located in the city center and is convenient to reach from any place in the city. The school staff is outstanding and helpful: from the very first E-mail, they will inform you about every little detail you need to know.
The school was arranging social and networking events, traditional experiences, business trips to successful companies like Toyota and Brothers and trips to the nature and traditional places of Japan.
Moreover, as a visiting student at the University all the benefits are available: Job offers, social and sports clubs in the main campus and all the facilities as a regular student.
Tip: Use your Japanese E-mail to sign in amazon as a student and get a premium account.

* Another advantage, JASSO scholarship - The government of Japan gives to many students (almost all Israelis) a scholarship which the school is applying for you. I got 80,000 Yen (~800 EURO) per month.

- **Courses and professors** – Semester in NUCB is divided into 3 terms, each 7 weeks long. 2 terms of full studies and the last one is optional (like summer semester in TAU).

Some of the professors are guest lecturers so the courses are concentrated. Instead of 7 weeks of weekly classes, it's 5 days of half-day studies. This is very intense, so be aware.

The syllabus will be provided in advance, for you to discern exactly what the subjects and exercises will be at the upcoming lecture.

Most of the courses grade based on participation in class, at least for 30%

Tip: Take a course with Nigel.

- **Accommodation** – The dorms offered to me was the Global Center, it's a fancy complex with all the facilities like in a hotel. 22 students are living there together; each of the students gets his room which includes a bed, desk, small refrigerator and a balcony. Moreover, you get a fancy Japanese style toilet and a nice bathroom that you will love to spend your free time in.

Global Center includes small gym, theater room, dining room and common space to sit with other students. Cleaning service is once a week and breakfast served on the week days.

The disadvantage of this great place is the time it takes to get to the university and the city center (about 25 min by train), and the fact that trains in Nagoya stops at midnight.

- **Visa** – Student that stays in Japan more than 3 months counts as resident. The school will provide all the documents that needed for the embassy. It takes about a week and the process is not complicated.

- **Transportation** – It's not a cheap business.

As a Japanese resident you allow to buy monthly pass in a discount. The pass price depends of the number of station you want to travel. The train's schedule is frequent and it's very convenient to get to any place in the city.

Out of town: There are a few options (with wide price-range) to get out of town.

Sinkansen - (bullet train) is expensive (almost twice the price of a bus) BUT it's super-fast and convenient. The school gives discount to some of the rides.

Buses- There are many companies in different prices; it's less expensive to order in advance. www.hyperdia.com is a good site to find transportation.

- **Insurance and Health Services** – As a resident you get all the public health coverage, it cost around 16\$ a month.

- **Living expenses** – 100yen shop (like 1\$ shops), its great solution for everything you need in daily life without spending too much money.

No need to bring lots of medicine and beauty product. There are many of them in japan and it's even cheaper then Israel.

Tip for girls: Japanese makeup is cheap and very good, you should try it.

- **Food** – The quality of the food is high so even the cheapest place will serve tasty and fresh food. Japanese style food at the restaurants is not expensive compered to Israel. Fruits and vegetables, like other imported food are expensive at the grocery. Grocery stores carry prepared food, during the day they sell it at a 30%-50% discount because it's not so fresh anymore.

7 Eleven – it's a chain of convenient stores, it opens 24/7 and you can find reasonable food in great prices.

- **Night life** – Going out after work is part of the Japanese culture; that's the reason there are many places to enjoy and relax.

Izakaya – Japanese style bars. It's a concept of small plates of food and drinks in reasonable prices. Most of these places serve **Nomiodai** which means “all you can drink”.

Karaoke – The rooms are per hour and they serve Nomiodai as well.

Pachinco- Gambling and casino games. There are many of those around the city and they are always full.

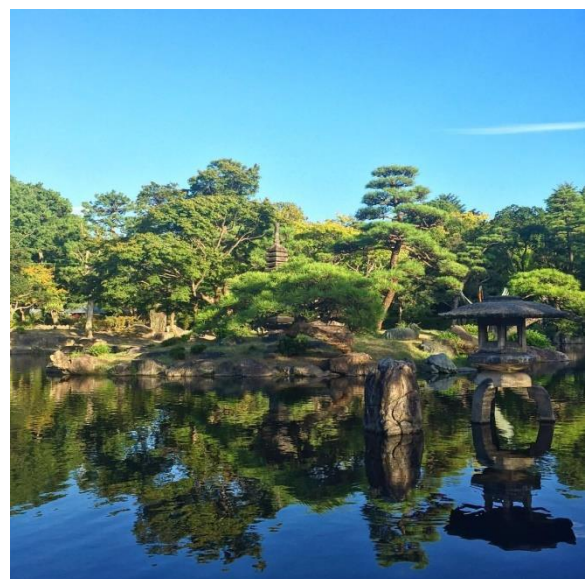
- **Tips**

- **Mount Fuji** - The climbing season is closed around September 10th; thus, take it into account when you're planning your trip.

- Visit at the **Botanical garden** is recommended at the end of October, when the leaves change their color.

- Follow the events in the city; it's fun!

Gambate ne (Good luck)!



Botanical garden (inside the Zoo)



One of the meals



Nagoya city at night



Trip to Mt. Fuji



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