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(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

During preparation for coming to Japan, a few things are important to know. The first one is purpose for coming to Japan which should be clear, legitimate and supported by the right documentation. Secondly, Language and culture are the most important. Studying the basics of Japanese language, culture and conduct is of essence. These help to easily interact and develop friendships as well as making life easy in Japan.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

Life in Japan as a student is generally a wonderful experience and it's an opportunity I can always take and cherish. The professors and staff that I’ve worked with are all professionals and very kind. The professor’s expertise, access to unlimited internet, softwares, advanced research equipment, field research, various scholarships, and seminars and conferences all make a students life and research life more successful, comfortable and fun. On the other hand, other advantages include: a chance to learn Japanese language, cultural exchange with Japanese and other foreign students, convenient transportation system, experience a variety of delicious japanese food, beautiful nature and sightseeing places just to mention a few.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

Entering the next stage of education is always my ambition if given the opportunity. The more I go into my research and study as a health science researcher, the more I learn and want to learn more. I would like to use the knowledge and collaborations in Japan to help my country which needs many qualified professional to contribute towards development. However, an employment in Japan would also be a good experience to learn the Japanese work ethics of hardwork, time precision, and service which I admire the most.

Advise to other international students

My advice to other international students is to take the opportunities given to them, work hard, and most importantly is to keep an open mind inorder to accept the cultural and social differences that may exist among different people. This is key to a happy and fruitful life, and also sustainable development in a global community.
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(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

Going abroad is a big step for anyone and maybe even more so when you are going to Japan. For several reasons it can be especially hard to find a good apartment from outside Japan. What I did was that I first found a home-stay to live in, which allowed me to both get an easy way into the Japanese society but also I got a lot of opportunities to speak Japanese this way. However many home-stays in Japan can be quite expensive, and this is where receiving the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship really helps with widening the choices of stay. Choosing a home-stay is also likely to help with struggles one might have when arriving in Japan, such as going to kuyakusho’s and just adapting to life in Japan in general. So the widening of choices for stay is really important for an easy entry into ones studies in Japan.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

Living as a university student in Japan is likely to be a very rewarding time in one’s life, but for self supported foreigners it will also be one of the busiest times one is likely to experience. Living in Japan is quite expensive and might require one to have several part times jobs at the same time as you are studying full time and like want to take part in some of the club activities that Japanese universities are famous for. By receiving the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship I did no longer have to worry about rent which allowed me to pursue my passion of rock climbing by joining a local gym while also focus on my studies. In the climbing gym I meet many of my present friends and through these connections I got the opportunity to go to many places across Hokkaido that I would not have visited by myself. One of the best memories from this is when I went with other people from the university to climb at an outdoor rock area next to ocean. The Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship really helps with the work life balances of students especially as in my case, when researching my graduation paper took up most of my free time; having had to spend extra time working part time to make ends meet would severely had impacted my quality of life.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

Job hunting in Japan is not easy for foreigners I have found. It will take a lot of time and you go through many disappointments. I especially found it demoralizing when I realized that most Japanese companies do not seems to want to hire foreigners but rather wants Japanese peers with experiences living abroad, no matter if they actually have an understanding of other countries cultures etc. This is unless you want to work in the hotel sector or at izakayas in which case I find it really unnecessary to go throw 4 years of university here since many of these jobs one can get without a degree. It will take a lot of patience and time to find a company that will be a good fit for you, especially since these might be smaller companies that do not advertise themselves in the same ways as bigger companies. Having the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship allowed me to take my time in search for a job and also expand the area I was looking in since I could now afford to fly to job searching events outside of Sapporo where I lived. This ended up with me finding a job in Tokyo after attending a smaller event that I would not have considered worth the cost to attend in normal circumstances.

