


## Report on study in Japan by the recipient of Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students

1.Name	PENG SHENG						undisclosed	
2.Nationality	China							
3.Grade	2							
4.Name of school	undisclosed							
5.Academic level	Graduate school							
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	undisclosed							
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month		
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>I had the idea of studying in Japan when I was a senior in 2016. Because Japanese cosmetics and cars are very popular in my country, and these products are of good quality and have high technology. From that time, I want to open my eyes by living a different country and wonder why Japan has such powerful technology and learn about it, so I decided to go to study in Japan. I made preparations for studying Japanese in my country. The learning process of Japanese is very interesting and beneficial. For example, I learned a lot about Japanese culture and tradition from Japanese words and kanji and found the different point and same point between my country and Japan. And I got a lot from that. As a result, before I came to Japan, I learned Japanese for about one year, and learned a lot about Japanese etiquette, so as to prepare for life in Japan.</p>								
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>I came to Japan in late July 2017, and then studied in a Japanese language school for more than a year, and entered a university in March 2019. In nearly two years of study in university, I have learned a lot about science and engineering. And during this period, I met many Japanese students. Through the communication with them, I learned a lot of Japanese thinking and Japanese culture, and improved my Japanese communication ability. And from April 2020, I started to apply for and get the funding of Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship. This funding has helped me a lot, especially in this coronavirus epidemic year. My parents' income has been cut, and my living expenses have been reduced. Just when I was considering whether to give up part of my study time to work part-time, the scholarship allowed me to get enough living expenses and study expenses. And because of this scholarship, I can now concentrate on my research and study. I really appreciate the scholarship.</p>								
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p> <p>I started to look for a job in November 2019 and got a job in July 2020. Job hunting in Japan is very different from my country. I need to attend internship in advance and have to go through 2 to 3 interviews for a relatively long time. This makes me study harder and improve my Japanese dialogue ability. This year's situation is very special, so almost all the interviews are conducted online, which improves the efficiency and also provides us with convenience. At the beginning, I failed several times because I didn't know about the job search in Japan, but then I began to learn about the knowledge of job hunting and prepare my interview carefully, and finally I succeeded. Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship also helped me a lot. It allowed me to buy the equipment and clothes needed for online interview, such as camera, microphone and suit. In addition, the Japanese learning courses offered by the scholarship have improved my oral Japanese ability, which enables me to express myself better in the interview. I really grateful for the scholarship.</p>								
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>The most important thing is your interest, which means that if you are interested in the work you do in the future, you could enjoy your work. And I like the life in Gunma for about these two years. I would say that it's a very happy and precious memeru to me. So if you want to find jobs in Japan, please think about staying in Gunma. Finally, Japanese is important for you life and work. Please study Japanese everyday hard.</p>								


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1.Name	CHELLET MARWAN BERNARD HASSAN					
2.Nationality	France					
3.Grade	2					
4.Name of school	Shinshu University					
5.Academic level	Graduate school					
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Graduate School of Science and Technology					Title: Me and my sister at Kyoto
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>Before coming in Japan, I was already looking for a scholarship. I tried to planify my expense and worked to get money and be serene when I come to Japan. I also take contact with the university in Japan a lot to be sure everything was fine and to prepare myself the best as I can. I choose to come to Shinshu university because I did an internship 2 years before and loved the experience I get there.</p>						
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>The scholarship permits me to have enough time to do my research and study my classes. It also gives me time for studying the japanese language. It permits me to have a good live condition and pay my bills and my rent. Because of coronavirus, I lost my part-time job and the bills were more expensive than before and the scholarship help to keep a good student life. I also have a bit of saving that permit me to travel to some cities like Kyoto or Tokyo.</p>						
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p> <p>I got time for job hunting and can save money to go to tokyo job fairs. A lot was online because of coronavirus and it was not easy to find a job but I finally found a job in Tokyo.</p>						
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>Try to plannify your expense and ask for a scholrship before coming to Japan. You should also try to study japanese before then it will be more easy for you.</p>						

