

## Topic2 "Life in Japan as a student"

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<p>That was the first phrase that I tried to remember before I came t Japan. It was simple phrase, yet very important when we first meet Japanese. Jikoshokai or introducing self in proper way is very important, since the Japanese value high a good manner and attitude of other person in the society.</p> <p>I am S.A, a student of Aiwa Language Institute, Fukuoka, Japan. I was graduated from Industrial Engineering, University of Indonesia. My aim going to Japan is to continue my study in Japan, since Japan is one of the most advance industrial countries in the world. I also want to experience the culture and life style in Japan. For that reason, I want to master Japanese Language first, and then I will go to graduate school in Japan to continue my study. By doing so, I expect that I can work in Japanese company in Japan or in Indonesia.</p> <p>I am a Muslim; the first thing across my mind when I came to Japan is ‘are there many other Muslim in Japan?’, ‘Will I find Muslim community in Japan?’, ‘Is there any Mosque for me to pray?’, ‘Where will I find halal foods in Japan?’. All of those questions might be pop up in every Muslim student’s mind before they came to Japan. For you who are Muslim, I will say, ‘don’t worry!’. We have many Muslim brothers all over Japan, especially in big cities. In Fukuoka only, there are hundreds Muslim students study here. We have Muslim community and a mosque here in Fukuoka. The mosque is big enough that we held 5 daily prayers, Friday prayer, even sometimes we can held a general lecture in the mosque hall. As for the halal foods, you can find some halal shops and halal restaurants scattered in Fukuoka. The government of Japan is starting to concern about the comfort of Muslim residence in Japan, especially for the availability of halal foods. Nowadays, even in the supermarket we can find some halal foods or halal products. So, Japan now is already became a Muslim friendly country to visit or to live for study.</p>							
<p>7.Advise to others (international students)</p> <p>It is said that living cost in Japan is very high. Well, for me it’s not quite true. Our living cost depends on our life style. For some who get used to live an extravagant life style, of course their living cost in Japan will be more expensive. As for others who get used to live simple life style, the living cost can be manageable. As a student in Japan we have opportunity to do some part-time job or arubaito to help cover the living cost. Based on my experience, arubaito also can help me enhance my Japanese and bring me new life experience of how to work with Japanese. Discipline is also an important key to survive in Japan. In my mind, Japan is a very discipline society. ‘Time is money’ is not just empty slogan in Japan, so we have to get used to it. As a student we are limited to only 28 hours a week to do part-time job. So, be careful to look for which arubaito you would like to do and manage your time properly so that the job cannot disturb our main purpose to study. Happy live your life as a student in Japan. Ganbare!!</p>							