Advice to other international students

When coming to live and study in Japan there will be culture shocks and experiences that goes against the expectations one might have before coming. Japan can in many cases be a very strict country and sometimes this is for no other reason than that something always have been done in the same way. These are barriers that can be hard to see past and many people end up going home soon after arriving in Japan. I do however think that if one put in the effort to join a local community in some way one will soon find that these barriers do tend to melt away. Having a open mind and not give up at the first few set-backs that you will encounter is really important building stones for a enjoyable and very rewarding life in Japan. I you can do that and are fine with living in very small apartments, Japan will provide experiences that can rarely be found anywhere else. Myself I do not even for a second regret that I choose to study in Japan, and I am now looking forward to take on the challenge of working life in the biggest city-area on earth.
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1. Name: DING YI
2. Nationality: China
3. Grade: 1
4. Name of school: Tohoku University
5. Academic level: Graduate school
6. Name of (graduate) school, faculty: Graduate School of Medicine
7. Period of scholarship: From 2019 year 20(xx) 4 month to 2020 year 20(xx) 3 month

(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

Japan is one of the best countries in the world. Not only because of its amazing scenery, but also the world-class scientific research level. Except for these reasons, the reason why I want to study in Japan is that I found an interesting research field at Tohoku University. In this laboratory, I believe I can learn many skills and knowledge about my interest. Before coming to Japan, I think the most important thing is to find a research field which you really interested in. And then to choose the university and laboratory. Of course, academic performance is also really essential. It can reflect if you master some basic knowledge and skills. The other thing is language. It's better to learn Japanese in advance. It can help you adapt to the new environment fast.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

Life in Japan is really wonderful. The climate of Sendai is predominantly temperate. It's not too hot in summer or too cold in winter. The landscape is awesome. Not only the climate but also the people here. The people I met are very kind and warm heart. And it's also very convenient to live in Japan. There are many convenient stores and many ways of transportation. The only problem is living expenses are expensive. Before I get the scholarship, I have a part-time to support my life. I need to work over 4 hours after my classes every day. It's too exhausted to study from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Because of the scholarship, I can focus on my research and study. Basically, the scholarship can cover my rental fee and food fee. I very appreciate that I can get the scholarship, it helps me a lot.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

Advise to other international students

Life is hard in abroad, but the pain will pay off. It's the best time in my life.
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(1) Preparation for coming to Japan
Before coming to Japan, the first preparation that I do is to inform myself about the university that I will attend. Since at that time I also enrolled to other Indonesian universities, I need some reassurance about Tohoku University to finalize my choice. Therefore, the first thing that I do is to actually ask my seniors about the academic life in Tohoku University. From there also, I prepared myself by reading some books related to the subjects that my seniors advised to study. Aside of that, I also familiarize myself with Japanese words and letters since it is still very foreign to me at that time. Surely, it paid off well. Also, I took care of administration that is required for going to Japan such as passport, visa, etc.

What is hard from preparing for this is actually about scholarship as I had to look for everywhere to obtain a scholarship. I got a temporary one from Tohoku University for 6 months but had no scholarship afterwards until April 2019. Regardless, scholarship is one thing that I consider essential to be obtained before eventually going to Japan.

(2) Life in Japan as a student
As a student, I spent most of time doing campus life. Regardless, on some occasions I also join other activities that are not related to campus life such as volunteer work or international recreational activities. Doing so, I can still maintain a relatively stable grade throughout my academic year. Surely it is not an easy thing to do at first since I am still struggling to adapt myself to the environment, culturally and psychologically. Culturally because the culture is considerably different from my country that I have to adapt to it properly. Psychologically because the life of college is surely different from that of high school life. However, I then found a sweet spot for everything and manage to survive. Thanks to the honors scholarship also, I can fulfill most of my needs without actually having to do part time job. Not actually a bad thing to do part time job, but in Tohoku University the schedule prepared for international student is quite compact compared to that of a normal Japanese student. Due to that, not to be obliged to do additional job is a very advantageous and pleasant thing for me.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education
I haven’t exactly thought about where will I go next but I will surely continue pursuing my study, both masters and doctoral degree. I think about going to Japan again for my masters, but I also want to try universities in other countries to experience the difference in learning style, lifestyle, and culture. I want it so that in every level of my education, I obtain different experiences. For the major, of course I will continue study what I have studied right now, that is Aerospace engineering. I have already received a lot of knowledge in this field that I actually feel like continuing studying this. There are two reasons for this. First, I feel that the knowledge that I obtained before would come to a waste if I just not continue pursuing this field. Second, I am already comfortable and enjoying this field more than other fields, I think. I also find airplanes to be cool. Due to these reasons, I will keep continue studying aerospace engineering.