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1.Name	Bannawongsil Thunyarut						undisclosed
2.Nationality	Thai						
3.Grade	2						
4.Name of school	Tokyo Medical and Dental University						
5.Academic level	Graduate school						
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Graduate School of Medical and Dental Science						
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month	
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>First and foremost, you need to find and contact with supervisors who are doing the research area similarly to your interested field. Then, after they accept you to be a student of their department, you need to prepare a number of documents for submitting application process of university. This step takes time and carefulness, so you should prepare the necessary documents as many as you can before deciding to study aboard.</p> <p>Before coming to Japan, I prepared myself through asking my senior and searching on the internet about the living life, accommodation, transportation and living expenses in Japan. It's better to know the important information in advance because it can definitely help you plan your next chapter.</p>							
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>My life in Japan is cheerful and fantastic. I have known a lot of people both Japanese and foreign persons. My seniors in laboratory also helped me about introducing the new places and people. Everyone is so nice and polite. Moreover, I have an opportunity to work with the professors who have a lot of knowledge and experience about the research field which I'm interested. Furthermore, it's my pleasure to get the Honors scholarship because it helps me lighten the living expenses in Japan and concentrate on doing research.</p>							
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p> <p>After graduating Ph.D. 's degree, if you would like to find a job in japan as a researcher or a postdoc in order to continue your research or gain skills and experience, you should discuss with your supervisor about your desire. Truthfully, Japanese skill brings higher priority for this position.</p>							
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>Learning Japanese language is necessary and recommended for living in Japan. Even though your department doesn't require to speak in japanese, it's better to study Japanese language because you will get plenty of chances to understand the culture in Japan, make good friends in the class, and maybe have an opportunity for sightseeing around Japan. So, let's enjoy and discover the new journey in Japan!</p>							


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1.Name	Luthfia Shofi Albi					
2.Nationality	Indonesian					
3.Grade	1					
4.Name of school	Tokyo Institute of Technology					
5.Academic level	Graduate school					
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Graduate school of Civil Engineering				Title: Enjoying Autumn Foliage	
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month
<b>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</b>						
<p>It is very important to search for a lot of information before coming to Japan. Keeping notes of important deadlines and required documents is a must because many documents should be submitted. I already planned to continue my study one year before I came to Japan, so I did a lot of research about how to study in Japan and the steps that I should do. After accepted by the professor from the lab that I am interested in, he assisted me in providing information regarding the procedure for admission and it was very helpful. I already learned Japanese before I came here and it makes my life easier because I can communicate easier.</p>						
<b>(2) Life in Japan as a student</b>						
<p>Being a student in Japan is a wonderful experience. I can learn a lot from many professors and lab friends here. The scholarship from JASSO helps to lift up my expenses and it helps me to concentrate on my studies. Since each of the lab members has a different research theme, I can expand my knowledge about the field of my study from the seminar that is held every two weeks. The learning environment is also very positive because the professor and the lab member are very supportive. Before I came to Japan, I thought that the environment will be very competitive. Turns out, it was a very healthy environment. Besides that, since my country only has two seasons, I absolutely enjoy the four seasons in Japan and the events for each season.</p>						
<b>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</b>						
<p>In Japan, there is such a thing as job hunting season, which is the time when people start applying for a job. People usually do job hunting from one year to six months before graduation. Since the process to finally get the final offer is quite long, starting early to look for work is better. We need to spare some time to apply for a job because there are many required documents. It is important to pay attention to the job-hunting schedule in Japan so you will not miss anything.</p>						
<b>Advice to other international students</b>						
<p>My advice is to take as many opportunities as possible while in Japan. Not everyone can have the opportunity to study in Japan. If you have any problem with your research, don't be shy to ask your professors and lab members because their suggestions will be very helpful. Also, practice your Japanese and don't be afraid to speak Japanese even though it's not perfect.</p>						