Advise to other international students
I would advise other students who come to Japan to first consider that they are ready for this journey. There are a lot of things that I didn’t expect in Japan that I can actually be prepared for it had I learned more about Japan. Also, most importantly, scholarships. Japan is quite a disciplined country and therefore, you surely don’t want to miss any payment deadlines because you have no money......
1. Name: DAGVA Shine Undarga
2. Nationality: Mongolia
3. Grade: 2
4. Name of school: Yamagata University
5. Academic level: Graduate school
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(1) Preparation for coming to Japan
1. Japanese skill. Even some University offers English classes or even they let you write your research on English, you definitely need Japanese. At least daily conversation level. Also if you know good Japanese, you can earn more knowledge and more education here which I regret now. 2. Japan is not the coldest country but inside the buildings, it is usually so cold. Please mentally and physically, be prepared to that. 3. Make sure to read how to save yourself from natural disasters if you live in lower risk country in this case.

(2) Life in Japan as a student
For post graduate, It is more focused on your own research in Japan. That’s why if you don’t make yourself busier with your research, it wouldn’t be that busy with school compared with other countries, because other countries have lot more classes to take and the exams. Maybe the best skill you will obtain from Japan will be the skill to learn by yourself.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education
Haven’t done job hunting so not sure.

Advise to other international students
At first, you may feel little lonely. I felt Japanese people little bit cold compared with other nations I went. But when you really get close to them or starts to understand them, your life here will be easier. Just don’t hesitate to ask any questions or ask for help. Then everything will be fine.
1. Name: Andrea, Josiane, Therese, FASSION

2. Nationality: French

3. Grade: Master 2

4. Name of school: University of Tsukuba

5. Academic level: Graduate school

6. Name of (graduate) school, faculty: Pure and Applied Sciences (Applied Physics)

7. Period of scholarship: From 2019 year 20(xx) 4 month to 2020 year 20(xx) 3 month

(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

I am enrolled in a double degree program between the Universities of Tsukuba and Grenoble-Alpes (France). To participate in this program I have applied to the International Relations Department of my school (Polytech' Grenoble) and provide the requested papers. The partner laboratories of the double degree being known and listed, I inquired about the field of expertise of each one. I then applied in the laboratory whose subject interested me the most. I had a Skype interview with the persons in charge of my host laboratory (Pr.Sasaki and Dr.Mannequin).

The administrative procedures related to our arrival in Tsukuba and at the university are a bit cumbersome, but the university organizes tutorials in order to second students to accompany us in these procedures.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

Tsukuba is home to a very large student community. Thus, many accommodations are designed to accommodate these students. It is possible to rent a private apartment or to be accommodated directly by the university. In the second case, the reservation of university accommodation is made at the time of submitting the application form to the University of Tsukuba.

I have chosen to stay at Global Village. Global Village's shared accommodation allows you to live with four other Japanese and foreign students. The living and hygiene rooms are shared. Each person has a private room. This residence has the advantage of being located between the research laboratories and the city center (10-15 min by bike). The residence is also equipped with air conditioning, laundry facilities, bed linen is provided and vacuum cleaners are available.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

For now, I am not concerned by the Job hunting in Japan. I am full time engaged in lectures and master research.

Advise to other international students

I have not particular advise. I can just tell that, it is a very good opportunity.
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(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

Prior coming to Japan, I did a preliminary research to know about student life and life in general in Japan. I did not learn Japanese language since I thought that Tokyo is an international city, so it would not be difficult to communicate in English which turn out to be partially true. However, official and governmental paper work is in Japanese which is a bit of cumbersome. Thus, I think it is important to have basic understanding about documentation process required for the international students. In addition, as a student in Japan particularly in Tokyo, it is expensive to live daily life. Thus, I found that it is better to secure finance for living expenses and related expenses before coming to Japan.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

Student life in Japan is exciting and at the same time challenging particularly in Tokyo. As a student in Japan, I got ample opportunities to explore and learn about different research areas and gain experiences and expertise. I am able to participate in several interdisciplinary programs at the university and conduct my research at international level. It has provided me a valuable experience to work in multidisciplinary scenario and has helped me to realize importance of coordination and teamwork to accomplish projects. As an international student, I could collaborate with the Japanese students and the students from different part of the world and learn about research environment in different countries and understand the cultural aspects as well. It is a valuable experience for me.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

Job hunting is very important step as a University graduating student. There are several job hunting seminars both inside and outside university which provides useful information related to job hunting in Japan. Job hunting seminars are mostly held two times a year in spring and in fall. In general, students participate in job hunting one year prior to the graduation. I constantly update about job scenario and opportunities in Japan.

Advise to other international students

It is wonderful opportunity to study in Japan and being able to accommodate in Japanese society and culture. I would recommend other international friends to learn basic Japanese to communicate in daily life and to socialize before coming to Japan.
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1. Name: Janat
2. Nationality: Thai
3. Grade: Freshmen
4. Name of school: Tokyo Institute of Technology
5. Academic level: Undergraduate program
6. Name of (graduate) school, faculty: Environment and Society
7. Period of scholarship: From 2019 year 20(xx) month to 2020 year 20(xx) month

(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

The biggest challenge in coming to Japan is the language. I highly recommend everyone who wants to come to Japan to study Japanese in advance. Living in Japan would be a lot easier with Japanese skill. Another thing is differences in culture. Before I came to Japan, I read about Japanese culture a lot. I also started to learn basic Japanese by reading and watching Youtube.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

When I started my life in Japan, I was very excited to meet new people. I met many senior that helped me out in new place and new environment. Living in Japan is very convenient. The public transportation is everywhere. I feel safer walking during night. Convenient store opens 24/7. Eventhough the living cost is higher than my home country, I prefer living in Japan than in Thailand.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

Advise to other international students

The JASSO Honors Scholarship has encouraged me to come to Japan and helped me a lot to start my first year. In many cases high Japanese ability is required to get a scholarship, but JASSO requires either Japanese or English. Please utilize this opportunity to study in Japan.
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1. Name: TSHUMA-MUTINGWENDE ROSAMOND R.M.S
2. Nationality: ZIMBABWEAN
3. Grade: 3
4. Name of school: TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
5. Academic level: Graduate school
6. Name of (graduate) school, faculty: TRANSDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
7. Period of scholarship: From 2019 year 20(xx) 4 month to 2020 year 20(xx) 3 month

(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

It is important to first decide your field of study and search for supervisors with the same research interests. After they agree to take you as their student, that is when you start the university application process. Because Japanese is the main/business language in Japan, it is important to familiarize yourself with some basic words such as "excuse me", "please"; "general greetings" and "thank you" before your arrival. I did watch a lot of Youtube videos as well in order to understand Japanese people (upon arrival I did not experience much of a culture shock). Also, because my husband came to Japan before me, I already knew what to expect.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

I was quiet privileged to enrol at Tokyo Institute of Technology (Titech) because graduate studies are offered in English and most supervisors and professors have a high command of the English language; thus, this made classes and research less strenuous for me. Also, most of the school administrators at the Student Support Division speak English, so everything was well explained. Outside campus, I did struggle with daily necessities such as grocery shopping and commuting because of the language barrier. With the aid of the Honors Scholarship I could focus more on my research and studying Japanese. I did not have to do part-time work to earn extra income. Now I speak a little bit of Japanese and my life here has gotten easier. There are hurdles here and there but I have made a lot of Japanese friends who are always willing to assist. With the aid of the Honors Scholarship I could also pay part of my college tuition and complete my studies.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

I am interested in working in environmental testing and or consultation firms. In Japan there are several such companies and I will try my best to secure a job. Also, since I desire to live in Japan long term, am looking forward to improving my Japanese and acquiring a greater understanding of the Japanese history, culture and customs. I recommend going to job hunting seminars. Some are held outside of campus so the scholarship is quite helpful if you need funds for transport.

Advise to other international students

MAKE THE MOST OUT OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY YOU ARE GIVEN.
My advice to international students can be summarized in three main points: 1) Do your best to learn the Japanese language to feel the spirit of the Japanese culture. 2) Japanese people are so kind but they are very shy especially from foreigners, so having friends in Japan will make your life much easier and more comfortable. 3) Balancing between study and life is so important, therefore during weekends and vacations try to enjoy by discovering the beautiful nature in Japan.

Before I came to Japan to get my doctoral degree, I focused on how to get accepted at Tokyo Institute of Technology since it is one of the highly ranked universities all over Japan. The most important thing to me is to keep a high academic performance during the bachelor and the master's degrees. Moreover, I selected a lab that can satisfy eagerness in knowledge and research in the most recent wireless technology, the 5G networks. Therefore, I applied to join Sakaguchi-Tran laboratory which is considered one of the well-known laboratories in this field all over Japan.