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1.Name	Ronnakorn Siwadamrongpong						undisclosed
2.Nationality	Thai						
3.Grade	Master year 2						
4.Name of school	Nara Institute of Science and Technology						
5.Academic level	Graduate school						
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Graduate school of Science and Technology						
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month	
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>From my junior high school, I knew about Japan from the news or manga and anime. During my bachelor's degree, I had the opportunity for an internship in Japan for two months. In that time, I received a good experience from not only the research that I do not know but also the daily life and unseen things in Japan. Thus, I aimed for studying abroad in Japan. By consulting with my supervisor and Japanese professor, I got the chance for my master's degree. Because I had about five months before my entrance, I prepare myself by studying Japanese and research theme of the laboratory.</p>							
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>As I knew about the household chores, I did not feel difficult for living alone. At first, registrations and procedures were very difficult because my Japanese was not good. Even so, I got friendly supports and advice from both Thai and Japanese people around me. Thus, difficult tasks could be solved. During my study, I have slowly improved my language by communicating with them in Japanese. Moreover, I could get to understand them better by spending time and cooperating with them.</p>							
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p> <p>From my target of becoming a researcher, it is reasonable to deepen the knowledge and face challenging problems while cooperating with people from a different field. For this reason, I plan to continue my study at the doctoral level in the same university after my master's degree.</p>							
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>Studying abroad could be considered as the spacial gap time for the small failures because you could handle and learn from them with less pressure than the normal time. If you want to try something out, please take time and do it.</p>							


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1.Name	ACHAWIN CHITRANONDH					
2.Nationality	THAILAND					
3.Grade	2nd Year					
4.Name of school	AKITA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY					
5.Academic level	Graduate school					
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Global Communication Practices					Title: かまくら
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 19 year 20(xx)	10 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>Before coming to Japan, learning about the differences as much as possible is one of the things I have been told by a lot of people. The culture, language, food, custom, weather are pretty much not the same as my home country. I would say knowing Japanese language is very crucial if you plan for a long-term living in Japan. Because it is so useful to know Japanese when you are in Japan. Apart from that, knowing the weather and get the right clothes. I am from a hot country so the cold temperature is not really my thing. And do not forget to bring your home country food. Sooner or later you might feel homesick and home-country food is one of the best cure. I would say it again, bring a lot of food. You can never be too prepared!</p>						
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>A student life in Japan is quite pleasant I would say. Even though I cannot speak Japanese very well, I have a lot of Japanese friends who are willing to help when I needed. Making friends and exchanging cultural knowledge are a lot of fun and becoming really valuable experience for me. Plus, you can get a cheaper movie ticket as a student!</p>						
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p>						
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>If you have managed yourself to come to Japan, seize the moment and enjoy this as much as possible. The life as a student might not last for long but I dare say it is one of the most joyful and valuable experience you can ever have. One last thing, do join the festivals in Japan. They are very unique and outstanding!</p>						

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1.Name	TROILLET Lucien Xavier					
2.Nationality	Switzerland					
3.Grade	D1					
4.Name of school	Kochi University of Technology					
5.Academic level	Graduate school					
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Graduate school of Engineering					Title: Taking a walk with my friend
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20	4	to	20 21	3
		year 20(xx)	month		year 20(xx)	month
<b>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</b>						
<p>As I had been working in a hospital's informatics department for three years, I studied a lot in my free time and vacations to catch back up to mathematics lessons I had not used for a long time and getting into more algorithmic oriented programming as opposed to database and application oriented programming that I had mainly been focused on for my job.</p> <p>Following the confirmation of acceptance, I started preparing for my departure. However, due to the Covid pandemic, my arrival in March was delayed. I had to start doing some PhD work from Switzerland and had to find a temporary job until I could leave for Japan. Finally, in October, I was allowed to get a new Visa and could travel to Japan under special conditions such as quarantine and Covid tests on departure and arrival.</p> <p>I made sure to take all of the essential things before leaving: hot and cold weather clothes, medical masks, enough cash to manage until I got a bank account, Identifications, etc...</p>						
<b>(2) Life in Japan as a student</b>						
<p>For now, life in Japan is a bit weird due to the Covid pandemic, but it has still been enjoyable. My Professor was very helpful in providing all the necessary material I would need, a good working Environment and support for getting started. I was also assisted by two tutors from my lab who have been very helpful for setting up my daily life and have become my first friends at the University. Of course the university staff have also been most helpful and I can turn to them whenever I have any problem.</p> <p>On the more casual side, I have not yet been able to be as active as I would wish, due to the Covid pandemic. I try to stay home as much as possible and stay away from places with a lot of people to do my part in preventing further spread of the virus. I still was able to visit around a bit by myself but I am waiting impatiently to join club activities, do more sports and having more opportunities to meet people once it is safer.</p>						
<b>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</b>						
<p>Being a first year PhD student, I have not yet seriously considered what I will do in my next job. I think it is too early to make plans about this. Further events might influence my choice, to stay in Japan or return to Switzerland as well as the kind of jobs I will be looking for in the future.</p> <p>Since all of this is very uncertain and far away at the moment, I prefer not to make serious plans as they will most likely be outdated once I get to the end of the PhD.</p>						
<b>Advice to other international students</b>						
<p>Before coming to Japan, I heard a lot of people complain about Japanese people not being very open with strangers. However, in my experience, they are really friendly and helpful as long as you make the effort of trying to communicate and make it clear it doesn't matter to you if they can't speak your language perfectly.</p>						