As I didn't get a scholarship before I came to Japan, I feel that financial issue was a big obstacle in front of me to achieve my goal. Thus, when I notified that I was selected as a candidate for Honors scholarship, I feel that it is a great chance to find the needed financial support to pay for accommodation and living expenses during my first year in Japan. Also, it encouraged to take a no-salary vacation from my job in Egypt and head toward Tokyo to achieve my goal.

When I arrived in Japan in April 2019, I immediately knew that this would be a perfect opportunity for me to realize my goals. Of course, it is a great challenge to live in a foreign country for three years during my doctoral degree studies. Even more so if it is Japan because, it is situated nearly on the other side of the globe and, on the other hand, because its culture and language are very different from the Middle East where I live.

During my stay in Japan, I would be very happy about being able to get to know other students but of course also about the opportunity to explore the country. Because I am a very active person, I would most certainly use my leisure time to make trips to interesting and important places, visit friends or just get to know the city and its surroundings on my own initiative to profit as much as possible from this stay.

Well, since I am still in the first year of my doctoral degree, I feel it is still early to search for a job. Since Tokyo Institute of Technology provides many job-hunting workshops, and some of them are especially for international students, I joined one of them just to find how a graduate student can get a job in Japan. On the other hand, since I have about 11 years of working experience in Egypt, I need to know more about the difference between Japan and Egypt in the job hunting point of view. What are the most important qualifications and abilities that the doctoral degree student should have to get a position in one of the top companies in the mobile communication industry.

Advise to other international students

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## (1) Preparation for coming to Japan

As a first step to come in Japan, I contacted with my supervisor. After that, he required my research plan and the details of my educational background. After his approval, he introduced me to the admission office, then admission office gives me some directions to be followed. Students who want to come in Japan through self-finance, they need to show the bank statement of a certain amount. After getting CoE from Japan, students need to manage the living place in Japan by the support of University. Before coming Japan, if any student faces any problem, he/she can get support easily from admission office or from supervisor. The admission office is very much flexible to support the international student.

## (2) Life in Japan as a student

Japan is one of the most safe countries. It also, the teacher and the staff of the University are very much friendly and helpful. Everything is available what a person needs to survive. The local people are also very friendly. Here, part-time job is also available for international students though there is time limit of work. When I came in Japan, I had no scholarship but after getting admitted into graduate school always I have been granted with tuition fee waiver from university. There are many scholarship available for international students, but almost scholarship require the ability of Japanese language. Some scholarship don’t require such language ability. Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students is one of the scholarships which does not require language ability. In the first year of my graduate school, I have got the scholarship which is significantly supporting me to continue my study smoothly. I am really indebted to this scholarship.

## (3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

Generally, the University arrange the job hunting program in Japan. In my University, there is a career counselling office which supports the international students to get a job in Japan.

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**Advise to other international students**

Firstly, international students need to be determined to study in Japan. In some countries, there are some fake agencies which want to help students to study in Japan. In this case, students should contact with the University directly or with the authentic and approved consultation branches of the University/Country. They should take preparation by planning every step in advance.
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1. Name: Fernao Antonio Lopes Nobre Mouzinho
2. Nationality: Timor Leste
3. Grade: M1
4. Name of School: Gifu University
5. Academic Level: Graduate School
6. Name of (graduate) school, faculty: Natural Science and Technology
7. Period of scholarship: From 2019 year 20(xx) 4 month to 2020 year 20(xx) 3 month

(1) Preparation for coming to Japan
I have already lived in Japan from April 2019. Before coming to Japan, I prepared myself in terms of physics and also mentally. I also prepared several documents for accessing to Japan and some documents which related to the requirement of the Gifu University. Some budget could be used for transportation fee to Japan.

(2) Life in Japan as a student
I try to experience as much as I can by getting involved in campus activities and doing other activities outside on campus. As a student, my first goal is to study for improving my knowledge of the area which I belong to. My activity on campus, from Monday to Friday I attend the class, seminar and do my research on laboratory. Those activities conducted according to the schedule which set by the University. Besides it, I also learned Japanese language to support me in daily communication.
I live in a large dormitory complex called Gifu University dormitory, which host international students. For the live cost here, is very different from my country so, I usually consider how to manage my daily live with budget that I have. For my breakfast, lunch and dinner, usually I prepare it by myself. Sometimes I use the Gifu University Cafeteria for taking a lunch.
On Saturday, sometimes I travel to places where I can enjoy the nature, play soccer and shopping, but on Sunday I go to the church for praying.
Regarding to the honors scholarship, I have utilized to support my daily necessity of life. Monthly payment for dormitory, buy foods, book, pen, clothes, medicine and, also used for paying transportation. I think it’s enough for me to support my daily life as a student in Japan, without it, I can’t. I want to say that I still need this scholarship further to ease the burden of life as a student here. I will continue to utilize it based on my necessity of daily life.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education
I am a master course student in the Faculty of Engineering, Gifu University from April 2019. After finishing my study I will go back to my country.

Advise to other international students
The Japan is a safe country, for any level of international students. I strongly recommended for any kind of International Student study here. The daily life in here is very charming, attractive, enjoyable and challenging also. The any kind of foods and fruits very much healthier for us. There are lots of opportunity for new, completed, students for hunting any kind of job.
Before I came to Japan, I had never been in a country with four seasons. I had no idea how it would be to live in this country as I spent my life mostly in tropical region. First time I came here was on October 2018 as a research student. Soon after that would be the first winter in my life that I needed to prepare wisely if I wanted to live comfortably. It turned out that the clothings I brought were not so suitable for winter here. Then, I realized that it would be better to buy more winter clothings here in Japan because it is cheaper and easier to find compared to my home country. Beside the preparation for the different climate, I had to understand the basic of Japanese language. I knew that I would speak mainly in English when I am in laboratory. However, I would not spend all my living here just in laboratory. In such case, Japanese skill is surely important to communicate easily with other people. Unfortunately, I did not have enough time to master Japanese skill. However, I still managed to know hiragana and katakana at least.

Previously, I heard many about hard working and studying atmosphere in Japan. In addition, many said that the target and objective of the research given by Japanese supervisors are usually really high and demanding. However, once I am here, I learn that it is not totally true. Students here, including me, work hard not because we are asked to, but because we like to do our best. High target assigned to us is not intended to put us in trouble, but rather to encourage and motivate us to improve ourself and keep studying. In order to do so, we also need to put most of our focus on doing research and studying. JASSO scholarship really help me with this as I don't need to worry much about getting more money for my living. However, as I am not really good at Japanese language, I was worried if I would be troubled to live here in Japan. In my lab, it is not a big issue, but out there, most don't speak English. Luckily, I could still manage to get all necessities easily here. However, it would be helpful if I could speak Japanese.

I don't have any experience of job hunting here, but I have experience of entering a doctoral program. First time I came here, I was a research student. My main purpose here was to learn doing research here and prepare myself for the entrance examination. Even though there were many paper works I had to do, I did not find any significant difficulty in the process. My supervisor, the students, labmates and staffs here were really helpful and resourceful. They helped me not only to complete the admission process, but also to find prospective scholarship that would be able to help me financially. This JASSO scholarship I got was made possible because of their help by providing me information and many more. I must say that information, communication and connection are really important for entering the next stage of education.

For all international students who want to study in Japan, I would like to say that it is a precious experience. However, to be able to get the maximum benefit of studying here, I encourage everyone to learn Japanese before coming here. It would make your life here easier and much more enjoyable.
I studied Japanese in advance of coming to Japan, in case I would be using it in class. For the course I am taking in particular, Japanese is not used much unless in Japanese language classes. However, I do strongly recommend learning a bit of Japanese beforehand; that certainly made my life way easier, in terms of any situations involving signing a new contract, or paying for the bills etc. It is also useful for others (e.g. your friends and colleagues that do not speak Japanese). You could help others.

It really is great fun. I especially enjoy living in this country, because you can try out so many hobbies and activities around here. Japanese universities have a huge number of club activities going on; not only this, but also culture wise, I think Japanese people are really supportive of "inquiry", by that I mean people being really into something. So it really serves as a great environment to have passion for something. Before I came to Japan I used to run marathons. I heard that there are so many running enthusiasts in Japan, so am really looking forward to enter marathon events and get to know local runners in Japan.