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1.Name	ZHAO QINFENG						
2.Nationality	CHINESE						
3.Grade	Doctoral first year						
4.Name of school	The University of Kitakyushu						
5.Academic level	Graduate school						
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Graduate school of Environmental Engineering, Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering				Title: Waiting at the airport for Japan		
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	11 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month	
<b>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</b>							
<p>Before you decide to study in Japan, the most important thing is to know what you want to do here and what you want to do after graduation. Only truly understand their goals, will have the motivation to do the next thing, can also choose a school more smoothly. After you do this, you should study the language and prepare your study plan so that you can spend your time in Japan more fully and efficiently.</p>							
<b>(2) Life in Japan as a student</b>							
<p>The life and study in Japan is very different from that in China. There are some things that I get used to and some things that I don't get used to, but I think the life in Japan is very comfortable. The biggest problem of living in Japan is the cost of living. Undoubtedly, the Spending here is higher than in China. But fortunately there are a lot of scholarships to apply for, and I have applied. The scholarship has made my life a little easier. I would rather talk about the kindness of the Japanese people than the frugality of life. The staff of the school, the teachers and students of the research office were very kind to me and solved many problems for me very patiently. The staff of supermarkets and convenience stores that I often go to in my daily life also communicated with me very patiently. I was very moved by my poor Japanese.</p>							
<b>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</b>							
<p>I am only a freshman of ph. D. this year, so I haven't considered this aspect yet. But I think if I have a good chance, I will stay in Japan.</p>							
<b>Advice to other international students</b>							
<p>Although the cost of living in Japan is indeed a little high, I don't think it should be an obstacle for you to study in Japan. As long as you study hard and perform well, there are plenty of opportunities here. Scholarship can solve your troubles. If you want to study in Japan, you must pay more attention to the scholarship.</p>							



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1.Name	Rahman Mehnaz					
2.Nationality	Bangladesh					
3.Grade	2					
4.Name of school	International University of Japan					
5.Academic level	Graduate school					
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	MBA					Title: MBA
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 18 year 20(xx)	10 month	to	20 20 year 20(xx)	6 month
<p><b>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</b></p> <p>I prepared myself for some Japanese etiquettes and culture. In youtube, there are several videos available and it helped me a lot. Also, I learnt basic hiragana and katakana through google and some online books. I also learnt about the Japanese geography which helped me to make a list for travel. Also, I focused on learning some basic greetings in Japanese which helped me later to impress local residents and make friends.</p>						
<p><b>(2) Life in Japan as a student</b></p> <p>In one words it was life-changing. I came from Bangladesh and the first thing that attracted me was the safety and security of women in streets. I was also amazed by their omote nashi ( hospitality). I have faced different challenges as student but whenever I asked for help , I could get because Japanese people are kind and generous. My major was finance and I had to spend a lot of time studying but I made a balance between my social and academic life. I have joined some volunteer cultural exchange clubs and participated in Kimono/Yukata wearing ceremony, Tea ceremony, Japanese Koto learning and what not. I also helped young kids and adults in learning English and they helped me learning Japanese. I also took regular course in my university for learning Japanese and got involved in lot of extra curricularactivities. I had the best experience as student and I became more independent and culturally aware human.</p>						
<p><b>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</b></p> <p>For Job hunting, I had prepare myself with patience. There things are important for Job hunting- 1. Acquiring some technical skill 2. Practicing soft skill 3. Willingness to learn Japanese language and adopt their culture.</p>						
<p><b>Advice to other international students</b></p> <p>Japan is one of the most emoathetic culture and secured society. As a south asia woman, I felt more empowered and relaxed after coming here. Please don't hesitate to apply and enjoy their wonderful culture and technology.</p>						