I recommend studying hard for the scholarship rather than doing part time jobs. Scholarship will also be a great source of motivation for you to work harder, so please do not spend too much time on part time jobs if you are wanting to save money.
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(1) Preparation for coming to Japan

I had passed the entrance exam in January 2019; then the university started my certificate of eligibility issuing in February 2019. I received the certificate in March 2019 and then I went to the Japanese embassy and got my visa. My main problem at that time was that I couldn't apply for my children to accompany me from the beginning. This problem greatly affected my life in the first 2 months till they came to Japan.

(2) Life in Japan as a student

In general, life as a student in Japan is very good and the scholarship supported me strongly in my study and my general life but it is better to increase the number of lectures conducted in English.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education

I am planning to enter Doctoral study after finishing my Master study and I hope to get a scholarship to complete that.

Advise to other international students

I advise them to learn Japanese to help them for fast accommodation.
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(1) **Preparation for coming to Japan**

I started learning Japanese as a hobby since middle school and continued it for years. After I graduated from high school, I learnt that there was an institute which provides a preparatory course for students who wish to study abroad in Japan. Every subject was taught in Japanese and eventually I sat for the EJU exam and applied for three universities. After I passed the document examination, I did preparation for each university’s entrance exam. Showing my passion towards what I want to learn and being confident is important when sitting for the interview.

(2) **Life in Japan as a student**

Japan provides a very convenient environment for us foreign students to study. Not only are we able to concentrate on our academic studies, there are also a lot of opportunities to work part time and learn from the society. I was very lucky to be able to get two part time jobs that are related to my major. Being able to apply what I’ve learnt into use really allowed me to have a deeper understanding towards my major.

(3) **Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education**

Thanks to this scholarship, I am able to focus on my education and invest more time to improve my own skills instead of worrying for my tuition fees. Besides that, I am hoping to be able to utilize it and participate in some short term student exchange program in near future. Even though it is still unsure if I will stay in Japan to work, I am sure all this will provide me more chance whether it is for job hunting or proceeding to the next stage of education.

**Advise to other international students**

Even though Japan is an advanced country, many services still rely on phone calls and basically your communication skills. Therefore, it is always best to learn some Japanese beforehand. Many inconveniences can be overcome and avoided when you can communicate with people over here.
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6. Name of (graduate) school, faculty: Graduate school of Engineering
7. Period of scholarship: From 2019 year 20(xx) 10 month to 2020 year 20(xx) 3 month

(1) Preparation for coming to Japan
Before I come to Japan, I learned about Japanese culture such as what things I should/shouldn't do and how to make a greeting in Japanese culture. I also studied how to read and write Hiragana and Katakana. I asked for advice from some people who had experienced about living in Japan. They gave me some good advice about how to live in winter (we don't really have winter in Thailand), where to buy food, how to use transportation and etc. I prepared some clothes to make sure that they are appropriate for Japan weather. I went to a hospital to get some importance vaccines such as tetanus vaccine and influenza vaccine.

(2) Life in Japan as a student
Staying in Japan as a student is very interesting. I have improved myself in many ways such as staying by myself, studying, cooking, spending money and traveling with/without friends. On the school holiday, if I want to make some trips inside Japan, it is very safe and convenient. And in case that I am a foreign student, I can buy JR Kyushu 3 days pass that can save a lot of money for traveling in Kyushu. I am very happy to study, do researches, travel and learn Japanese culture. However, the JASSO scholarship is very helpful for me. I can focus on my studies and relax sometimes without worry that much about my expend.

(3) Job hunting in Japan or entering the next stage of education
After I finished my Master's degree in Japan, I decided to continue studying in a Doctor course. To prepare for the doctor course, I needed to look at my master's research and find if there is any need to improve and also interesting enough for doctoral research. After that, I discourse with my adviser. When my adviser approved with my doctoral research topic, I could apply for the doctoral course. To prepare for the doctoral course entrance examination, I did many literature reviews. And I practiced for the doctoral course entrance interview. Therefore, in the interview, It was not that much pressure when I knew that I had done my best for it.

Advice to other international students
It is good to learn about Japanese culture before you make a decision to study here. It is also important to learn some Japanese language before you come to Japan. For example, saying thank you/excuse me, asking for directions, ordering foods and buying stuff. You will find out that they are very useful when you are here in the beginning.