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1.Name	RANADIVE SHUBHENDU SANDEEP						undisclosed
2.Nationality	INDIA						
3.Grade	M2						
4.Name of school	Waseda University						
5.Academic level	Graduate school						
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	Grauate School of Information, Production and Systems						
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 21 year 20(xx)	3 month	
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>As a Masters Student applicant you need to do a thorough research about every university before applying to them in order to choose a research lab that will best suit your research theme and resonates your thought process. Most of the Japanese universities have webpages about them in Japanese, which becomes difficult for someone with little to no knowledge about Japanese language like me to navigate through them and search for a well suited lab for yourself. The JASSO website really helped me through this difficulty by providing detailed information about all Japanese universities in English. The application process to Waseda University was properly guided by the office personnels. They also helped me with visa process and accomodation in Japan. Overall, the process before coming to Japan was hassle free thanks to JASSO and Waseda University.</p>							
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>As an international student, life in Japan is not easy. The first hurdle is to understand Japanese language in order to communicate with the locals, make friends and in some cases understand your lectures if they are in Japanese. Before coming to Japan, I had studied Japanese language for a year, so it was a bit easy to overcome this hurdle. The second hurdle is financial support as Japan is one of the costliest countries to live especially Tokyo. The JASSO scholarship helped me with this problem as I was able to pay for basic necessities like Rent, Utilities and Food through it. This helped me focus on my research and avoid unnecessary part time work. The professors in my university understand the problems faced by international students and try to help in any possible way in regards to courses and research. Even the local people try to help you in any way possible which I think is one of the best thing about living in Japan.</p>							
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p> <p>The job hunting process in Japan took me longer than expected due to COVID-19 circumstances. But the university's career center and my friends helped me throughout the process. I'm looking forward to working in Japan and getting to know more about Japanese work culture after completing my graduation at Waseda University.</p>							
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>If you intend to study in Japan I would really recommend to learn the language to be able to have daily life conversations. Secondly, you can apply to JASSO scholarship to help you financially as it is really beneficial. Finally, try to travel around Japan to learn more about the culture and discover beautiful sceneries, which Japan is famous for.</p>							

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1.Name	KIM YEJUN						undisclosed	
2.Nationality	SOUTH KOREA							
3.Grade	MBA							
4.Name of school	NUCB							
5.Academic level	Graduate school							
6. Department, faculty, school, college, etc.	MBA							
7.Period of scholarship	From	20 20 year 20(xx)	4 month	to	20 20 year 20(xx)	12 month		
<p>(1) Preparation for coming to Japan</p> <p>Had studied Japanese for months before coming to Japan.</p>								
<p>(2) Life in Japan as a student</p> <p>I was supposed to work in Japan during semester but COVID19 made me not to be able to work in Japan. First semester was through online class and couldn't meet classmate due to serious pandemic situation. However, from 2nd semester, I was able to meet classmate and professors in person and enjoy human connection and life in Japan. JASSO supported my student life a lot since I couldn't find part time job in Japan because of COVID19.</p>								
<p>(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education</p> <p>Planning on finding job in Japan after graduation.</p>								
<p>Advice to other international students</p> <p>We are still in hard time to get through COVID19 but I believe that all this situation will be over soon. There will be more opportunities to find good career in Japan after COVID19's gone.</p>								